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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Frederick "Erick" F. Abueg called the session to order.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The session is called to order.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

### PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

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

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, may I move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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 on First Reading, and Communications, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:*

### BILL ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5567, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CENTER AND AN INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL FOR HARM REDUCTION, PROVIDING FOR HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR PERSONAL USE AND LOW-LEVEL POSSESSION OF DRUGS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Belmonte (J.C.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5569, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING CASH REWARD TO RECIPIENTS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS OR LATIN HONORS IN COLLEGE”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5570, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ENERGY COSTS OF STREET LIGHTS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS, AND OTHER ROAD AND SAFETY DEVICES INSTALLED IN NATIONAL ROADS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER’S

CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Mariño  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5571, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING TRUCK LANES IN ALL MAJOR THOROUGHFARES IN METRO MANILA AND HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES”

By Representative Mariño  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5572, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING AUTOMATIC TRAVEL TAX EXEMPTION TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS, ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM AND SPORT TOURNAMENTS ABROAD”

By Representative Lacson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 5573, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INCREASE CAMPUS SECURITY AND CRIME AWARENESS, INSTALLING CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lacson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5574, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) TO ISSUE OFFICIAL PASSPORT TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS WHEN ON OFFICIAL TRIP ABROAD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 7 PARAGRAPHS (b) AND (c) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996’ ”

By Representative Antonino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 5575, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIMES OF

IDENTITY THEFT AND IDENTITY FRAUD AND PROVIDING THE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5578, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING MAGTOMA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL –DUPLIGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY DUPLIGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TANUDAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE MAGTOMA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BIGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5579, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bagatsing  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 5580, entitled:

“AN ACT REVOKING THE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEES (ISFs) IMPOSED ON FARMERS BY THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1702”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5581, entitled:

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

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5582, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM COMMISSION CHARGED WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION OF WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS”

By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5583, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING AND PROMOTING THE COVERAGE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY MICROBUSINESS ENTERPRISES (BMBEs) PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9178 AND AMENDING FOR SAID PURPOSE SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9178”

By Representative Sandoval  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5584, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY OTHER THAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND PROVIDING FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR VICTIMS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sandoval  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 5586, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (PQF) AND ESTABLISHING THE PQF-NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

#### ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. Wilfredo S. Caminero for House Bill No. 148;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 877 and 3710;

Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for House Bill No. 877;

Reps. Rodante D. Marcoleta, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Deogracias B. Ramos Jr., Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, and Leo Rafael M. Cueva for House Bills No. 2622 and 2624;

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 4896, 5192, 5199, 5236, 5238, 5239, 5297, 5298, 5344, and 5346;

Rep. Eric L. Olivarez for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, and 4689;

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bills No. 3641, 3813, 4978, 5015, 5066, 5067, and 5068;

Rep. Rene L. Relampagos for House Bill No. 5501;

Reps. Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D., Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Robert Ace S. Barbers, and Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso for House Bill No. 180;

Rep. Dennis C. Laogan for House Bills No. 2192 and 2193, and House Resolution No. 393;

Reps. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB. and Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe for House Bill No. 3641;

Rep. Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg for House Bill No. 2881;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 3068, 3071, 3514, 3515, 4213, 4283, 4705, 4706, 4790, and 4871;

Rep. Emmanuel A. Billones for House Bills No. 2628 and 4742;

Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco for House Resolution No. 341;

Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for House Bill No. 2430;

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta for House Bills No. 4136, 5349, 5556, 5557, 5558, and 5559; and

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bill No. 1952.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 24 April 2017 of Enrico L. Español, Legal Counsel, Connectivity Unlimited Resource Enterprise, Inc., submitting their 2016 Annual Report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letter dated 24 April 2017 of Enrico L. Español, Legal Counsel, Primeworld Digital System, Inc., submitting their 2016 Annual Report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letter dated 24 April 2017 of Roy Cecil D. Ibay, Legal and Regulatory, Digitel Mobile Phils., Inc., submitting their 2016 Annual Report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letter dated 25 April 2017 of Enrico L. Español, Legal Counsel, Smart Broadband, Inc., submitting their 2016 Annual Report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letter dated 28 April 2017 of Enrico L. Español, Legal and Regulatory, Smart Communications, Inc., submitting their 2016 Annual Report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letter dated May 4, 2017 of Felipe L. Gozon, Chairman and CEO, GMA Network, Inc., informing the House of Representatives of their acceptance of the new franchise granted under Republic Act No. 10925 and the publication of the Republic Act in the April 26, 2017 issue of the Philippine Star.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letters dated May 5, 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 958 dated 25 April 2017;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-028 dated 21 April 2017;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-029 dated 25 April 2017;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-030 dated 25 April 2017;
5. Circular No. 959 dated 25 April 2017;
6. Memorandum No. M-2017-014 dated 31 March 2017; and
7. Memorandum No. M-2017-015 dated 31 March 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, may I move for a suspension of session.

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

*It was 4:06 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:58 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery of the Hon. Manuel T. Sagarbarria from the Second District of Negros Oriental. They are Alex Pal and Irma Pal, Publisher and Editor respectively, of the *MetroPost* newspaper of Dumaguete City, Province of Negros Oriental.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The guests of Rep. Manuel Sagarbarria will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, our other guests in the gallery, it is our honor to acknowledge the presence of our 2016 Bar exam topnotcher. She placed number one and is the guest of the Hon. Jonas C. Cortes and all Cebu Congressmen. She is Atty. Karen Mae Calam, and she is accompanied by her mother Mrs. Merlyn Calam and Mayor Omaradjie Pizarro of Kalilangan, Bukidnon. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The guests of the Hon. Jonas Cortes and all the other Cebu Congressmen, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests in the gallery of PBA Party-List Cong. Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Cong. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles and Cong. Abdullah D. Dimaporo, as follows:

1. Enes Kanter, NBA player from Oklahoma City Thunder *(Applause)*;
2. Mevlut Hilmi, NBA player manager *(Applause)*;
3. Cihangir Arslan, president, Pacific Dialogue Foundation *(Applause)*;
4. Ramazan Aytac Icad, the Foundation representative *(Applause)*;
5. Bora Aslan Icad, the Foundation public relations representative *(Applause)*; and
6. Said Kaya, General Director of the ICAD Foundation. *(Applause)*

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). We welcome the guests to the House of Representatives.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). May we also acknowledge the presence of Onur Kilicarslan, the Director of Fountain International School. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). We welcome the said guest to the House of Representatives.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we

suspend the session pending the arrival of the honorable Speaker for the briefing on the Western and Eastern Nautical Highway Inspection.

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

*It was 5:05 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:16 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, good afternoon.

My dear colleagues, we are pleased to submit to you a report of the Ad Hoc Committee that conducted an inspection of the nautical highway, the Eastern and Western Nautical Highways, from Manila to Davao and Davao to Manila. This was headed by no less than the Speaker and participated in by several committees and their Chairmen, namely: the Committee on Transportation headed by Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento; the Committee on Public Works and Highways chaired by Rep. Celso L. Lobregat; the Chairman of the Committee on Tourism, Rep. Lucy Torres Gomez; and the Chairman of the Committee on Health, Rep. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan. The group left the city of Manila on March 16, the day after we adjourned. We adjourned on March 15 and we embarked on March 16, and for the next 12 days, we travelled, first, on the Western Nautical Highway, and coming back to Manila, on the Eastern Nautical Highway.

My dear colleagues, we will now present to you a video presentation, a short briefer on what this trip is all about. May I call your attention to the projection screens.

*(Video presentation)*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

As can be seen in the presentation, this was made possible under the leadership of no less than the Speaker. Why did the Speaker embark on this? His very reason—he wanted that, when the Executive presents its National Expenditure Program on July 25, the day following the SONA of the President when he comes here, we will be in the best position to review the budget proposals of all these agencies. So, we were given the first-hand experience in seeing the roads, the ports and everything, including the public order aspect of our country and this helped as well.

As you will see in the other video presentation later, the Speaker presided over several meetings with the Coast Guard—they are here. The Philippine National Police is also here, headed by the Director for Operations, Police Director Cascolan. The AFP was

also well represented. They were our partners in doing all of these.

So, may we now proceed with the second PowerPoint presentation. Ayan na, ready na. So, ito iyong mga participants. The four committees were there.

Medyo mainit, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a question of personal and collective privilege. Mainit—mahina ang ating airconditioning, ano.

The Philippine Ports Authority, MARINA, DILG, DOTr, DPWH, Coast Guard, part of the DOTr—LTO, LTFRB and the stakeholders of the different transportation groups—and the media from GMA 7 and ABC 5. Two teams were embedded with us from day one until the last day. So, the Special Action Force—palakpakan po natin iyong Special Action Force, they were in-charge of security—the Coast Guard, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and our own Sergeant-at-Arms General Detabali, they were with us from day one until the end. So, the DPWH and all of these agencies participated, and we were given a first-hand experience and a view of what is needed in our countryside.

For the information of the Members, we will have a second part of this trip and the Members are invited to join us. When we adjourn on May 31, the following day, June 1, we will also have a Northern Luzon familiarization and inspection tour and it will be from June 1 to June 6. The Members may find out the details from the Committee on Transportation.

So, the first leg of the trip was from SLEX to the Batangas Port. We traveled at midnight and then, we arrived at the port around two o’clock. Upon arrival at the Batangas Port, nandoon si Deputy Speaker Ranie Abu to welcome us. We boarded the Starlite ferry going to Calamba. Before we departed—of course, with the help of the PNP, their chaplain—we were able to hold daily masses. Araw-araw po, nagsisimba kami bago po kami bumiyahe and one of our major sponsors was Petron. Petron provided free oil and gas throughout the whole travel that we undertook.

So, ito po iyong pagsakay sa ferry, the RoRo, medyo malayo ito, hindi makuha. Then from the Batangas Port, we went to Calapan. Pagdating po namin sa Calapan, we had the opportunity to look at our RoRo vessels. Napakaganda po nila—puro airconditioned, brand-new vehicles. We traveled the same route in 2008 or nine years ago, luma po iyong mga RoRo noon but now, we have brand-new RoRo vessels. Sa Calapan, nandoon si Governor Boy Umali, si Cong. Doy Leachon and Cong. Rey Umali to welcome us. Doy Leachon served breakfast, and after a meeting with the local officials, we proceeded next to Bongabong. Iyan, another 109 kilometers by land. Ang total po na na-travel namin ay 3,500 kilometers by land.

Sa Bongabong, Rey Umali hosted lunch for us—ito iyan. In Bongabong, we met with their stakeholders

in tourism and everything; we met with them during lunch. Then we proceeded to Bulalacao Port, another 70 kilometers, a one-and-a-half-hour drive. The Speaker then inaugurated the new terminal port in Bulalacao. Maganda po, it was a brand-new port. During our trip, we were escorted by Coast Guard vessels. Salamat po sa Coast Guard.

This is the new port in Bulalacao. It is brand new at maganda po. From Bulalacao, we took another RoRo going to Caticlan. Medyo mahaba-haba ito, it was a two-and-a-half-hour boat ride. Medyo magalaw po iyong dagat at umabot po kami sa Caticlan around nine o'clock in the evening.

Whenever we leave a port, andoon po iyong Coast Guard, nagbibigay ng honors kay Speaker and to the delegation.

Ito po nasa Caticlan, we were already in Caticlan, then in Boracay the following day. So, we left midnight of Thursday and we arrived in Caticlan at nine o'clock in the evening of Friday. We spent a night there and the following day, Saturday, the Speaker presided over a multiple agency meeting composed of the Departments of Health, Tourism, at saka iyong mga ibang stakeholders. Sa PNP, andiyan po si Regional Director Jojo Gentiles of the Panay Island at siya po ang nagbigay ng briefing tungkol sa security. We noted all things that are needed in Boracay and so, we will give them to the Department of Health when they come here for their budget—iyong sewerage problem in Boracay and the security problem, ang mga iyan po. We had meetings in the morning; we had a quick lunch and then, continued with the meetings in the afternoon.

Next slide, please. Of course, may mga fellowships. Noong gabi po, ang host namin for dinner—palakpakan naman natin—si Cong. Lito Marquez. Nandoon po si Cong. Lito Marquez who was our host for dinner. (*Applause*) Then, the following day, we proceeded to Kalibo and we were hosted by our former colleague here during the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses, si Governor Joeben Miraflores. We met with his people at the capitol, and the Speaker presided over another meeting.

Boss, next slide, please. (*Video presentation*)

Ine-escort po kami ng Coast Guard. Akala mo Miami Vice dahil may helicopter pa kaming escort. So, we were able to see also the capabilities of the Department of Transportation, pati na rin po the PNP, the DILG, and the DND.

That is Governor Miraflores. Medyo naka-gain po kami ng, siguro, an average of five pounds each dahil for every hosting, ayaw naman pong patalo iyong mga hosts. Talaga naman, akala mo ay fiesta araw-araw. I have never seen so much seafood in my entire life as I did in these 12 days that we were travelling.

From Kalibo, we went to Iloilo. Pagdating po namin ng Iloilo, all the honorable Members of the

Negros Island Region were there, all six of them. The governor of Iloilo, Governor Art Defensor, was there. Even the Vice-Governor and the City Mayor were also there to welcome the Speaker and the delegation. So, we had another food trip in Iloilo. Ayan, all the Members—thank you to all the six Members of Negros Occidental who were there.

From Iloilo, we then crossed to Bacolod. We had a RoRo ride to Bacolod for one and a half hours. Maganda rin po iyong RoRo doon. Upon arrival in Bacolod, we were hosted by our former colleague Ding Leonardia in the city, and by a Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Clint Aranas.

Then, after Bacolod, we proceeded to—next slide, please—ayan.

At every stop we made, we had a cultural show presented by different delegations either from the local government units or from the different schools of the region. From Bacolod, we proceeded to—ito po iyon, isang bus body-building company owned by the Yamson family in Bacolod, which we found also impressive. We were able to see that we have a local bus-building industry.

From Bacolod, we proceeded to Dumaguete, and one of the things that we saw—and we will ensure that it will be included in the budget. Napag-usapan namin and we will present it to the Body—is that we should provide sufficient rest areas and toilet facilities along the highways. When we were travelling from Bacolod, especially between Bais to Dumaguete, wala pong toilet facilities. Iyong namamatay na mga tubuhan doon, pag-jingle namin, nabuhay. Nabuhay iyong mga tubo sa dami namin (*Laughter*). Wala po talagang toilet facilities. For the ladies, we had to ask the kindness of homeowners to allow them to use their toilets. So we were able to experience this, what other travellers experience, and it is very embarrassing—we see people, especially Members of Congress, really answering the call of nature by the roadside. So, we will see to it that in the 2018 budget, the DOT and the DPWH, in their convergence projects, ay mabigyan naman po ito ng sufficient rest areas.

Ito, Dumaguete po, and all the Members of Negros Oriental were there, the same with Negros Occidental. Sa Negros Occidental, Albee Benitez was the host, together with his colleagues there. Pagdating naman po namin sa Negros Oriental, si Josy, si Chikiting, si Arnie—doon sa magandang restaurant ni Chikiting Sagarbarria, kumain po kayo doon dahil napakasarap ang pagkain. Ano nga ang pangalan ng restaurant mo, Chikiting? Silvanas. Ang sarap ng silvanas talaga ni Chikiting; ibang-iba iyong silvanas niya. So, from Dumaguete, we took another three-hour RoRo trip to Dapitan.

May we acknowledge the arrival of the honorable Speaker. (*Applause*)

So, from Dumaguete—nandiyan pa rin, makikita ninyo si Speaker and all the Members there by the bayside of Dumaguete City—we proceeded to Dapitan. Again, the honors were solemnly rendered by the Coast Guard, and a Coast Guard vessel was always escorting us whenever we embark on a boat or RoRo ride.

Ito, pagdating sa western o sa Mindanao, of course, nandoon na rin sina Bullet Jalosjos and many Members joined us, even the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, sina Karlo, sina Chicoy, all the rest, pati si Ricky Sandoval—they were there. We had a grand time. Here is the Speaker laying the wreath on the Rizal monument in Dapitan. We were hosted by the Jalosjoses in Dakak, a very nice place. The Speaker is really very particular about promoting domestic tourism. I am sure you saw the coverage given by the different media outlets. Dahil po dito sa initiative ni Speaker na ito, during the last SWS survey conducted, only the Speaker gained a two-percent increase in his popularity and acceptance, and trust ratings. Iyan si Speaker. (*Applause*)

From Dakak, we proceeded to Aurora and Zamboanga del Sur where we were hosted by Cong. Divine Yu and our former colleague, Vic Yu. Ito po, we travelled also to—ang nakita rin po namin dito is the need to call the attention of the DPWH and the Department of Tourism dahil walang sufficient road signs po. Medyo nawala-wala kami ng kaunti dito dahil wala naman sign po kung saan kami dapat pumunta. Mayroon nga hong Waze but sometimes, wala naman signal and so, you get lost. Kung kami na may escort ay nawawala pa, e di lalo naman po iyong kawawang turista. So, all of these things will be addressed or have been addressed in our report.

We also rode motorbikes in certain areas that we were in. For the record, I drove all of the 3,500 kilometers from day one until the last day.

Next slide, please. On the side, we also met with mayors, and some of the mayors even joined the party in power and took their oaths with the PDP-Laban administered by no less than the Speaker.

From Aurora, we proceeded to Iligan where we were hosted by City Mayor Regencia and our own Freddie Siao. Iyan po, sa Iligan, we had another food trip dahil hindi naman po sila papayag kung hindi kami kakain. After our quick stop in Iligan, we proceeded to Cagayan de Oro on our way to Dahilayan Park. Pagdating sa Cagayan de Oro, Juliette Uy and Peter Unabia were there to also provide logistics support in terms of pabaon na food. They also joined us in going to Dahilayan. In Dahilayan, we were hosted by our former colleague in the Fifteenth Congress, former Congressman Jess Paras. It is also a beautiful place. We are, indeed, promoting domestic tourism as we are now witnesses and we can tell our constituencies how beautiful our country is.

This is the forest park in Dahilayan where they have a zip line. O, kita ninyo naman iyong Majority Leader, parang si Superman at ang caption ko diyan, “The Things I do for Tourism.” Camera trick lang iyan, baka maniwala kayo. In Dahilayan, we spent the night there and then, we drove next to Malaybalay where we were hosted by Manny Zubiri—andiyan ba si Manny?—and, of course, his dad, Joe Zubiri. We had lunch there. Ang saya-saya ng grupo—Governor Zubiri and all the Members from Bukidnon, of course, nandiyan sila Malou Acosta, si Neil Roque. Si Pingping Tejada was abroad. Wala yata si Pingping noon. Who is the other member? Manny Zubiri. Napapasayaw si Mayo, si Ricky, si Speaker, si Johnny. This was in our campsite in Lantapan, courtesy of the Montesclaros family. They are the in-laws of our own Boboy Tupas here. Napakaganda po iyong experience namin dito and we had a... Iyan po iyong rancho. Napakaganda ng naging fellowship namin dito because we were together in a campsite. Talagang hanggang late in the evening ay nandoon lang kami. Iyan ang typical tent namin sa loob.

Every stop, may lechong baka, lechong tupa, roasted lamb. Si Speaker, in Tagum, lechong buwaya, tatlong crocodile—ang sarap pala, Speaker. Minsan magpadala naman tayo ng buwaya dito para matikman naman ng mga hindi sumasama sa mga trips natin. Iyan po ang sa Lantapan.

Next slide, please. The SF and the battalion of the Army, and the PNP were there always to provide security for the delegation.

Ito kantahan—nakita ninyo naman, ang mga fellowship na ganyan, pambihira iyan. So, you missed a lot by not joining the group and, of course, you are welcome to join us on June 1 to June 6. Wala naman kayong kakatakutan. Wala nang RoRo dito dahil by land lahat ito.

In fact, we—Johnny Pimentel, Rimpay Bondoc, Pol Dy, Bentot Panganiban and I—went to inspect the area already last April 23 to 27. We checked the area at medyo nag-uulan. I reported it to the Speaker and I recommended to the Speaker, “Speaker, baka puwede we go na lang in November kasi nag-uulan.” Sabi ni Speaker, “No, let’s go now even if it’s raining so that we can see what is needed and we can include them in the NEP, in the budget that we will approve.” Tama nga naman si Speaker. If we go in November, tapos na iyong budget at hindi na natin mailalagay iyong mga kailangang gawin. So, iyan po. From that area, we proceeded to the holy land in Tagum, Davao, the district of the Speaker.

Next slide, please. Lantapan to Davao del Norte is about four-and-a-half hour travel. Ito, tine-test ko po iyong capability ng Philippine Army. Okay, gumagana naman iyong kanilang M16, so puwede. Parang talagang

nakikita ninyo naman ang committee hearing namin, actual talaga, testing everything. The Speaker also tested the other weapons.

Next slide, please. Ito po iyong district ni Speaker—funded na po iyan, but under the leadership of the Speaker, iyong dating kalye kasi from Bukidnon, you would go to Davao City before you get to Tagum and now, under the Speaker, may bagong kalye from Bukidnon kaya puwede ka nang dumeretso ng Tagum, then to Davao City.

Ito po iyong napakagandang countryside. We really have a very beautiful country and it is a pity if we do not get to see all of these. So, hopefully, under the leadership of the President and the Speaker, the peace and order situation will improve and then, we can also move around the country freely, without any harassment or fear of being harassed.

Ito po, nasa Tagum na po kami niyan. Kumpleto—the beautiful sports facilities and stadium of Tagum where the Palarong Pambansa was held two years ago. Iyan ang mga lechong buwaya sa left button, lechon baboy sa right button, durian, of course, all the fruits. Mindanao is indeed a blessed place, sariwa at ang daming prutas, ang sarap ng pineapples, ang sarap ng pomelo; then, the warm hospitality of the Filipino—iba talaga tayo when we cater to our visitors.

So, from Tagum we proceeded to Davao City, a short one-hour drive which ended half of the trip. In Davao, we were there for two nights. We went to Samal Island at doon sa Samal Island, we were hosted by a friend of the Speaker, si Charlie Gonzales, at napakasaya naman po namin doon. Ang mga entertainers na kinuha niya ay sina Rico Puno and Marco Sison, talaga nga naman.

Iyan, nagsisimba pa rin po kami araw-araw. In fact, parang may natanggap akong text galing sa taas at ang sabi Niya sa akin, “Rudy, salamat at napagsisimba mo na rin si Rodito, si Johnny at saka si Mayo Almario.” Ito po iyong quick boat ride going to Samal Island.

Ito, pabalik na po kami. It was a quick three-day trip. It took us seven days going to Davao but going back, apat na lang po kaming natirang Members kasi si Speaker ay may mga previous commitments. Ang mga natira were Rimpay, Cesar Sarmiento, Edgar Sarmiento and myself. So, we drove from Davao all the way to Tacloban. We left Davao at eight o’clock in the morning and arrived in Tacloban at four o’clock the following morning, but with stops in Butuan. In Butuan, si Law Fortun was our host, Congressman Fortun, and of course, Congressman Amante was there also. The city mayor was there. Ang daming—I have never seen so much tuna, ang daming sashimi, may mga buo pang tuna diyan, yellow fin, pakalat-kalat maski sa Tagum, everywhere. So, in Butuan, Ace Barbers was there to meet us and escort us to his home in Surigao dahil ipinagpilitan din niya na mag-dinner kami sa Surigao. So, from Butuan, we proceeded to Surigao which was

almost a three-hour drive and it was in the beautiful home of Ace Barbers where we had another quick dinner.

We boarded our RoRo to Liloan, which is a two-and-a-half-hour RoRo ride to the land of Oging Mercado—nandoon si Oging and his brother, Damian, a former colleague in the Sixteenth Congress. Damian Mercado was there to receive us with another sumptuous dinner. So, from Liloan, we proceeded to Tacloban. Pagdating sa Tacloban, nandoon si Binky who was our hostess there, and our former colleague, Bem Noel. They were there and they took care of us.

Of course, we started the day with another mass and then, we proceeded to Calbayog, Tacloban and to the end of the Samar Province or Samar Island in Allen, medyo mahaba po iyon, four-and-a-half hours. As we reported to the Speaker, medyo masama po iyong daan. That was the only leg of our trip where the roads were in a sad state, doon po sa Northern Samar, but we have been informed, Mr. Speaker, that it has been funded and will be implemented already next year. May funding na po at, in fact, this year, nagkaroon na raw po ng bidding.

This was still in—sige, move on—San Juanico Bridge. This is the province of Edgar Sarmiento, and Mila Tan was there, Representative Tan. Si Manong—pagdating doon, si Manong Raul Daza was very kind to meet us there, including Manong Emil Ong and his son, our colleague, Edwin Ong; they were there. Manong Raul was there when we met with the DPWH about the roads’ condition and they promised that they will address it, Mr. Speaker.

From here, we next proceeded to Matnog. We had another two-hour RoRo ride and upon arrival in Matnog, we were welcomed by Congressman Ding Ramos, si Manong Ding. I have never seen so much curacha and lobsters in my life. Ang dami palang lobsters at curacha ni Manong Ding.

From there, we proceeded to Legazpi, another two-and-a-half hour drive. Pagdating po sa Legazpi ay nandoon si Manong Nando Gonzales. The Governor of Albay, our former colleague, Francis Al Bichara, was there at nagkaroon ng kaunting fellowship.

Next slide, please. The following day, we had another mass and we were shown a beautiful spot in the city where you could see the whole city of Legazpi. Nandoon din si Rodel Batocabe, si Tito Co; of course, si Pido Garbin was there to welcome us in Matnog, and they escorted us all the way to Legazpi City. Mayor Rosal of Legazpi City was there also.

From Legazpi, we proceeded to Calauag. Upon arrival in Calauag, nandoon na si Minority Leader, our most gracious host, Danny Suarez, with his son Governor Jay-Jay Suarez, Aleta and, of course, si Anna, our colleague here—they were all there and they brought us to their beautiful house, Mr. Speaker, at na-miss ninyo iyon. Partner, imbitahin mo si Speaker naman, Danny, na magpasyal tayo doon. Mr. Speaker,



mayroon silang fishpond na ang laman ay puro sea bass, talaga naman. So, my granddaughters and grandsons, they had so much fun because, wala pang three minutes ay makakakuha ka nang malalaking sea bass o talagang malalaking bangus. Governor Jay-Jay and Congresswoman Anna here and, of course, under the leadership of Danny—they were so kind—may mga booth sila na nilagay doon showcasing the products of Quezon. It was indeed very, very educational to see all these products that they have made of coconut, abaca and everything. Si Rimpay naman, basta kung ano ang i-serve sa kanya, tagay nang tagay. Sabi ko nga, mabuti na lang hindi naging babae itong si Rimpay, kung hindi—he does not know how to say “no.” He always accepts any proposal given to him, no matter how indecent or...

So, after that, we proceeded to Manila and we thank the Speaker for this. We have another video presentation but may we now proceed, Mr. Speaker, to give the certificates of appreciation and award and participation para po sa ating mga kasama from the national government agencies.

May I call on the Secretariat.

I move, Mr. Speaker, that we suspend the rules in terms of allowing people to come to the floor even during our session.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Okay. The Secretariat, please.

As your names are called, siguro, by delegation na lang. For the PNP, may we acknowledge—I will read it and then, you give it to them.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. We would like to award the following certificates of recognition: firstly, to the honorable Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez; then, to the honorable Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas; the Chairman of the Committee on Public Works and Highways, Hon. Celso L. Lobregat; the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, Hon. Cesar V. Sarmiento; Dep. Majority Leader Hon. Juan Pablo “Rimpay” P. Bondoc; and the Representative from the First District of Samar, Hon. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento.

We are now awarding the certificates of recognition to Police Chief Inspector Joelito R. Orias of the Philippine National Police -Special Action Force; (*Applause*) ...

REP. FARIÑAS. May I request all the PNP and AFP officers na awardees po, lumapit na po kayo dito para mabilis.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. ... Police Senior Inspector Edenyl Gonzales Escaño; SPO1 Oliver H. Nicanor; PO2 Benedict L. Aragon; PO2 Clifford B. Elibeto;

PO2 Jerry B. Cayat; PO2 Aldrin D. Seguin; PO2 Jomar S. Silvania; PO2 Ronald L. Malayao; Police Senior Inspector Francisco D. Liwag; SPO1 Gerald C. Gonzaga; PO1 Joseph C. Alberca; PO2 Brenfor M. Sumipit; PO2 Noel Sacpopo; Police Director Camilo Cascolan; AFP Captain Nichols Driz; LTO Director Hilarion Ulep; Mr. Francis Cusi; Mr. Chet Pastrana; MARINA Administrator Marcial Amaro III; Police Senior Superintendent Dennis L. Basngi; DPWH Undersecretary Karen B. Jimeno; Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary Fernando Juan C. Perez; and Director Shalimar Tamano.

REP. FARIÑAS. With that, Mr. Speaker, we thank again the other agencies.

Our colleagues, we will give all the Certificates of Appreciation to your offices. So, in behalf of the Speaker, I am reiterating the invitation for all of you to join us on June 1 to June 6. Please submit your names by Monday para po alam naman namin kung ano iyong logistical preparations like hotel rooms, at para malaman din natin how many are interested. So, Monday, May 15, will be the deadline for submission para makapag-reserve na kami.

So, in behalf of the Speaker, I thank you and I hope to see you in our next inspection trip.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (*Applause*)

#### ROLL CALL

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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. 88, dated May 10, 2017:*

#### PRESENT

Abaya	Alejano
Abayon	Almonte
Abellanos	Alonte
Abu	Alvarez (F.)
Abueg	Alvarez (M.)
Acharon	Alvarez (P.)
Acop	Amante
Acosta	Amatong
Acosta-Alba	Antonio
Adiong	Aragones
Advincula	Arbison
Aggabao	Arcillas
Albano	Arenas

Atienza	Espina	Mirasol	Santos-Recto
Aumentado	Espino	Montoro	Sarmiento (C.)
Bagatsing	Estrella	Nava	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Banal	Evardone	Nieto	Savellano
Bataoil	Fariñas	Noel	Sema
Bautista-Bandigan	Ferrer (J.)	Nogralles (J.J.)	Siao
Belaro	Ferrer (L.)	Nogralles (K.A.)	Silverio
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferriol-Pascual	Nolasco	Singson
Belmonte (R.)	Fortuno	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Suansing (E.)
Benitez	Fuentebella	Oaminal	Suansing (H.)
Bertiz	Garbin	Olivarez	Suarez
Billones	Garcia (G.)	Ong (E.)	Tambunting
Biron	Garcia (J.E.)	Ong (H.)	Tan (A.)
Bolilia	Garcia-Albano	Ortega (P.)	Tan (M.)
Bondoc	Garin (R.)	Ortega (V.N.)	Tejada
Bordado	Garin (S.)	Palma	Teves
Bravo (A.)	Gasataya	Pancho	Tiangco
Brosas	Geron	Panganiban	Ting
Bulut-Begtang	Go (M.)	Panotes	Tinio
Cagas	Gonzaga	Papandayan	Tolentino
Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pichay	Tugna
Caminero	Gonzalez	Pimentel	Tupas
Campos	Gullas	Pineda	Turabin-Hataman
Canama	Hernandez	Plaza	Ty
Casilao	Herrera-Dy	Primicias-Agabas	Umali
Castelo	Hofer	Quimbo	Unabia
Castro (F.L.)	Jalosjos	Radaza	Ungab
Castro (F.H.)	Javier	Ramirez-Sato	Unico
Catamco	Kho	Ramos	Uy (J.)
Celeste	Khonghun	Revilla	Uy (R.)
Chavez	Labadlabad	Roa-Puno	Vargas
Chipeco	Lacson	Robes	Velarde
Cojuangco	Lagman	Rocamora	Velasco
Cortes	Lanete	Rodriguez (I.)	Veloso
Cortuna	Laogan	Roman	Vergara
Cua	Leachon	Romualdez	Villafuerte
Cuaresma	Lee	Romualdo	Villanueva
Cueva	Limkaichong	Roque (R.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Dalipe	Lobregat	Sacdalan	Villarica
Daza	Lopez (B.)	Sagarbarria	Villarín
De Vera	Lopez (C.)	Sahali	Violago
Defensor	Lopez (M.L.)	Salceda	Yap (M.)
Del Mar	Loyola	Salimbangon	Yap (V.)
Del Rosario	Macapagal-Arroyo	Salo	Yu
Deloso-Montalla	Maceda	Salon	Zamora (M.C.)
Dimaporo (A.)	Madrona	Sambar	Zamora (R.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Malapitan	Sandoval	Zarate
Duavit	Manalo		
Durano	Mangaoang		
Dy	Mangudadatu (S.)		
Elago	Mangudadatu (Z.)		
Enverga	Marcoleta		
Erice	Marcos		
Eriguel	Mariño		
Ermita-Buhain	Martinez		
Escudero	Mercado		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

The roll call shows that 232 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 232 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guest in the gallery of the Hon. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, Miss Chelssea Bornea.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The guest of Hon. Jericho Nograles, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up bills for approval on Second Reading.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5342, contained in Committee Report No. 182, and direct the Secretary General to read only the title of the measure.

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

REP. GULLAS. No, excuse me. Sorry, sorry.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5349 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5349, contained in Committee Report No. 185, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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. 5349, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO NOTRE DAME BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8109 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING NOTRE DAME

BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, AND CULTURAL AS WELL AS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES."

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez, the Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises to sponsor the same.

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

The honorable Rep. Franz E. Alvarez, Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, is recognized to sponsor the measure.

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5349 contained in Committee Report No. 185. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

## VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 5349, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5349  
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5349 is approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5556  
ON SECOND READING

## PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5556, contained in Committee Report No. 207, as reported by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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. 5556, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ISLA COMMUNICATIONS, CO., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS INNOVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7372, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ISLA COMMUNICATIONS CO. A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND INTERNATIONAL POINTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the honorable Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez, to sponsor the measure.

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

The Chair of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez, is now recognized to sponsor the measure.

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5556.

## VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 5556, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5556  
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5556 is approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5557  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5557, contained in Committee Report No. 208, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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. 5557, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING IGNITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez, the Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

The Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez, is now recognized to sponsor the measure.

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5557.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 5557, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5557  
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5557 is approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5558  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we

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consider House Bill No. 5558, contained in Committee Report No. 209, as reported by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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. 5558, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING THE GOLDEN NATION NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez, to sponsor the measure.

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

The Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez, is recognized.

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5558.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 5558, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### APPROVAL OF H. B. NO. 5558 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.  
House Bill No. 5558 is approved on Second Reading.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5559 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5559, contained in Committee Report No. 210, as reported by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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.

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\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5559, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ERMITA ELECTRONICS INCORPORATED, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS G. TELECOMS INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8196, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ERMITA ELECTRONICS, INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES."

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez, the Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, to sponsor the measure.

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

The Hon. Franz E. Alvarez, Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, is recognized to sponsor the same.

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5559.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 5559, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). As many as are against, please say *noy*. (*Silence*)

#### APPROVAL OF H. B. NO. 5559 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.  
House Bill No. 5559 is approved on Second Reading.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 4136 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 4136, contained in Committee Report No. 211, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4136, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 7816, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the honorable Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez, to sponsor the same.

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

The honorable Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises is recognized to sponsor the same.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 4136.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 4136 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4136 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 4136 is approved on Second Reading.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5342 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5342, contained in Committee Report No. 182, as reported out by the Committee on Social Services.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5342, entitled: AN ACT REGULATING PUBLIC SOLICITATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 4075, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1564, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOLICITATION PERMIT LAW.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the Hon. Sandra Y. Eriguel, MD, the Chairman of the Committee on Social Services, to sponsor the same.

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

The Honorable Eriguel, the Chairperson of the Committee on Social Services, is recognized to sponsor the measure.



REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. There being no Committee and individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5342.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5342 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5342 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5342 is approved on Second Reading.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5350 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5350, contained in Committee Report No. 186, as reported out by the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5350, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO SECURE CERTIFICATES OF TITLE TO THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS UNDER COMMONWEALTH ACT 141, AS AMENDED, OR THE LAND REGISTRATION ACT 496, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS ACT."

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the Hon. Nancy A. Catamco, the Chairman of the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples, to sponsor the same.

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

The Hon. Nancy Catamco, the Chairperson of the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples, is now recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5350.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5350 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5350 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5350 is now approved on Second Reading.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5513 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5513, contained in Committee

Report No. 223, as reported out by the Committee on Justice.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5513, entitled: AN ACT ADJUSTING THE AMOUNTS OR THE VALUE OF PROPERTY ON WHICH A PENALTY IS BASED, AND THE FINES IMPOSED UNDER THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE REVISED PENAL CODE," AS AMENDED.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, the Hon. Reynaldo V. Umali, to sponsor the same.

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

The honorable Chairman Reynaldo V. Umali of the Committee on Justice is now recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5513.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5513 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5513 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5513 is now approved on Second Reading.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 725 ON SECOND READING

##### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 725, contained in Committee Report No. 198, as reported out by the Committee on Transportation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 725, entitled: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE COLLECTION OF FEES FROM PASSENGERS FOR THE USE OF SANITARY FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE LAND TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS, STATIONS, STOPS AND REST AREAS.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the Hon. Strike B. Revilla, the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, to sponsor the same.

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

The Hon. Strike B. Revilla, the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, is hereby recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve the following committee amendment:

On Section 7, between the words “in” and “at,” insert the phrase THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OR.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no individual amendment, I move that we close the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is now closed.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 725, as amended.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 725, as amended, on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 725, AS AMENDED ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 725, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5347 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5347, contained in Committee Report No. 183, as reported out by the Committee on Housing and Urban Development.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5347, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM THAT IMPLEMENTS AN ON-SITE, IN-CITY OR NEAR-CITY STRATEGY FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PEOPLE'S PLAN AND MANDATING THE RELOCATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT TO PROVIDE OTHER BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD COMPONENTS IN FAVOR OF THE RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992.”

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the Hon. Alfredo “Albee” B. Benitez, the Chairman of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, to sponsor the same.

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

The Hon. Alfredo “Albee” B. Benitez, the Chairman of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, is now recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the Bill, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5347.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5347 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5347 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5347 is approved on Second Reading.

#### CONSIDERATION OF CTTEE. RPT. NO. 197 ON H. RES. NO. 256

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 197 on House Resolution No. 256.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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 Committee Report 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. Committee Report No. 197 on House Resolution No. 256, entitled: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, FOR NON COMPLIANCE OF BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE WITH SECTION 13 OF THE JOINT RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING ARTICLES 60, 61 AND 144 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9520, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE CODE OF 2008 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

#### ADOPTION OF FINDINGS AND RECOM. IN CTTEE. RPT. NO. 197 ON H. RES. NO. 256

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 197 on House Resolution No. 256.

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

The findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 197 on House Resolution No. 256 are adopted.

#### DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE BICAM. CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO. 5159 AND S.B. NO. 1353

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate as members of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5159 and Senate Bill No. 1353, strengthening the provision of emergency health care services, the following: for the Majority, Reps. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D., Tomasito "Tom" S. Villarín, Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte and Benhur B. Lopez Jr.; and for the Minority, Rep. Arlene B. Arcillas. I so move.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

#### DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE BICAM. CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO. 5225 AND S.B. NO. 1277

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate as members of the Bicameral Conference

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5225 and Senate Bill No. 1277, mandating the provision of free WI-FI Internet access in public areas, the following: for the Majority, Reps. Victor A. Yap, Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas, Gus S. Tambunting, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr., Henry C. Ong and Roger G. Mercado; and for the Minority, Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III.

I so move.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

#### ELECTION OF REP. ACOP TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, in behalf of the Majority, I move for the election of the Hon. Romeo M. Acop to the Committee on Justice.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 87 dated May 9, 2017.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there

any objection to the motion to approve the Journal? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved. Journal No. 87 of May 9, 2017 is now approved.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend session.

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

*It was 6:36 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:41 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until Monday, May 15, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until May 15, 2017, Monday, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 6:42 p.m.*