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## CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Rolando G. Andaya Jr. called the session to order.*

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

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Please rise for the singing of the National Anthem.

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

## PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Let us pause for a minute of silent prayer.

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Good afternoon.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). What does the Gentleman have for us for this fine day under our Republic?

REP. NOGRALES (J.). We have a few items, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Please proceed.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). First, Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to defer the roll call.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion for the Order of Business on First Reading.

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, Communications and Committee Reports, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:*

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5605, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING THE PINTUYAN NATIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL INTO THE SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM”

By Representative Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5606, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO HONOR GRADUATES TO PURSUE GRADUATE STUDIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5607, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE NO. 1096, THE NATIONAL  
BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
AS AMENDED, BY MANDATING  
A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONWIDE  
INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS AND  
IMPOSING STIFF PENALTIES AGAINST  
BUILDING OFFICIALS WHO VIOLATE  
THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE  
SAID CODE”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5608, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADVANCED  
STUDIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEES FROM  
THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE  
SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5609, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 6 OF  
EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL  
NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN QUEZON  
CITY TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF MELCHORAAQUINO  
TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘TANDANG SORA  
DAY’ ”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 5610, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAPU-LAPU  
CITY LONE DISTRICT ENGINEERING  
OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Radaza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5611, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BATAD VIEJO-  
LUMBIA-TANZA-BOTONGAN ROAD  
CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF

BATAD AND ESTANCIA, PROVINCE OF  
ILOILO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5612, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION  
CARLES-BANCAL ROAD IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE  
OF ILOILO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5613, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BAROTAC VIEJO-  
GEN. LUNA-SAN JOSE-ANABO ROAD  
CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF  
BAROTAC VIEJO AND LEMERY, PROVINCE  
OF ILOILO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5614, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE KALAYAAN  
ISLAND GROUP LOCATED IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF KALAYAAN,  
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS ALIENABLE  
AND DISPOSABLE LAND”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Fariñas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5616, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY COMMUNITY  
PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL FOR  
THE UTILIZATION OF BARANGAY  
OFFICIALS AND ITS CONSTITUENTS IN  
CRIME PREVENTION AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (V.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER  
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5617, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING REFORMS IN  
THE PROCUREMENT BY DISTRIBUTION  
UTILITIES OF SUPPLY FOR THE CAPTIVE  
MARKET”

By Representative Yap (V.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 5618, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING INNOVATION AS VITAL COMPONENT OF THE COUNTRY’S DEVELOPMENT POLICIES TO DRIVE INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5619, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5620, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HALL OF JUSTICE BUILDING IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5621, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 5622, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE RIGHT TO PROTECT ONESELF, FAMILY, PROPERTY AND OTHERS”

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5623, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRIVER’S LICENSE RENEWAL OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)

INSIDE OR ADJACENT TO THE MAIN OFFICES OF THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) AND OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA)”

By Representative Manalo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5624, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE SEATS OF TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD AND CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (M.K.) and Dimaporo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5625, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRADING CENTER FOR MARINE AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN ALL SUITABLE AREAS IN THE PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sahali

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5626, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODIFIED MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARK IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SIMUNUL AND PANGLIMA SUGALA, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sahali

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5628, entitled:

“AN ACT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTHERN CORRIDOR TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIR AND SEAPORT BUILDINGS/INFRASTRUCTURE, AS A PRIMARY COMPONENT IN SOLVING THE OVERPOPULATION, TRAFFIC

CONGESTION, AND HIGH VULNERABILITY TO NATURAL DISASTERS OF VITAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES WITHIN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR) OR METROPOLITAN MANILA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREOF”

By Representative Pancho  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 5629, entitled:

“AN ACT ENABLING BANKS TO EXPAND SERVICE DELIVERY CHANNELS THROUGH CASH AGENTS AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 5630, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING TELECOMMUTING IN THE WORKPLACE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5631, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A CHILD FRIENDLY INTERNET PACKAGE FOR SUBSCRIPTION OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, FREE WIFI PROVIDERS, COMPUTER RENTAL SHOPS, AND OTHER SUBSCRIBERS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Yu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5632, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8170 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representatives Nograles (K.A.) and Nograles (J.J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5634, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY ON EASING BUSINESS PERMITS AND LICENSES APPLICATION IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5637, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE AMANG RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF MARIKINA, FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fernando  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5642, entitled:

“AN ACT TO DECLARE APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY FERNANDO MAGALLANES IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON APRIL 27, 1521, TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU DAY OR ADLAW NI LAPU-LAPU”

By Representative Zarate  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5644, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE OF GOVERNMENT DOCTORS FROM SALARY GRADE 16 TO 24”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5645, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEM OF BIRTH REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL PROTECTION (CNSP) IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5649, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, UNDER THE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5650, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE TRANSFER OF SOUTHERN LEYTE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH”

By Representative Mercado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5651, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE TRANSFER OF SOUTHERN LEYTE PROVINCIAL JAIL UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND SUPERVISION OF THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP)”

By Representative Mercado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5652, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE TRANSFER OF PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD TO THE CITY OF MAASIN, SOUTHERN LEYTE”

By Representative Mercado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 5653, entitled:

“AN ACT SYNCHRONIZING THE 2017 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS WITH THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164”

By Representative Pimentel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5655, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION THEREBY CREATING THE

PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING COMMISSION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda, Romero, Belmonte (R.), Canama, Salo, Lopez (B.), Villarin, Bertiz, Montoro, Belaro, Salon, Lacson, Uybarreta and Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 5656, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL TO FURTHER RECOGNIZE AND STRENGTHEN YOUNG FARMERS’ PARTICIPATION IN NATION-BUILDING, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 116 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE REORGANIZATION ACT OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative De Venecia  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5657, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF YOUNG FARMERS”

By Representative De Venecia  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5658, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO MR. PHILLIP LEACH”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 987, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY AND ITS COLLEGE OF LAW FOR ITS OUTSTANDING AND EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND FOR PRODUCING 3 TOPNOTCHERS IN THE 2016 BAR EXAMINATIONS”

By Representatives Sagarbarria, Limkaichong and Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 988, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND

CONGRATULATING BRO. EDUARDO V. MANALO, THE EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL STAGING OF THE WORLDWIDE INTENSIVE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL WHEREBY, WITH THE USE OF STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY, HE BROUGHT TOGETHER VIA VIDEO LINK LOCAL CONGREGATIONS IN THE SIX CONTINENTS OF THE WORLD IN A WORSHIP-EVANGELICAL MISSION THAT HE HIMSELF OFFICIATED ON MAY 7, 2017”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 992, entitled:

“RESOLUTION BOLSTERING THE USAGE OF HERBAL MEDICINE AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE SAME AS AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF MEDICAMENT FOR HEALTH CONCERNS”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

#### ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for House Bills No. 2771 and 3467;

Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda for House Bills No. 2622 and 2624;

Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr. for House Bill No. 5022;

Reps. Celso L. Lobregat, Antonio L. Tinio, France L. Castro, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu, Rogelio J. Espina, M.D., Doy C. Leachon, Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB., Erlpe John “Ping” M. Amante, Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Divina Grace C. Yu, Michael John R. Duavit, Ron P. Salo, Magnolia C. Antonino, Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Sherwin N. Tugna, Arlene B. Arcillas, Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Oscar “Richard” S. Garin Jr., Virgilio S. Lacson, Estrellita B. Suansing, Gil “Kabarangay” P. Acosta, Isagani S. Amatong, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., and Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bill No. 5633;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bill No. 14;

Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun for House Bill No. 2592;

Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for House Bill No. 5180;

Rep. Pantaleon D. Alvarez for House Bill No. 1855;

Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica for House Bills No. 225, 299, 438, 449, 516, 535, 649, 735, 918, 1393, 2171, 2337, 2607, 2660, 2860, 3163, 3335, 3577, 4263, and 4645;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 2430 and 5524;

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bills No. 1615, 2862, 2863, 2864, 3852, 3853, 3943, 4087, 4088, 4089, 4090, and 4337;

Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo for House Bill No. 4780;

Rep. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 227, 4661, and 5152;

Reps. Rodolfo C. Fariñas and Ronald M. Cosalan for House Bills No. 5015, 5066, 5067, and 5068;

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 4935, 5243, 5247, 5249, 5251, 5252, 5253, 5254, 5255, 5442, and 5503;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bill No. 6;

Reps. Erlpe John “Ping” M. Amante, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and Rogelio Neil P. Roque for House Bill No. 180;

Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III for House Bills No. 1858, 1859, 2286, 2627, 2628, and 2881;

Reps. Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III, and Vincent “Bingbong” P. Crisologo for House Bills No. 5297 and 5298;

Rep. Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II for House Bill No. 4774;

Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno for House Bills No. 97, 101, 373, 374, 375, 1044, 1046, and 4774; and

Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr. for House Bill No. 5577.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF COAUTHORSHIP

Reps. Antonio L. Tinio and France L. Castro withdrew their coauthorship of House Bill No. 4774.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated February 27, 2017 of Daniel A. Jaravata, Assistant District Engineer, Davao del Norte District Engineering Office, Regional Office XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, submitting the Monthly Status/Accomplishment Report for the month of February 2017 of projects implemented by their office within the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Davao del Norte.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated March 28, 2017 of Noel C. Basanes, OIC-District Engineer, Davao del Norte District Engineering Office, Regional Office XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, submitting the Monthly Status/Accomplishment Report for the month of March 2017 of projects implemented by

their office within the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Davao del Norte.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated April 25, 2017 of Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting the Statement of Allotments, Obligations and Balances (Current and Continuing Appropriations) of the Office of the Secretary, DILG, as of March 31, 2017 in compliance with Sec. 91 of the General Provisions of R.A. 10924 (FY 2017 GAA).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 25 April 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives copies of the CY 2016 audit reports on the results of audit of the accounts and operations of 22 Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) in the National Capital Region and copies of the Management Letters on the results of the audit of five GOCCs which failed to submit their 2016 Financial Statements:

CY 2016 Annual Audit Reports (National Capital Region)

Alabang-Sto. Tomas Development, Inc. (CY 2016);

Batangas Land Company, Inc. (CY 2016);

Credit Information Corporation (CY 2015-2016);

CDCP Farms Corporation (CY 2016);

DBP Leasing Corporation (CY 2015-2016);

DBP Management Corporation (CY 2015-2016);

Employees' Compensation Commission (CY 2015-2016);

First Cavite Industrial Estate, Inc. (CY 2016);

GY Realty Estate, Inc. (CY 2016);

Inter-Island Gas Service, Inc. (CY 2016);

Kamayon Realty Corporation (CY 2016);

LandBank Countryside Development Foundation, Inc. (CY 2016);

Manila Gas Corporation (CY 2016);

Masaganang Sakahan, Inc. (CY 2015-2016);

Millennium Challenge Account-Philippines (CY 2015-2016);

NDC-Philippine Infrastructure Corporation (CY 2016);

Northeastern Luzon Pacific Coastal Service, Inc. (CY 2016);

Occupational Safety and Health Center (CY 2015-2016);

Palacio Del Gobernador Condominium Corporation (CY 2015-2016);

People's Credit and Finance Corporation (CY 2015-2016);

Pinagkaisa Realty Corporation (CY 2016); and

Southern Utility Management and Services, Inc. (CY 2015-2016).

Management Letters

National Agribusiness Corporation (CY 2016);

NIA Consult, Inc. (CY 2016);

Philippine Agricultural Development and Commercial Corporation (CY 2016);

Philippine Forest Corporation (CY 2016); and

ZNAC Rubber Estate Corporation (CY 2016).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated April 26, 2017 of Atty. Loralie C. Datahan, PFDA, Officer-in-Charge, submitting the Statement of Allotment, Obligations, Utilization and Balances as of March 31, 2017 of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated May 5 and 10, 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:

Circular Letter No. CL-2017-026 dated 20 April 2017; Circular Letter No. CL-2017-027 dated 20 April 2017;

Memorandum No. M-2017-013 dated 21 April 2017; Circular No. 960 dated 4 May 2017;

Circular Letter No. CL-2017-031 dated 21 April 2017; and

Circular Letter No. CL-2017-032 dated 4 May 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Annual Audit Report on the Quirino State University, Diffun, Quirino for the year ended December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Cagayan State University, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan for the year ended December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Batanes State College for the year ended December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Nueva Vizcaya State University for the year ended December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Isabela State University, Echague, Isabela for the year ended December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 239), re H.B. No. 5654, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING A LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISE TO COTABATO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.-PPALMA (COTELCO-PPALMA) TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PIKIT, PIGCAWAYAN, ALEOSAN, LIBUNGAN, MIDSAYAP AND ALAMADA, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, AND ITS NEIGHBORING SUBURBS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2045

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Sacdalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 240), re H.B. No. 5660, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘NATIONAL ROTARY DAY’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4500

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms (Committee Report No. 241), re H.B. No. 5661, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING FOR QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 45, 743, 1371, 1372, 1373, 2486, 2487, 4539 and 5019

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AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON REPORTS  
THAT OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS  
IN HONG KONG ARE BEING FORCED TO  
SLEEP IN TOILETS, TINY CUBBYHOLES,  
AND ON BALCONIES BY THEIR  
EMPLOYERS”

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

House Resolution No. 1005, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY, IN AID LEGISLATION,  
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By Representative Rodriguez (M.)  
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By Representative Garcia (G.)  
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Report by the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries (Committee Report No. 242), re H.B. No. 5663, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING CASINOS AS COVERED PERSONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 14, 178, 3405, 3455, 4407 and 4786

Sponsors: Representatives Evardone and Oaminal  
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Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 243), re H.B. No. 5664, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE BICOLLIGHT AND POWER CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE TOWNS OF BAAO, BALATAN, BATO, BUHI, BULA, NABUA, AND THE CITY OF IRIGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4169

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 244), re H.B. No. 5665, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE MALINDANG BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN MINDANAO”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4380

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Almonte and Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 4:12 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:00 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, may we be allowed to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong of the First District of Negros Oriental, namely, the students and tax reform advocates from the Philippine Normal University and the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Ramon V.A. “Rav” Rocamora of the Lone District of Siquijor, namely, the senior citizens belonging to the Coalition for Services for the Elderly.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the scholars of CIBAC Party-List from the province of Bulacan, the guests of the Hon. Sherwin N. Tugna, Representative of the Citizens’ Battle Against Corruption Party-List.

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

ROLL CALL

REP. NOGRALES (J.). 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. 91, dated May 17, 2017:*

## PRESENT

Abaya	Celeste	Gonzaga	Panganiban
Abayon	Cerafica	Gonzales (A.P.)	Panotes
Abellanos	Cerilles	Gonzales (A.D.)	Papandayan
Abu	Chavez	Gonzalez	Pimentel
Abueg	Chipeco	Gullas	Pineda
Acop	Cojuangco	Hernandez	Plaza
Acosta	Collantes	Herrera-Dy	Primicias-Agabas
Acosta-Alba	Cortes	Hofer	Quimbo
Advincula	Crisologo	Javier	Ramos
Aggabao	Cueva	Kho	Revilla
Aglipay-Villar	Dalipe	Khonghun	Robes
Albano	Daza	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (I.)
Alejano	De Jesus	Lacson	Rodriguez (M.)
Almonte	De Venecia	Lagman	Roman
Alvarez (F.)	De Vera	Lanete	Romualdo
Alvarez (P.)	Defensor	Laogan	Roque (H.)
Amatong	Del Mar	Lazatin	Sacdalán
Andaya	Del Rosario	Leachon	Sagarbarria
Angara-Castillo	Deloso-Montalla	Limkaichong	Salo
Antonino	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Lobregat	Salon
Antonio	Duavit	Lopez (B.)	Sambar
Arenas	Durano	Lopez (C.)	Sandoval
Atienza	Dy	Lopez (M.L.)	Santos-Recto
Bagatsing	Elago	Maceda	Sarmiento (C.)
Barzaga	Eriguel	Madrona	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Bataoil	Ermita-Buhain	Malapitan	Savellano
Bautista-Bandigan	Escudero	Manalo	Sema
Belaro	Espino	Mangaoang	Siao
Belmonte (J.C.)	Estrella	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson
Belmonte (R.)	Evardone	Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)
Bertiz	Fariñas	Marcos	Suansing (H.)
Billones	Ferrer (J.)	Mariño	Suarez
Bolilia	Ferrer (L.)	Marquez	Tambunting
Bondoc	Ferriol-Pascual	Martinez	Tan (A.)
Bordado	Fortuno	Matugas	Tan (M.)
Bravo (A.)	Fuentebella	Mellana	Tejada
Brosas	Garbin	Mendoza	Teves
Calderon	Garcia (G.)	Mercado	Tiangco
Caminero	Garcia (J.E.)	Mirasol	Ting
Cari	Garin (S.)	Montoro	Tinio
Castelo	Gasataya	Nava	Tugna
Castro (F.L.)	Geron	Nieto	Turabin-Hataman
Castro (F.H.)	Go (A.C.)	Noel	Ty
Catamco	Go (M.)	Nogralés (J.J.)	Umali
Cayetano	Gomez	Nogralés (K.A.)	Unabia
		Nolasco	Ungab
		Nuñez-Malanyaon	Unico
		Olivarez	Uy (J.)
		Ong (E.)	Vargas-Alfonso
		Ong (H.)	Veloso
		Ortega (P.)	Vergara
		Ortega (V.N.)	Villafuerte
		Pacquiao	Villanueva
		Paduano	Villaraza-Suarez
		Palma	Villarica
		Pancho	Violago

Yap (A.) Zamora (M.C.)  
 Yap (M.) Zarate  
 Yu Zubiri

Bando, Ms. Saturnina Closas, Dr. Arvin Sampilo, Ms. Carolyn Lagumbay, Mr. Verzon Salvaña, Mr. Reychem Banuag, Engr. Mark Phillipp Sabuero, and Mr. Gabriel Salon.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 208 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). With 208 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, considering that copies of the Journal of the previous session have been distributed to the Members, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

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

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 90, dated May 16, 2017.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to approve Journal No. 90, dated May 16, 2017.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Enrico A. Pineda of 1-PACMAN Party-List—Ms. Corazon Pineda, his mother, and their relatives from Australia, Ms. Virginia Pineda and Mr. Alfredo Pineda.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo of the Lone District of Camiguin, namely: Hon. Maria Luisa Romualdo, Provincial Governor; Hon. Jose Rufino Ladao, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member; and other guests—Mr. Felicisimo Gomez, Ms. Nida Salon, Ms. Paz Oclarit, Engr. Eleuterio Sabuero, Engr. Renerio Torion, Ms. Maida Baclayo, Ms. Candice Naomi Dael, Mr. Tito Anthony Del

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

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 5:14 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:47 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the honorable Speaker Pantaleon “Bebot” Alvarez and the distinguished Gentleman from AKO BICOL Party-List, Hon. Alfredo “Fido” A. Garbin Jr., namely: the Australian Political Exchange Council delegates visiting the House of Representatives. This is headed by Ms. Suzy Domitrovic, Council Representative, Executive Officer Australian Political Exchange Council; as well as Ms. Brooke Curtin, Member, Canberra Liberals; Mr. Alexander Polson, Adviser, Office of Senator Simon Birmingham; Mr. Jason Hall, Local Executive Secretary, Finance Sector Union; Ms. Christina Ong, Lead Advocate/Lead Organizer, Finance Sector Union; Mr. Jeremy Patrick Greenwood, Assistant Adviser to Senator Matthew Canavan; and Mr. Joshua Potter Millroy, State Organizer.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). So tragic.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). ...and that we resume at four o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2017.

THE DEPUTY SPEKAER (Rep. Andaya). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2017, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 5:49 p.m.*