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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:01 p.m., pursuant to Section 15(h), Rule IV of the House Rules, the Presiding Officer, Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel, called the session to order.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Noel). Everybody is requested to rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Noel). Everybody will please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Noel). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Noel). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the calling of the roll is deferred.

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

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Noel). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the approval of the Journal is deferred.

At this juncture, the Presiding Officer relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Rolando G. Andaya Jr.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker.

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

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

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5590, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REFORM THE BUDGET PROCESS BY ENFORCING GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY IN PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (PFM), PROMOTING FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY, STRENGTHENING CONGRESS’ POWER OF THE PURSE, INSTITUTING AN INTEGRATED PFM SYSTEM, AND INCREASING BUDGET TRANSPARENCY AND PARTICIPATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nograles (K.A.) and Nograles (J.J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5591, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY

REGISTRATION OF ALL THOSE WHO PURCHASE AND/OR USE OF PREPAID SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5592, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE QUARTERS ALLOWANCE OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Espino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 5593, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CONDUCT OF FIRE, EARTHQUAKE, AND OTHER HAZARDOUS PHENOMENA DRILLS IN EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS, SCHOOL BUSES, PRIVATE OFFICES, AND HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 5594, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SOCIAL WELFARE AND BENEFIT SYSTEM, CONSOLIDATING ALL SOCIAL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 5595, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILD PASSENGERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREOF”

By Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Velarde
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5596, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BYPASS HIGHWAY ROAD FROM BARANGAY BAAY TO BARANGAY TONTON, BOTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5597, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE THIRD DISTRICT OF PALAWAN AS A MINING FREE ZONE”

By Representative Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5598, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PINAYAG, MUNICIPALITY OF KAYAPA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS PINAYAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5599, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCREASE AND AN AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM IN THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE (PERA) GRANTED TO ALL WORKERS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Salo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5600, entitled:

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

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5601, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE KABASALAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KABASALAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, INTO ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5602, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO VIMCONTU BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8116, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE VIMCONTU BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5603, entitled:

“AN ACT ACCELERATING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO TERTIARY EDUCATION BY PROVIDING TUITION SUBSIDY AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (TVIs) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5604, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING DISCOUNT BENEFITS TO ALL SOLO PARENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SOLO PARENTS’ WELFARE ACT OF 2000”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 981, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION TO IMMEDIATELY PUT INTO COMMERCIAL OPERATION THE MODULAR GENSETS INSTALLED IN SIBUYAN AND ROMBLON ISLANDS AND TO EXPLAIN TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY THE CAUSE OF DELAY”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 982, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr) AND THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (CAAP) TO INCLUDE AND DECLARE THE DIPOLOG CITY AIRPORT IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AS ONE OF THE ALTERNATE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT”

By Representative Jalosjos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 983, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7600, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10028, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION ACT OF 2009’ AND IMPOSE STIFFER SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE THEREOF”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 984, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INVITE FOR DISCUSSION IN AID OF LEGISLATION, PNP REGION 7 AND THE PNP DIRECTOR GENERAL, RELATIVE TO THE RAPID PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITIES PROMOTED UNDER POLICE PROTECTION”

By Representative Teves
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 985, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INVITE FOR DISCUSSION THE MATTER CONCERNING THE CONTINUED REQUIREMENT BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) REGION 7 OF DRUG TEST RESULTS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF DRIVERS’ LICENSES”

By Representative Teves
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 986, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2016 BAR TOPNOTCHER, KAREN MAE CALAM FOR GIVING HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO”

By Representatives Cortes, Calderon, Gullas, Del Mar, Caminero, Abellanosa, Garcia (G.), Radaza, Salimbangon, Relampagos, Durano and Rocamora

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. Frederick W. Siao for House Bill No. 1404;
Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 4938 and 5274, and House Resolution No. 924;

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta for House Bills No. 4106 and 4462;

Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr. for House Bill No. 3118;

Reps. Evelyn P. Mellana, Jesus Nonato Sacdalan, Aurora Enerio Cerilles, Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos, Zajid G. Mangudadatu, and Florida “Rida” P. Robes for House Bill No. 4774;

Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta for House Bill No. 2624;

Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for House Bill No. 4512;

Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 5015, 5066, 5067, 5068, 5297, and 5298;

Reps. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto, Ron P. Salo, Geraldine B. Roman, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Cristal L. Bagatsing, Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III, Alexandria P. Gonzales, and Micaela S. Violago for House Bills No. 5297 and 5298;

Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr. for House Resolution No. 879;

Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for House Resolutions No. 907 and 908;

Reps. Pablo C. Ortega, Carlos O. Cojuangco, Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, Victoria Isabel G. Noel, and Enrico A. Pineda for House Bill No. 3641;

Rep. Gil “Kabarangay” P. Acosta for House Bills No. 3118 and 3641;

Rep. Evelina G. Escudero for House Bills No. 5113 and 5513;

Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bill No. 623;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 3254 and 5180;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bill No. 3177;

Reps. Roger G. Mercado, Winston “Winnie” Castelo, Manuel Luis T. Lopez, and Mercedes “Didi” C. Cagas for House Bill No. 4174;

Reps. Divina Grace C. Yu, Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, Alexandria P. Gonzales, and Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao for House Bills No. 321, 437, 2349, 3043, and 3943;

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bill No. 3931;

Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr. for House Bills No. 5022 and 5180;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 5526, 5527, 5528, 5529, 5535, 5538, 5539, 5540, 5541, 5543, 5545, and 5547;

Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D. for House Bills No. 4990 and 5032, and House Resolutions No. 709, 710, 750, 938, and 958; and

Rep. Pantaleon D. Alvarez for House Bill No. 5405.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 230), re H.B. No. 5638, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARGARITA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘SANTA MARGARITA FOUNDATION DAY’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 890

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Sarmiento (E.M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 231), re H.B. No. 5639, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘CALBAYOG CITY CHARTER DAY’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 891

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Sarmiento (E.M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 232), re H.B. No. 5640, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SURRENDER OF THE JAPANESE MILITARY FORCES LED BY GENERAL TOMOYUKI YAMASHITA IN BAGUIO CITY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3721

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Go (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 233), re H.B. No. 5641, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PADRE GARCIA, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY AND THE ANNUAL ‘KABAKAHAN FESTIVAL’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4154

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 234), re H.B. No. 3710, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF EL SALVADOR, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG EL SALVADOR’ ”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mr. Speaker, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:10 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of some guests in the Plenary Hall of the Hon. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, M.D. They are the Federation of Day Care Workers, Municipal Social Welfare Development Office staff, and female Sangguniang Bayan Members headed by Vice Mayor Zenaida Veranga from Atimonan, Quezon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Your presence is acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Floor Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:11 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:27 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Secretary General will please read the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 235), re H.B. No. 5643, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE POBLACION – CANIOGAN NATIONAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAY POBLACION AND BARANGAY BARAKANAS, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE AS THE ARSENIO ARCELO QUIBRANZA HIGHWAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4584

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 236), re H.B. No. 5646, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN BARANGAY MACARASCAS IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3320

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.), Nograles (K.A.) and Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 237), re H.B. No. 5647, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, IN THE ISLAND OF TICAPO, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3624

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.), Nograles (K.A.) and Bravo (M.V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation (Committee Report No. 238), re H.B. No. 5648, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE POLICY REGARDING DRIVER’S LICENSE, PROVIDING FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR VALIDITY AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION OF ITS ISSUANCE AND APPLICATION”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1952, 1996, 2152, 2294, 2542, 2792, 2817 and 4627

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Velarde, Pimentel and Acop

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:28 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:30 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees:

House Resolution No. 941, re the Underwater-Themed Park Project of Coral World Park Undersea Resorts and Nickelodeon in Coron, Palawan, to the Committee on Natural Resources;

House Resolution No. 946, re the operations of online gaming firms inside PEZA-accredited buildings, to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;

House Resolution No. 947, re a comprehensive audit of the AFP/PNP Housing Program based on Administrative Order No. 9 dated 11 April 2011, to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;

House Resolution No. 948, re the alleged secret detention facility of the Manila Police District Station 11, to the Committee on Human Rights;

House Resolution No. 951, re the possible existence of a rice shortage in the Philippines if the directive of President Rodrigo Duterte to temporarily halt the importation of rice is carried out, to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;

House Resolution No. 953, re the actual remaining hectareage of Davao Penal Colony (DAPECOL) and urging for the deed of transfer from DAPECOL – Bureau of Corrections (BUCOR) to the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), particularly the 5,212.46 hectares land under the joint venture agreement (JVA) between BUCOR and the Tagum Agricultural Development Company, Inc. (TADECO), for the purpose of land distribution to qualified farmer-beneficiaries, to the Committee on Agrarian Reform;

House Resolution No. 954, re the possible misconduct and contempt by the Philippine National Police Region XI Office (PRO XI) due to its failure to provide police assistance on the April 18, 2017 – Execution of the Department of Agrarian Reform’s (DAR) Writ of Installation of 159 agrarian reform

beneficiaries belonging to the Madaum Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association, Inc. (MARBAI), to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

House Resolution No. 955, re the March 22, 2017 abduction of Rommel Tucay, peasant organizer of Alyansa ng mga Magbubukid sa Gitnang Luzon (AMGL), by elements of the AFP and PNP in Carrangalan, Nueva Ecija, to the Committee on Human Rights;

House Resolution No. 956, re the status of the implementation of RA 10816 or the "Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016" in Central Azucarrera De Tarlac, to the Committee on Tourism;

House Resolution No. 957, re the dire consequences of the Commission on Higher Education Order to close the various Bukidnon State University-External Studies Centers (BSU-ESCs) to students and communities in Misamis Oriental, to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;

House Resolution No. 958, re the alleged irregularities in the operations of the Small Town Lottery (STL) and the continued proliferation of illegal numbers games despite the efforts of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), to the Committee on Games and Amusements;

House Resolution No. 960, re the secret detention cells allegedly maintained by the Philippine National Police, to the Committee on Human Rights;

House Resolution No. 961, re converting existing coal-fired power plants into liquefied natural gas power plants, to the Committee on Energy; and

House Resolution No. 963, re the allegations against the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) with the end in view of upholding the high standard of ethics in public service, to the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. I move for a one-minute suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The session is suspended for one minute.

It was 4:31 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:49 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). 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. 90, dated May 16, 2017:

PRESENT

Abayon	Castro (F.L.)
Abellanos	Castro (F.H.)
Acharon	Catamco
Acop	Celeste
Acosta	Cerilles
Acosta-Alba	Chavez
Advincula	Chipeco
Aggabao	Cojuangco
Albano	Collantes
Alejano	Cortes
Almonte	Cortuna
Alvarez (P.)	Cosalan
Amatong	Crisologo
Andaya	Cuaresma
Angara-Castillo	Cueva
Antonino	Dalipe
Antonio	Daza
Aragones	De Jesus
Arenas	De Venecia
Atienza	De Vera
Bagatsing	Defensor
Batocabe	Del Mar
Bautista-Bandigan	Deloso-Montalla
Belmonte (J.C.)	Dimaporo (A.)
Benitez	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Bertiz	Durano
Billones	Dy
Bolilia	Elago
Bondoc	Erice
Bordado	Eriguel
Bravo (A.)	Ermita-Buhain
Calderon	Escudero
Caminero	Espino
Cari	Evardone
Casilao	Fariñas
Castelo	Ferrer (J.)

Ferriol-Pascual	Paduano	Uybarreta	Violago
Flores	Palma	Vargas-Alfonso	Yap (A.)
Fortuno	Pancho	Velasco	Yap (M.)
Fuentebella	Panganiban	Veloso	Yap (V.)
Garbin	Panotes	Vergara	Yu
Garcia (G.)	Papandayan	Villanueva	Zamora (M.C.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Pichay	Villaraza-Suarez	Zarate
Garin (S.)	Pimentel	Villarica	
Gasataya	Pineda		
Geron	Plaza		
Go (A.C.)	Primicias-Agabas		
Go (M.)	Quimbo		
Gomez	Radaza		
Gonzaga	Ramirez-Sato		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramos		
Gonzalez	Roa-Puno		
Gullas	Robes		
Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez (I.)		
Hofer	Rodriguez (M.)		
Khonghun	Roman		
Labadlabad	Romualdez		
Lacson	Romualdo		
Lagman	Roque (H.)		
Lanete	Roque (R.)		
Laogan	Sacdalán		
Lazatin	Sagarbarria		
Lee	Salimbangon		
Limkaichong	Salo		
Lobregat	Salon		
Lopez (B.)	Sambar		
Lopez (M.L.)	Sandoval		
Loyola	Sarmiento (C.)		
Malapitan	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Manalo	Savellano		
Mangaoang	Siao		
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Silverio		
Marcoleta	Singson		
Mariño	Suansing (E.)		
Marquez	Suansing (H.)		
Martinez	Suarez		
Mellana	Sy-Alvarado		
Mercado	Tambunting		
Mirasol	Tan (A.)		
Montoro	Tejada		
Nieto	Teves		
Noel	Tiangco		
Nogralés (J.J.)	Ting		
Nolasco	Tinio		
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna		
Oaminal	Unabia		
Ong (E.)	Ungab		
Ong (H.)	Unico		
Ortega (P.)	Uy (J.)		
Ortega (V.N.)	Uy (R.)		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The roll call shows that 195 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). With 195 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5576
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5576, contained in Committee Report No. 220, as reported out by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). 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. 5576, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker I move that the Chairperson of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the Hon. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI, be recognized for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Congressman Durano is hereby recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. DURANO

REP. DURANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good afternoon, my esteemed colleagues. Allow me to submit to this august Chamber the recommendations of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on the establishment of the Career Guidance and Counseling Program for all secondary schools, through Committee Report No. 220 on House Bill No. 5576, in substitution of House Bills No. 1890 and 2867.

Republic Act No. 10533, otherwise known as the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013, provides for the necessary preparation for various career tracks and options for students in senior high school. In consideration of the provision of the law, particularly Section 9 on Career Guidance and Advocacy, this legislative proposal will support and address the requirements of Republic Act No. 10533.

This House Bill No. 5576 aims to provide proper direction and guidance to secondary school students in pursuing subsequent tertiary education, to enable them to make educated career decisions and expose them to relevant labor market, thereby ensuring that the human resource generated by the tertiary education meets the requirements of the government, industry and the economy. The objective of the Bill is to have an educational system that is responsive to the needs of national development, which is achieved through career guidance and counseling at the secondary level where, through a secondary school Career Guidance and Counseling Program (CGCP), students, especially the graduating, are given the capability to make decisions on what track to pursue whether in education or in skills development. Secondary students should be guided on how to proceed from high school, based on their inherent capacities and skills, job opportunities and accessible tertiary education or technical education/skills development programs. The ultimate goal of the Bill is the generation of a human resource which is in line with the potentials of the economy and the needs of the government, starting at the secondary education level.

Your Honors, this Bill was passed by the House in the Sixteenth Congress. I humbly submit for your consideration and approval, House Bill No. 5576, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Thank you.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to open the period of sponsorship and debate. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who registered to interpellate the Honorable Durano or speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to open the period of amendments. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

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

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5576. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion for the votation.

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

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5576
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5576 is approved on Second Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5577
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5577, contained in Committee Report No. 221, as reported out by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). 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. 5577, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSERVATION OF GABALDON SCHOOL BUILDINGS NATIONWIDE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Ramon Durano, the Chairman of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, is here and we are requesting, we are moving that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Representative Durano is hereby recognized. Would you wish your speech to be inserted into the *Congressional Record*?

REP. DURANO. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I submit that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 5577 be considered as my sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Is there

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

The Explanatory Note of the Bill is considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who registered to interpellate the Honorable Durano or speak against the Bill, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to open the period of amendments. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

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

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5577.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). We now go to votation. As many as are in favor, say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5577
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5577 is approved on Second Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5633
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5633, contained in Committee Report No. 227, as reported out by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). 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. 5633, entitled: AN ACT PROMOTING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION BY PROVIDING FOR FREE TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND STATE-RUN TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, STRENGTHENING THE UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Ann K. Hofer, the Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, is here. I move that she be recognized to deliver her sponsorship speech on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Rep. Ann Hofer is recognized. Please proceed.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. HOFER

REP. HOFER. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, and guests.

The Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Bill is a consolidation of 59 bills submitted to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education. This measure aims to make tertiary, meaning both college and technical-vocational education, more inclusive and more accessible. An educated citizenry makes for economic productivity which engenders individual prosperity. Education lifts one out of poverty, a condition which calls to mind the Greek philosopher Aristotle who wrote, "Poverty is the parent of crime." For his part, Greek philosopher Plato observed, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life." This consolidated Bill will determine for our youth a bright future and the higher their education, the brighter their future. The statistics bear this out significantly.

A 2014 report by the Philippine Institute of Development Studies or PIDS found that college graduates have a median daily earnings that is 116 percent higher than those of high school graduates who, in turn, get 26 percent higher daily wage rates than elementary graduates. Students with college units have a 27 percent higher wage rate over those with a secondary education.

State subsidy for tertiary education is P84 billion or 2.5 percent of the entire national budget for 2017 or just 0.6 percent (less than one percent) of our country's GDP for 2016. This, however, has proven inadequate because of a rapidly growing population needing higher education. Thus, with each year, fewer high school graduates go on to college because they cannot afford it. The findings of the CHED are that two out of five high school graduates, or 40 percent of them, do not go on to college because of high tuition fees and miscellaneous expenses.

Similarly, a 2011 National Center for Education Statistics Report showed that only three out of five college students graduate within six years. Most dropouts leave college after their freshman year due mainly to the rising cost of education. More recently, in the 2016 Labor Force Survey, of the 40.9 million employed individuals in the country, only 5.9 million or 14 percent of the total employed individuals have completed college degrees.

Honorable Members of this august Body, this landmark legislation has noteworthy features that are truly responsive to the needs of our constituents. First, this Bill allows the country's poorest of the poor to have

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access to the once elusive tertiary education. Students will not only enjoy free tuition, but those who are financially disadvantaged, will now also have access to the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) which will be set up to help them defray the other costs of pursuing their studies. Second, this measure also creates a loan program for those who belong to families that fall under the first to eight income decile as determined by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Thus, the urgency of government supporting our students throughout their tertiary education so as to build a stronger, better educated nation. Thus, the urgency of this consolidated Bill co-authored by 59 legislators, including this lawmaker. Fifty-nine legislators introduced their own versions of this Education Bill, which now has over 85 coauthors, all with one noble aim: to make tertiary education more accessible, particularly to the poor and the powerless, including the struggling middle class who comprise 80 percent of our country's population.

You have the power, honorable Members, to lift them out of the mire of poverty and elevate their economic status significantly through the approval of this Bill. I plead with you to do so for a brighter destiny for the next generation and for a shining future for our beloved nation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. There being no Member who registered to interpellate the Honorable Hofer or speak against the Bill, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, there

being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5633.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). We now have a Second Reading votation. As many as are in favor, say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5633 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved. House Bill No. 5633 is approved on Second Reading. Congratulations. (*Applause*) The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5648 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5648, contained in Committee Report No. 238, as reported out by the Committee on Transportation.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). 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.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5648, entitled: AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE POLICY REGARDING DRIVER'S LICENSE, PROVIDING FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR VALIDITY AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION OF ITS ISSUANCE AND APPLICATION.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, the Hon. Cesar V. Sarmiento, is here. May we move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The sponsorship speech is hereby inserted into the records.

The Chair now recognizes the Hon. Cesar V. Sarmiento.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. SARMIENTO (C.)

REP. SARMIENTO (C.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

House Bill No. 5648 is the substitute Bill to various bills relating to the extension of the LTO license's validity from three years to five years. Extending the validity of the driver's license card means there will be a reduction of transaction costs for the people. Extending the validity of the license means savings in money, time and other resources. There is, however, another side to extending the validity of the driver's license. Extending the validity exposes us to the risk of allowing persons who do not have the skills, knowledge and the proper frame of mind of a responsible driver to ply our roads. Extending the validity of the driver's license without properly screening the holder thereof can therefore lead to road accidents and the loss of lives.

This is what this Committee on Transportation has been saying from day one. We have to determine the true purpose of the agency involved. To the uninitiated, the role of the LTO is simply to issue drivers' licenses and just that. Anything that would help speed up the process of issuing drivers' licenses or anything that will extend the validity of such is therefore to be deemed, a "win." However, as I have espoused since the Sixteenth Congress, the LTO is not here to merely issue drivers' licenses. It is here to ensure that the drivers' licenses are issued only to deserving applicants—to those who have the proper skills, knowledge and attitude to be safe and conscientious drivers. While extending the

validity of the drivers' license may lead to savings for the applicants, ensuring that only competent drivers obtain such license should be the primary motivation in passing this Bill into law.

I, therefore, urge the Members of this august Body to approve the Committee on Transportation's version of House Bill No. 5648 as it not only extends the validity of the drivers' license, but ensures that only those who are worthy shall receive such a license.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Thank you, Congressman Cesar Sarmiento.

Before we proceed, the Floor Leader, may I make a motion requesting for the deletion of your motion to insert his speech into the records.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the speech of the Hon. Cesar Sarmiento be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). In lieu of...

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. In lieu of—yes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). ... inserting a speech.

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

Let the sponsorship speech stand as it is delivered by the Hon. Cesar Sarmiento.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who registered to interpellate the Hon. Cesar Sarmiento or speak against the Bill, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

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

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5648. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion for votation. As many as are in favor of the Bill, say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. 5648 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5648 is approved on Second Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. SARMIENTO (C.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. I move that we consider Bills under the Calendar of Business for Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to our Rules, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following local bills on Second Reading:

House Bill No. 5551, contained in Committee Report No. 199, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY, INCLUDING THE CITIES THEREIN, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SIMEON A. OLA, TO BE KNOWN AS "SIMEON OLA DAY";

House Bill No. 5552, contained in Committee Report No. 200, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY, INCLUDING THE CITIES THEREIN,

IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "ALBAY DAY";

House Bill No. 5553, contained in Committee Report No. 201, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SURRENDER OF GENERAL TOMOYUKI YAMASHITA, COMMANDER OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES, IN KIANGAN, IFUGAO;

House Bill No. 1865, contained in Committee Report No. 202, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FABIAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY;

House Bill No. 2131, contained in Committee Report No. 203, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JULY 22 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "ARAW NG CLAVERIA";

House Bill No. 2132, contained in Committee Report No. 204, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OPOL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "ARAW NG OPOL";

House Bill No. 5554, contained in Committee Report No. 205, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 9 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF RUBEN EDERA ECLEO, SR.;

House Bill No. 5562, contained in Committee Report No. 212, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 5 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "PANGASINAN DAY";

House Bill No. 5563, contained in Committee Report No. 213, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "ORANI FOUNDATION DAY";

House Bill No. 5564, contained in Committee Report No. 214, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF

CABANATUAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY;

House Bill No. 3404, contained in Committee Report No. 215, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 30 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF MANDAUE, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY;

House Bill No. 3526, contained in Committee Report No. 216, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 20 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY;

House Bill No. 5565, contained in Committee Report No. 217, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 24 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA IN HONOR OF THE MARTYRDOM OF GOVERNOR HIGINIO ACOSTA MENDOZA SR., TO BE KNOWN AS "GOVERNOR HIGINIO ACOSTA MENDOZA, SR. DAY";

House Bill No. 5566, contained in Committee Report No. 218, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "ARAW NG MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL";

House Bill No. 5568, contained in Committee Report No. 219, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) SATELLITE OFFICE IN TICA O ISLAND, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and

House Bill No. 5585, under Committee Report No. 222, entitled: AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AND THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion for the omnibus consideration of 16 local bills. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the respective Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship speeches on the measures.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Is there

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

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

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments and approve the Committee amendments, if any, as contained in the respective committee reports of the aforementioned Bills.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no individual amendments, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I now move that we approve on Second Reading all the Bills enumerated by this Representation.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is an omnibus motion for the approval of the 16 aforementioned local House Bills. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The *ayes* have it. The aforementioned 16 local House Bills are hereby approved on Second Reading.*

The Floor Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of the following measures: House Bills No. 3980, 1388, 191, 3862, 2094, 1431; and House Resolutions No. 532 and 681.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to read the titles of the following...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Floor Leader will please state the motion clearly.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, allow me to repeat myself.

I move for the change of referral of the following measures:

House Bill No. 3980, from the Committee on Local Government, to the Committee on Revision of Laws;

House Bill No. 1388, from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committees on People's Participation and Appropriations;

House Bills No. 191 and 3862, from the Committee on People's Participation, to the Committees on People's Participation and Appropriations;

House Bill No. 2094, from the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, to the Committee on Social Services;

House Bill No. 1431, from the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, to the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation;

House Resolution No. 532, from the Committee on Local Government, to the Committee on Revision of Laws; and

House Resolution No. 681, from the Committee on Human Rights, to the Committee on Agrarian Reform.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion for the change of referral for the aforementioned eight House measures.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for one minute.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Chair declares a one-minute suspension of the session.

It was 5:25 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:25 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.

ON H.B. NO. 4767 AND S.B. NO. 1365

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 4767 and Senate Bill No. 1365 on the extension of the validity of the Philippine passport.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the titles of the measures.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the titles of the measures.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4767, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (R.A. 8239), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"; and Senate Bill No. 1365, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is approved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Chair declares a one-minute suspension of the session.

It was 5:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for the election of the following Members to various committees:

The Majority Leader read the names of the House Members elected to the various committees, per Journal No. 90, dated May 16, 2017.

COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta

COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr.
Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Rep. Ansaruddin A.M.A. Adiong

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

COMMITTEE ON INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

Rep. Evelina G. Escudero

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Rep. Alejandro Y. Mirasol
Rep. Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas
Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba
Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion for the election of the aforementioned Members to the said Committees.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy of the BAGONG HENERASYON Party-List who are currently at the gallery. We have Mr. Arnel Tolentino, the team leader, and company.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The presence of the guests of the Honorable Herrera-Dy is noted. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Floor Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 89, dated May 15, 2017.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to approve Journal No. 89, dated May 15, 2017.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, May 17, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The session is adjourned until tomorrow, May 17, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 5:57 p.m.