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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Please remain standing for the Invocation to be led by Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. ROBES. Father in heaven, You made me Your child and called me to walk in the light of Christ.

O Lord, my God, creator and ruler of the universe, it is Your will that human beings accept the duty of work. May the work that I do bring growth in this life to me and those I love, and help to extend the kingdom of Christ.

Give all persons work that will draw them to You and to each other in cheerful service. I unite all my work with the sacrifice of Jesus in the Mass that it may be pleasing to You and give You glory. I beg Your blessing upon all my efforts.

I also pray for our beloved country, especially to the city of Marawi in Mindanao. May the spirit of peace be with us and with those people who lost their loved ones. May You embrace them more with Your love and comfort their hearts.

Lord, I know You love Your people so much. You are our protector, our shield, and our very present help in times of need. Have mercy on us.

With Saint Joseph as our example and guide, help us to do the work You asked us, and receive the reward You have prepared for us.

Panginoon, Ikaw na po ang bahala sa aming lahat dito sa Mababang Kapulungan. Itinataas po namin ang lahat, mula sa aming isip, kaluluwa at puso.
Amen.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll of Members.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chairs none; the motion is approved.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is suspended.

It was 4:04 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:15 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we

proceed to the Reference of Business. For this purpose, may we request that the Secretary General be directed to read the same.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolution on First Reading and the Report from the Office of the President and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5692, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FOOD PACKAGING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION PROGRAM, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FOOD PACKAGING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5693, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 24 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG SIBUGAY’”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5694, entitled:

“AN ACT PLACING THE UBAY AIRPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BCDA) TO BE UTILIZED FOR OTHER PRODUCTIVE AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES”

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5695, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A VOTER

EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

By Representatives Defensor and Noel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5696, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL TEXTBOOK DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5697, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS OF APPLIANCES, GADGETS AND DEVICES TO PROVIDE ENERGY EFFICIENCY INFORMATION LABELS”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5698, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5699, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 7 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5700, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RADIO SORSOGON NETWORK INCORPORATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7635 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING RADIO SORSOGON NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO/TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN

BICOL REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5701, 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 Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5702, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TIRAD PASS RADIO TV BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8070, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE TIRAD PASS RADIO TV BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL AM-FM RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Singson (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5703, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING AN EQUITABLE WAGE RATE FOR BOTH URBAN AND RURAL WORKERS THEREBY CLOSING THE URBAN-RURAL WAGE GAP AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5704, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FREE PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO DAY CARE WORKERS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5705, entitled:

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

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 5706, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE OF JUST SHARE OF TAXES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE DUES IMPOSED BY THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY AND BUREAU OF CUSTOMS”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 5708, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING EMPLOYEES THREE DAYS PAID LEAVE TO ATTEND SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THEIR CHILDREN”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5709, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CRISIS CENTER FOR STREET CHILDREN IN EVERY REGION OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5710, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5711, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BEREAVEMENT LEAVE OF FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS WITH FULL PAY TO EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS IN THE EVENT OF DEATH OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 5712, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING ALL RETIRED AND ACTIVE MILITARY AND POLICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING OFFICERS, FROM BEING APPOINTED IN A CONCURRENT OR ANY OTHER CAPACITY TO THE POSITIONS OF SECRETARY, UNDERSECRETARY, HEAD OR MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODIES OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND AGENCIES AND OTHER EQUIVALENT POSITIONS”

By Representatives De Jesus, Brosas, Zarate, Tinio, Castro (F.L.), Casilao and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 5713, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POLICE LAW ENFORCEMENT COURTS, GRANTING THESE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND PNP RULES OF ENGAGEMENT COMMITTED BY THE POLICE, AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’ 2, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Hernandez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5714, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING AND PREVENTING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES OR SCOOTERS IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES THROUGH THE USE OF BIGGER PLATE NUMBERS AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS, REGULATION OF BACKRIDERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Hernandez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5718, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES IN THE CITY OF MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5719, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL TECH-VOC DAY”

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5720, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING ILIGAN CITY AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Siao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5721, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF TACTILE PAVING IN ALL PUBLIC SPACES AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco-Catera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 5722, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF DAY CARE WORKERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5723, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8484, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT REGULATING THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF ACCESS DEVICES,

PROHIBITING FRAUDULENT ACTS COMMITTED RELATIVE THERETO, PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Durano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 5724, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEM OF PEOPLE’S INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6735, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF’”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5725, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING BARANGAY MUZON IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO FOUR DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MUZON EAST, BARANGAY MUZON WEST, BARANGAY MUZON SOUTH AND BARANGAY MUZON PROPER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1016, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF R.A. 10913 OR THE ANTI-DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE PRESENT IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR)”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 1017, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LONG QUEUES ON THE IMMIGRATIONS LANES OF THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1018, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BRO. EDUARDO V. MANALO, THE EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF THE INGLESIA NI CRISTO, FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ORDINATION OF SIXTEEN (16) NEW MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL IN A HISTORICAL WORSHIP SERVICE HE OFFICIATED IN ROME, ITALY ON MAY 13, 2017”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1019, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE SUCCESSFUL STAGING OF THE 60TH PALARONG PAMBANSA IN THE PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bills No. 12, 865, 1853, 2157, 2319, 2622, 2624, 2474, 2953, 3556, 3557, 3632, 3945, 4127, and 4749;

Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for House Bills No. 14, 64, 187, 225, 335, 918, 2542, 4149, and 5560;

Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes for House Bills No. 31, 34, 1087, and 2565 and House Resolution No. 168;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 4093, 5188, 5190, 5271, 5317, 5347, 5360, 5395, 5573, 5575, and House Resolution No. 962;

Rep. Gary C. Alejano for House Bills No. 17, 187, 302, 349, 585, 586, 588, 589, 683, 807, 1018, 1019, 1021, 1022, 1256, 1333, 1392, 1396, 1427, 1429, 1587, 1706, 1715, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1776, 1778, 1940, 2738, 2768, 2769, 2770, 2982, 3115, 3795, 4361, 5507, and 5509;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 32, 187, 684, 5536, 5544, 5547, 5551, 5552, 5615, 5660, and 5670;

Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB. for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, and 3641;

Rep. Victor A. Yap for House Bills No. 5560 and 5670;

Reps. Abdullah D. Dimaporo and Eric L. Olivarez for House Bill No. 177;

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bill No. 1471;

Reps. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D., Manuel F. Zubiri, and Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba for House Bill No. 2553;

Rep. Mercedes “Didi” C. Cagas for House Bills No. 4106 and 4462;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bill No. 4462;

Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna for House Bills No. 12, 438, and 2467;

Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr. for House Bills No. 187, 4302, 4342, 4343, and 5663;

Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bills No. 133, 163, 2867, and 3870;

Rep. Geraldine B. Roman for House Bill No. 4117;

Reps. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, Romeo M. Acop, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Alfred D. Vargas, and Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema for House Bill No. 4774;

Reps. Marisol C. Panotes, Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo, Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D., and Fernando V. Gonzalez for House Bill No. 5038;

Rep. Gil “Kabarangay” P. Acosta for House Bills No. 2622 and 2624;

Rep. Raul “Boboy” C. Tupas for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 4106, 4462, and 5097;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 5572 and 5586;

Reps. Salvio B. Fortuno, Fernando V. Gonzalez, Edcel C. Lagman, Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, Sabiniano S. Canama, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Marisol C. Panotes, Arlene B. Arcillas, Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III, and Sol Aragonas for House Bill No. 5006;

Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bills No. 187, 2542, 4676, and 4786;

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 3161, 4560, 5318, 5417, 5423, 5426, and 5467;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 1304, 2622, 2624, 3732, and 3733;

Rep. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 2143, 4136, and 4323;

Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, and 2881;

Rep. Jesus “Boying” F. Celeste for House Bill No. 180;

Rep. Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV for House Bill No. 2881;

Rep. Doy C. Leachon for House Bill No. 116;

Rep. Benhur L. Salimbangon for House Bills No. 177, 2192, 2193, 2286, 2627, 2628, and 5107, and House Resolution No. 769 and House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for House Bill No. 187;

Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. for House Bill No. 4772;

Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco for House Bill No. 904;

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta for House Bills No. 5715, 5716, and 5717;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No. 62, 2436, and 3488;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bills No. 133 and 5745;

Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel for House Bill No. 5576;

Reps. Ramon “Red” H. Durano VI, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr., Wilfredo S. Caminero, Benhur L. Salimbangon, Rodrigo A. Abellanosa, Aileen C. Radaza, Jonas C. Cortes, and Peter John D. Calderon for House Bill No. 5688; and

Reps. Ramon C. Nolasco, Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, and Luisa Lloren Cuaresma for House Bill No. 1988.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Report relative to Proclamation No. 216 dated 23 May 2017 entitled, “Declaring a State of Martial law and Suspending the Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus in the Whole of Mindanao”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORT DEVELOPMENT

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What is the parliamentary inquiry?

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, the Secretary General read out a report from the President and I seem to have heard that the Speaker ruled that it shall be referred to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Chair amends his statement and, therefore, it is referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, may I be recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, with the indulgence of the Gentleman, but we are on First Reading, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. We must finish first the First Reading and the Reference of Business, Mr. Speaker. We will entertain the inquiry of the Gentleman after First Reading and Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What is the motion of the Dep. Majority Leader?

REP. DEFENSOR. That we continue, Mr. Speaker, with our Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection?

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I submit.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The motion is granted.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS
Continuation

The Secretary General continued reading the following Messages from the Senate, Communication, Subpoena Deces Tecum and Committee Reports, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 24, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1353, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE REFUSAL OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS TO ADMINISTER APPROPRIATE INITIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY OR SERIOUS CASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMAND OF DEPOSITS OR ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS IN CERTAIN CASES’ AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8344, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 5159, entitled:

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 24, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1277, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FREE INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM IN PUBLIC SPACES IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

and House Bill No. 5225, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PROVISION OF FREE WI-FI INTERNET ACCESS IN PUBLIC AREAS”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated May 2, 2017 of Allan S. Borrromeo, OIC-Regional Director, Regional Office XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, submitting their Monthly Progress Status Report for the month of April 2017 of projects implemented by their office.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Report of Cesar Strait Pareja, Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bills, submitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency’s consideration and signature, pursuant to the provision of Rule VI, Section 18, Par. (h) of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1112 and House Bill No. 3504, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10923)

2. House Bill No. 3408, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10924)

3. House Bill No. 4631, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER

TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS GMA NETWORK, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7252, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ” and

4. House Bill No. 4637, entitled: “AN ACT EXTENDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (FORMERLY SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7294, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SMART) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ COMPUTER/ELECTRONIC SERVICES, AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

TO THE ARCHIVES

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 10 February 2017 issued by Ray Patrick M. Arce, Assistant Special Prosecutor I, re Crim. Case Nos. SB-16-CRM-0242 to 0248, directing to submit within five (5) days from receipt, the certified true copy of Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALN) of Arrel Reyes Olaño (from 2006 to 2008), former Representative of the First District of Davao del Norte.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 15th February 2017 issued by Gerard A. Mosquera, Deputy Ombudsman, re Case No. FF-C-16-0702, directing to submit within five (5) days from receipt hereof, clear and authenticated copy of the following documents pertaining to Mar-Len Abigial “Abby” S. Binay-Campos, former Representative, 2nd District of Makati:

1. Certificate of Yearly Compensation, paid expense vouchers, journal vouchers, checks,

report of collections and disbursements and other similar supporting documents pertaining to the Salaries, Bonuses, Allowances and Other Remunerations received for the CYs 2015 to 2016;

2. Liquidation Statements and supporting documents relative to said travel/s, if any; and
3. Report on Salaries and Allowances including its supporting documents.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 17th February 2017 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Director, General Investigation Bureau-B, FIO I, re Case No. FF-C-14-0060, directing to submit within five (5) days of receipt hereof clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) Projects Initiated, Funding Requirements and/or Allocations made by Cong. Philip A. Pichay (Surigao del Sur 1st District) for CYs 2007-2009:

1. List of Proposed Projects and intended beneficiaries;
2. Project Proposals and its attachments (to include the nature or description of the project, project location, fund requirement or project cost, and implementing agency);
3. Letters requesting for approval by the House Committee on Appropriations;
4. Special Allotment Release Orders (SARO) and its attachments.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 15 February 2017 issued by Gerard A. Mosquera, Deputy Ombudsman, re Case No. FF-C-16-0702, directing to submit within five (5) days from receipt hereof, clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Mar-Len Abigail Binay-Campos, former Representative of the 2nd District of Makati:

1. Latest Personal Data Sheet with picture;
 2. Service Record;
 3. Appointment Paper;
 4. Oath of Office;
 5. Authority to Travel/Travel Records – Foreign and Local; and
 6. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALNs) for Calendar Years 2007-2016.
- and likewise directed to submit the Entry SALN of Congressman Luis Jose Angel N. Campos, Jr. re Case No. FF-C-16-0702.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena

Duces Tecum dated 06 January 2017 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, re Case No. FF-C-16-0824, directing to submit within five (5) days from receipt, the following documents pertaining to Henry Canega Ong, Representative, 2nd District, Leyte:

1. Updated Service Record;
2. Personal Data Sheet (latest on file); and
3. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN) for CYs 2005 to 2015.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 5th Day of December 2016 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Supervising Director, Special LSC Panel of Investigators, re Case No. FF-C-16-0795, directing to submit within five (5) days from receipt hereof, clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Congressman Rodolfo T. Albano III of the 2nd District of the Province of Isabela:

1. Latest Personal Data Sheet with picture;
2. Service Record;
3. Appointment Paper;
4. Oath of Office;
5. Authority to Travel/Travel Records – Foreign and Local;
6. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALNs) from Calendar Years 2004-2015, if applicable; and
7. Certification of Yearly Compensation, Salary and other Remunerations from start of service up to 2015, if applicable.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 27 January 2017 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Supervising Director, LSC Case Build-up Teams, re Case No. FF-C-16-0449, directing to submit within five (5) days upon receipt, the following documents pertaining to Arnulfo Palma Fuentebella, Representative, 4th District of Camarines Sur:

1. Updated Service Record;
2. Personal Data Sheet (latest on file); and
3. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN) for CY 2005 to 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 259), re H.B. No. 5715, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CEBU BROADCASTING COMPANY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO.

7963, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE CEBU BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4302

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 260), re H.B. No. 5716, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE TO VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7529, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8069”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5479

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 261), re H.B. No. 5717, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE ASSIGNED TO PBN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8158, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO JORGE D. BAYONA UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIFTY-SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE, ASSIGNING IT IN FAVOR OF PBN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., AND RENEWING THE TERM THEREOF FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT’”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3243

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 262), re H.B. No. 5745, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 62, 102, 164, 301, 557, 2175, 2266, 2749, 2833, 2840, 3523, 4089, 4224, 4286, 4632 and 4803

Sponsors: Representatives Panganiban, Garin (S.), Nograles (K.A.), Tan (A.) and Lobregat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 263), re H.B. No. 5747, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING PILIS FALLS IN BARANGAY PALIL, MUNICIPALITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 614

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Roman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, today being a Monday and pursuant to our Rules, I move that we proceed to the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the BUHAY Party-List, the Hon. Lito Atienza, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Gentleman from the Party-List BUHAY, Congressman Atienza, is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ATIENZA

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you Mme. Floor Leader.

I stand today just to highlight and to remind my colleagues of a statement that has been attributed to our President. In today's media and last night's television news program, it was prominently mentioned that the President said that he would only lift martial law in Mindanao with the consent or advice or decision of the military and the PNP. He even stressed that he would not abide by any decision of the Supreme Court, and for that matter, the Philippine Congress which involves all of us. If we do not react to that statement, it could be misunderstood by the people that Congressmen as a whole are in agreement with such, and I would even call it a gross violation of our basic law. I would like to stress, I was one of those who initially agreed, who supported the decision of the President when he declared martial law on May 23rd in Mindanao, saying that we cannot question the wisdom of the President on such matters because he is the only one who would have all the data from intelligence reports, actual situationer and on actual problems to be confronted in Mindanao especially that the city of Marawi was under siege by armed rebels, whether they come from the Abu Sayyaf, the Maute, but they are definitely committing rebellion.

As the Constitution provides for in cases of rebellion, the President can call in the military, declare martial law and address the problem squarely to protect and defend the interest of democracy in our country, and much more to defend the interest of the greater majority of our people in Marawi and in Mindanao, as a whole, and the Philippines, in general, who may be affected by such rebellious actuations or actions taken by these armed rebels in Marawi.

Sumuporta po tayong doon sa kanyang desisyon na iyon at ipinaliwanag natin na hindi natin dapat kwestyunin ang desisyon ng ating Pangulo sa mga ganyang klaseng pagkakataon sapagkat we have to assume that he has the interest of our people in our country, declaring martial law and making that bold, singular, personal decision. Hindi na natin puwedeng hilingin pa na ikonsulta muna iyon kanino pa man. Sabi niya, “Ito ay desisyon ko sapagkat mayroon akong pinagbabasehan at ako ang mananagot sapagkat ito ay isinasaad ng ating Saligang Batas.”

We thanked him for that. We appreciated him for that, acting decisively even on a point of questionable condition. As many people reacted, no less than the former President Ramos reacted, questioning the wisdom, the timeliness or untimeliness of putting the whole of Mindanao under martial law. But, in spite of that, there are many of us who came out openly supporting the President in this decision. But the news item in last night's television program and today's print media definitely should bother all of us in Congress, especially, sapagkat iyong sinabi niyang, “Maski na Kongreso ay hindi ko pakikilingan. Ang militar lang ang

magde-decide kung kailan tatapusin ang batas militar sa Mindanao.”

Mr. Speaker, the Constitution today is a different Constitution in 1972 when Mr. Marcos decided to place the whole nation under a one-man rule and military rule. That was a different Constitution and he tried his best to abide by the constitutional limitations at that time. But, in spite of the wisdom of the former President Marcos who might be motivated by the most noble and patriotic sense, had stressed that he was saving the Republic because, otherwise, we could disintegrate in the hands of the communists who were already knocking on the doors of Metro Manila. But even with that assurance, and even with that effort to implement the constitutional guarantee of freedom and democracy in the land, he fell to the temptation of abusing the power and in making true once again that power, corruption—absolute power and corruption—absolutely, we witnessed uncontrolled corruption in the bureaucracy causing almost the collapse of the Philippine economy in 1986.

G. Ispiker, iyong tinuran ng ating Pangulo ay dapat nating hingian ng paliwanag. At the very least, iyon ba ang kaniyang talagang intensyon na itabi ang ating Saligang Batas at hindi siya susunod sa limitasyon na isinasaad ngayon ng ating Konstitusyon, that the declaration of martial law in Mindanao should only be good for 60 days, and after that he has to come to Congress and justify its continuation if he so desires? And only with the permission of Congress, will he be able to continue with martial law in Mindanao and without violating the fundamental law of the land? Sapagkat kung hindi po niya ikokonsulta sa ating Kongreso at hindi siya susunod sa opinyon ng ating Korte Suprema ay, practically, parang sinabi niyang, “Wala akong pakialam sa inyong lahat. Gagawin ko ang gusto kong gawin. Ang martial law ay mananatili kung iyan ang gugustuhin ng aking militar.”

Mr. President—I am addressing myself to President Duterte—this is not your military. Hindi po inyo iyang militar. Iyan po ay militar ng buong bansang Pilipinas at militar na dapat ay nagtatanggol sa interes ng bawat Pilipino. So, if it is true that he said he issued a statement, then we are denouncing it to the highest level as unconstitutionally intended and, definitely, should not be supported by every Filipino.

Ako po ay dumaaan sa lahat ng mga gipit na pagkakataon magmula po noong bago mag-batas militar. Kami po ay binato ng granada sa Plaza Miranda. The writ of habeas corpus was suspended and right after that we were all hunted down upon suspicion of anything. You could disappear in the face of the earth, and after that, the rest is history.

On September 23, 1972, one year after, the whole nation was placed under martial law. But the Constitution then provided that it could be done, that the whole nation could be placed under martial law.

But the Constitution today does not allow that, because it is very clear that he can only declare martial law with the consent, understanding and support of the people represented by the duly-elected Members of Congress. So, to say that he will not end martial law contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, that 60 days is the maximum number of days where he can wield singular power, military power in Mindanao, is unconstitutional.

Alam ko naman—siguro alam ninyo iyan sapagkat magaling na abogado ang ating Pangulo. Alam ko naman na mayroon din siyang pagtingin sa ating kapakanan sapagkat ipinakita na niya sa paglaban sa droga, ngayon, sa paglaban sa mga sandatahang grupo sa Mindanao. Iyong pagtataya niya ng kaniyang sariling buhay dito sa desisyong ito ay palatandaan na siya ay mayroon din namang tunay na kabayanihan.

Mr. President, President Duterte, you cannot violate the Constitution no matter how good the intention you have. As somebody said, “the road to hell is full of good intentions” and you have no monopoly of love of country and good intentions, Mr. Speaker. Every Filipino, I believe, loves his country. Every Member of Congress, definitely, is committed to defend our nation from any threat of insurrection or rebellion. So, it is not fair, at this point to even disarm this Congress of duly elected Members to be told not to insist on anything because he will not follow whatever Congress says.

Mr. Speaker, I call on the President today to clarify that statement, lest we all go in different directions. We want to unite behind him. We want him to put an end to the eye of rebellion in Marawi. We want him to put an end to the problem of our communist brothers who have been in the hills for the past 50 years. We want peace in our country. We want prosperity in the Philippines, no less, for a better life for every Filipino be the primary objective of this decision that he did. But, definitely, he should dissociate whatsoever from the suspicion lurking in the minds of doubtful Filipinos, that all of this is just meant to perpetuate one, indefinitely, in power.

Kami ay kumakatok sa kaniyang damdamin at sa kaniyang isipan. Liwanagin po niya ang statement na iyan before we misunderstand totally his genuine intention. The Filipinos, I believe, will not allow a repetition of 1972 which lasted up to 1986. We will not allow, again, the economy to be endangered so that we may never be able to recover the previous standing of our economic condition. The Philippines used to be number two in economy in Asia, competing with Japan. We were once-upon-a-time number one in all the sports in the world because we are definitely a gifted nation and a gifted people.

Ang Pilipino ay maituturing na masipag, matalino, magaling. Ang ating kababaihan—pinakamagandang babae sa balat ng lupa,

pinakamasisipag na tao sa balat ng lupa. Pilipino ang nagpapatakbo ng lahat ng mga higanteng bapor sa buong mundo. Pilipino. Huwag po naman ninyo sanang sayangin ang plano ng Panginoon sa atin. Ang plano ng Panginoon sa Pilipino ay maging masaya, maunlad sa loob ng kaniyang pamilya at sa kaniyang matahimik na tahanan. And, martial law, indefinite martial law, and martial law all over the country, definitely, is not the way to accomplish these plan and gifts of the Almighty.

Hihintayin ko po ang paliwanag ng Malacañang at sana ay magkaroon ng kaliwanagan na hindi ganoon ang ibig sabihin ng ating Pangulo. Ako ay nakikiusap sa kaniya. Dapat lang ayusin niya ang gusot na iyan sapagkat marami pong mga kababayan natin ang hindi tatanggap ng ganyang klaseng pag-iisip at para po naman sa kapakanan ng ating nagsisikap na ekonomiya, to send the message to all the world and in every corner of the world that in this country, we have the rule of law, we have a constitutional government, we have democracy thriving and it cannot be trampled upon by anyone.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker, sa pagkakataong ito.

Ito po ay nanggagaling sa puso ng inyong lingkod, at alam ko, marami sa inyo ay ganoon din ang damdamin.

Salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Atienza to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Privilege Hour is suspended.

ROLL CALL

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll of Members.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). 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. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

PRESENT

Abayon	Calixto-Rubiano
Abellanos	Caminero
Abu	Campos
Abueg	Cari
Acop	Castelo
Acosta	Castro (F.L.)
Acosta-Alba	Castro (F.H.)
Advincula	Catamco
Agarao	Cerilles
Aggabao	Chipeco
Albano	Co
Alejano	Cojuangco
Almario	Collantes
Almonte	Cortes
Alvarez (F.)	Cortuna
Alvarez (M.)	Cosalan
Alvarez (P.)	Cua
Amatong	Cuaresma
Angara-Castillo	Cueva
Antonio	Dalipe
Aragones	Daza
Arbison	De Jesus
Arcillas	De Venecia
Arenas	De Vera
Atienza	Defensor
Bagatsing	Del Mar
Baguilat	Del Rosario
Banal	Deloso-Montalla
Barzaga	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Bataoil	Durano
Batocabe	Dy
Bautista-Bandigan	Elago
Belaro	Erice
Belmonte (F.)	Eriguel
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ermita-Buhain
Belmonte (R.)	Escudero
Bernos	Espina
Bertiz	Estrella
Biazon	Evardone
Billones	Fariñas
Biron	Fernando
Bolilia	Ferrer (J.)
Bondoc	Flores
Bordado	Fortuno
Bravo (A.)	Fuentebella
Bravo (M.V.)	Garbin
Brosas	Garcia (G.)
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (J.E.)
Cagas	Garin (R.)
Calderon	Gasataya

Gatchalian	Ramos
Geron	Relampagos
Go (A.C.)	Revilla
Go (M.)	Roa-Puno
Gonzaga	Robes
Gonzales (A.P.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (M.)
Hernandez	Roman
Herrera-Dy	Romualdez
Hofer	Romualdo
Jalosjos	Roque (H.)
Kho	Roque (R.)
Khonghun	Sacdalan
Labadlabad	Sahali
Lacson	Salceda
Lagman	Salimbangon
Lanete	Salo
Laogan	Salon
Lee	Sambar
Limkaichong	Sandoval
Lobregat	Santos-Recto
Lopez (B.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Savellano
Loyola	Sema
Madrona	Siao
Manalo	Silverio
Mangaoang	Singson
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suansing (E.)
Marcoleta	Suansing (H.)
Marcos	Suarez
Mariño	Sy-Alvarado
Marquez	Tambunting
Martinez	Tan (A.)
Mercado	Tan (M.)
Nava	Teves
Nieto	Ting
Noel	Tinio
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tolentino
Nolasco	Tugna
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tupas
Oaminal	Ty
Olivarez	Umali
Ong (E.)	Unabia
Ortega (P.)	Ungab
Ortega (V.N.)	Unico
Pacquiao	Uy (J.)
Palma	Uy (R.)
Pancho	Vargas
Pichay	Vargas-Alfonso
Pimentel	Velasco
Pineda	Velasco-Catera
Primicias-Agabas	Veloso
Quimbo	Vergara
Radaza	Villanueva
Ramirez-Sato	Villaraza-Suarez

Villarica	Yu
Villarin	Zamora (R.)
Violago	Zarate
Yap (M.)	Zubiri

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 220 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With 220 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move to recognize the Hon. Antonio L. Tinio of the ACT TEACHERS Party-List for his parliamentary inquiry.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Hon. Antonio Tinio is hereby recognized.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek clarification on a matter in the Reference of Business, specifically the report from the President relative to Proclamation No. 216, dated 23 May 2017, entitled: Declaring a State of martial law and Suspending the Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus in the Whole of Mindanao, which the Speaker has referred to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. Speaker, gusto ko pong malinawan kung ano po ang aksyon na gagawin ng Kongresong ito sa report ng Pangulo kaugnay sa deklarasyon ng martial law at suspension ng writ of habeas corpus. Mr. Speaker, hindi po karaniwang report o komunikasyon ito ng Presidente. Dahil dito ay hindi rin po ito maaaring tratuhin bilang pangkaraniwang report lamang ng Kongreso na kailangang dumaan sa regular na proseso ng Committee on Rules, tapos referral sa komite at iba pa.

Marami na pong mga kababayan natin, kasama na ang mga constituents natin, ang nagtatanong kung bakit hindi pa nagtatawag ng joint session ang House of Representatives at Senate upang suriin, pagdebatehan, at kung kinakailangan, ay pagbotohan kung babawiin ba ang deklarasyon ng Presidente ng martial law sapagkat iyan po ang malinaw na tungkulin na iniaatang ng Konstitusyon sa Kongresong ito, bilang isa sa dalawang institusyon na dapat na magsilbi bilang tagapanatili ng checks and balances sa paggamit ng Presidente ng kaniyang di-pangkaraniwang kapangyarihan sa pagdeklara ng martial law.

Lalong mahalaga po, Mr. Speaker, na mailinaw sa publiko kung ano ang gagawin ng Kapulungang ito dahil ayon sa mga news reports, ang Senado ay kasalukuyang dinidinig na o tumatanggap na ng briefing mula sa Executive branch kaugnay sa ulat ng Presidente. Sa madaling sabi po, pagkatanggap nila ng ulat sa

unang pagkakataon ay hinarap na po nila ang usaping ito. In other words, it is an extraordinary and urgent situation when the President declares martial law, and we cannot—this Chamber cannot just act as though it is business as usual, Mr. Speaker. Lalo pa po at sa aking pagbasa ng report ng Presidente, at lahat tayo ay binigyan na, sa unang pagtingin pa lang ay, para sa akin, malinaw na po na hindi sapat na nabigyang katuwiran ...

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker ...

REP. TINIO. ... ng Presidente ang kanyang ...

REP. FARIÑAS. ... point of order.

REP. TINIO. ... pagdeklara ng martial law.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Point of order.

REP. TINIO. Kaya, Mr. Speaker, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What is the point of order?

REP. TINIO. ... ang tanong ko po ay ang paghingi ng paglilinao.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What is the point of order, Majority Leader?

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, this matter has been referred by the Chair to the Committee on Rules. Under our Rules, any matter pending in the committee cannot be discussed here on the floor. I gave my word to the Gentleman that I will convene the Committee on Rules right now, immediately, and I am—this shall serve as a notice to the members of the Committee on Rules that we shall meet at the conference room of the Majority Leader at five o'clock p.m., or five minutes from now. Then I will come back and submit the decision of the Committee on Rules on this matter.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.L.). The Chair sustains the position of the Majority Leader.

REP. TINIO. Thank you for that, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Majority Leader.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.L.). What is the pleasure of the Floor Leader?

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of the following measures:

1. House Bill No. 3182, re providing for the people's initiative to amend the Constitution, from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments to the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms;

2. House Bill No. 3278, re abolishing the Road Board created by virtue of Republic Act No. 8794 and transferring its powers and functions to the Department of Public Works and Highways and to the Department of Transportation, from the Committee on Public Works and Highways to the Committees on Government Reorganization and Public Works and Highways; and

3. House Bill Nos. 434 and 3356, re strengthening the Veterinary Quarantine Services of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, from the Committee on Agriculture and Food to the Committees on Government Reorganization and Agriculture and Food.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of some of our colleagues in the plenary, starting off with the guests of Hon. Salvio B. Fortuno of the Fifth District of Camarines Sur, namely: the Officers and Members of the Liga ng mga Barangays of Nabua, Camarines Sur, headed by Liga President Hon. Ruben D. Pasion.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.L.). Please rise. (*Applause*)

You are all welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. ROA-PUNO. We also have the guests of the distinguished Deputy Speaker from the Second District of Batangas, Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu. We have the Barangay Captains from the municipality of San Pascual, Second Legislative District of Batangas, headed by Barangay Captain Antonio Cusi.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.L.). Please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. ROA-PUNO. The Hon. Rico B. Geron of the AGAP Party-List, the Hon. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph. D. and the Hon. Sabiniano S. Canama of the COOP-NATCCO Party-List, we would also like to recognize their guests in the gallery, consisting of the following: the Philippine Cooperative Center or PCC, Federation of Cooperative Workers Organization, Cooperative Union of Taguig and Pateros, Valenzuela

Development Cooperative, Holy Cross Savings and Credit Cooperative, Barangka Credit Cooperative, Cooperative Union of Marikina City, Northern Luzon Cooperative and Development Center, Western Visayas Alliance of Cooperatives or WEVAC, Tagalog Cooperative Development Center, Federation of People's Sustainable Development Cooperative, Sacred Heart of Jesus Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Sta. Quiteria St. Francis Parish Credit Cooperative, and the National Cooperative Development Council.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.L.). Please rise. (*Applause*) You are all welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 94, dated May 24, 2017.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROA-PUNO. I move to suspend the session, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.L.). The session is suspended.

It was 4:59 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:56 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. L.) The session is resumed.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. L.) The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to report the result of the meeting of the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. L.) The Majority Leader may proceed.

REP. FARIÑAS. In relation to the receipt of the report of the President relative to Proclamation No. 216 or martial law, entitled: Declaring a State

of Martial Law and Suspending the Privilege of the Writ of Habeas in the Whole of Mindanao, dated May 23, 2017, which was referred to the Committee on Rules today, May 29, 2017, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Rule XVIII, Section 137 of the Rules of the House, I move that the House be constituted as a Committee of the Whole, in order for the House to conduct an executive briefing with the various department heads of the Executive in relation to Proclamation No. 216.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. L.) Is there any objection? (*Silence*)

REP. LAGMAN. Objection.

REP. TINIO. I object, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. L.) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. LAGMAN. Objection.

REP. TINIO. I object. Objection.

REP. LAGMAN. Objection. I object, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TINIO. I object, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. L.) The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for a division of the House.

REP. LAGMAN. But before we do that, can we be heard on the basis of our objection?

REP. FARIÑAS. The Gentleman may be given five minutes to explain his ground for the objection, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. L.) On motion of the Majority Leader, Rep. Edcel C. Lagman is given three minutes to explain.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully object to the motion of the distinguished Majority Leader to convert the House into a Committee of the Whole to have an executive session to hear the briefing of the members of the Cabinet and relevant agencies.

My objection is anchored on the following overriding reasons: one, the Constitution does not require the conversion of the House into a Committee of the Whole, but the Constitution mandates that the House

of Representatives and the Senate must jointly vote on whether or not to revoke the proclamation of martial law by a vote of an absolute majority of all Members of the Senate and of the House. In other words, this process would involve a joint session. Number two, Mr. Speaker, it is of critical immediacy that this joint session be held soonest because it is manifested in the Constitution that it should be done.

First, the President is given only 48 hours to report to Congress his declaration of martial law and he has complied with that already. Why only 48 hours? So that Congress could immediately meet in joint session to assess the President's proclamation of martial law and to find out and decide whether or not to revoke the same. Second, the Constitution also provides that if Congress is not in session, it shall meet in joint session without need of any call within 24 hours from said proclamation. This underscores the critical immediacy of conducting a joint voting through a joint session. But this important reason is more underscored by the fact that the Congress is not on recess. It is on regular session. So with more reason we should act with utmost alacrity. Third, the declaration of martial law is effective immediately. It is now being enforced in the island of Mindanao. Hence, there must be no undue delay in the congressional assessment of the declaration's merits, factual basis and territorial coverage.

The reported individual opinions of Members of Congress that they are not disposed to revoke the declaration must not be used as an alibi by the leadership of both Chambers not to convene because there is a need for a collective decision of a majority of all Members voting jointly, whether to junk or delimit the martial law imposition. We cannot validate the separate and individual persuasion or opinion of the Members of the House and of the Senate if we do not have a joint session and vote jointly accordingly.

The ensuing debates in the joint session will accord the people the opportunity to know the pros and cons of the declaration of martial law, particularly, from the political opposition and the independent-minded members of the super majority. This process of having a Committee of the Whole, in executive session will deprive the public of knowing exactly what were the reasons for which martial law was imposed, and it will also deny the political opposition and the members of the super majority who are like-minded to expose the lack of merit, the lack of factual validity of the imposition of martial law.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, the briefings to be conducted by members of the Cabinet and by relevant agencies must be held in conjunction with the joint session, not separate from the joint session. So, we call on the House leadership, as well as the Senate leadership to exercise their constitutional obligation to call for a joint session and to call a joint voting,

not a Committee of the Whole of the House only, and not a separate briefing, which is supposed to be in executive session, which would deny the public and the media the opportunity to find out what is happening in that executive session. There should be transparency in a joint session, Mr. Speaker. There should be an opportunity for the people to know the pros and cons of the declaration of martial law, particularly its factual basis. For all of those reasons, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully object to the composition of the Committee of the Whole according to the distinguished Majority Leader.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I raised an objection.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, may I be given a chance to reply to the objection.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.L.). The Chair reminds Congressman Tinio that Congressman Lagman still has the floor.

REP. TINIO. I submit, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Congressman Lagman may proceed. Is the Gentleman through?

REP. FARIÑAS. The Gentleman just ended his piece. May I reply, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The parliamentary status now is that we are about to divide the House on the motion of the Majority Leader to convert the House into a Committee of the Whole. Unless the Majority Leader wishes to respond, then we will divide the House. What is the pleasure of the Majority Leader?

REP. FARIÑAS. May I respond, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Please proceed. The Majority Leader has three minutes.

REP. FARIÑAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Gentleman from Albay read into the record some statements not contained in the Constitution. He stated that Congress within 24 hours should convene in joint session. Let me read the Constitution, as worded.

Article VII, Section 18 of the Constitution provides:

The President shall be the Commander-in-Chief of all armed forces of the Philippines and whenever it becomes necessary, he may call out such armed forces to prevent or suppress lawless violence, invasion or rebellion. In case

of invasion or rebellion, when the public safety requires it, he may, for a period not exceeding sixty days, suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus or place the Philippines or any part thereof under martial law xxx.

That is what the President has done. He has that power to place the whole country or any part of the Philippines under martial law or suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus for a period not exceeding 60 days. That is what is contained in Presidential Proclamation No. 216.

Section 18 continues:

Within forty-eight hours from the proclamation of martial law or the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, the President shall submit a report in person or in writing to the Congress.

The President proclaimed martial law at Philippine time, Tuesday, at 10 o'clock in the evening. At 9:55 in the evening of Thursday, he submitted in writing his report to no less than the Senate President and the Speaker of the House.

The next sentence of the provision states:

The Congress, voting jointly, by a vote of at least a majority of all its Members in regular or special session, may revoke such proclamation or suspension, which revocation shall not be set aside by the President.

The President has the power to proclaim martial law in the entire country or any part thereof, but Congress may revoke such proclamation.

The next sentence states:

Upon the initiative of the President, the Congress may, in the same manner, extend such proclamation or suspension for a period to be determined by the Congress, if the invasion or rebellion shall persist and public safety requires it.

That is the second instance when Congress has to act if it wants to extend. The first instance is, if it wants to revoke; and second, if it wants to extend the period of the proclamation. This is the sentence referred to by the Gentleman from Albay which he twisted.

The Constitution says:

The Congress, if not in session, shall, within twenty-four hours following such proclamation or suspension, convene in accordance with its rules without need of a call.

It does not say that we should convene in joint

session. The Constitution does not say so. That is his interpretation of the Constitution.

In accordance with our rules, we are a bicameral Congress. We convene separately. The Senate has convened, and in fact, there was no need to convene because we are in session and will be in session until Wednesday. That provision applies only, for example, if the President proclaimed martial law while we are adjourned, say by June 1; then within 24 hours, we will have to convene separately in accordance with our own Rules.

We convene, Mr. Speaker, as the House of Representatives. In fact, the Senate already took up this measure and they met in executive session. Why in executive session? Because we will be listening to the commanders on the ground, they will be briefing us where the enemies are, what are their courses of action, what are their plans of action. We cannot announce that to the public. That is why initially, we will have a Committee of the Whole, Mr. Speaker, so that everyone will hear whatever discussions will be done. In fact, I will amend my motion. It will not be necessarily an executive session, Mr. Speaker. We will listen first to them, but if the testimony becomes something delicate, then we will exclude everybody if the resource persons will say that this is involving national security, we will do so.

I reiterate, Mr. Speaker, my motion that we call the Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., here in this Session Hall to receive and discuss and consider the report of the President.

I also move, Mr. Speaker, that the following be invited: Exec. Sec. Salvador C. Medialdea; Sec. Vitaliano N. Aguirre II of the Department of Justice; Sec. Emmanuel F. Piñol of the Department of Agriculture; Sec. Mark A. Villar of the Department of Public Works and Highways; Sec. Silvestre H. Bello III of the Department Labor and Employment; Sec. Delfin N. Lorenzana of the Department of National Defense; Sec. Paulyn Jean B. Rosell-Ubial of the Department of Health; Sec. Ramon M. Lopez of the Department of Trade and Industry; Sec. Judy M. Taguiwalo of the Department of Social Welfare and Development; Sec. Catalino S. Cuy, OIC of the Department of the Interior and Local Government; Sec. Wanda Corazon T. Teo of the Department of Tourism; Sec. Arthur P. Tugade of the Department of Transportation; Sec. Alfonso G. Cusi of the Department of Energy; Sec. Rodolfo A. Salalima of the Department of Information and Communications Technology; Sec. Hermogenes C. Esperon Jr. of the Office of the National Security Adviser.

In addition to that, may we also invite the following: Gov. Mujiv Hataman of the ARMM; Court Administrator Midas Marquez; and the Commission on Human Rights.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I raise an objection

earlier and I would like to be given time to explain my objection.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Members of the House...

REP. FARIÑAS. I now move that we divide the House, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. TINIO. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What is the point of order?

We are in the process of voting.

REP. TINIO. May I cite Section 137 of our Rules in Constituting a Committee. It states that the "House may constitute itself into a Committee of the Whole on motion of the Majority Leader to act upon a bill or resolution."

Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that the motion of the distinguished Majority Leader pertains to a specific bill or resolution, but it pertains specifically to the report of the President. Clearly, the situation is not covered in our rules on constituting the Committee of the Whole.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I beg to disagree because this was referred to the Committee on Rules and the Committee on Rules is sponsoring this resolution of considering the report of the President.

I thought they want to discuss this report and that is the proper forum to discuss this report—in a Committee of the Whole—so that we can start at nine in the morning and not affect our legislative agenda in the afternoon during plenary session. We have pending certified bills. By the way, we are in receipt, as a point of information only, of a letter from Secretary Medialdea, relaying a letter from the President certifying as urgent House Bill No. 5636. So we cannot be discussing the issue at hand while we are in session because we will lose time.

I reiterate, Mr. Speaker...

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. FARIÑAS. We are in the process of voting, I move that we constitute a Committee of the Whole now.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I made a point of order...

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The parliamentary status now is that the House is about to vote on the motion to constitute the House as a Committee of the Whole. Congressman Edcel Lagman objected and he was given the opportunity to support his objection.

On the other hand, the Majority Leader was also given the opportunity to respond; therefore, issues have already been joined.

REP. LAGMAN. Not yet, Mr. Speaker. Let me just rebut some of the contentions of the distinguished Majority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The ruling of the Chair is that we will now divide the House.

REP. LAGMAN. He accused me of twisting the Rules, the Constitution. I did not.

I was quoting the exact provisions of the Constitution, but I interpreted what I quoted by saying that the Congress has to convene. If it has to convene, it has to make a joint votation. And if it has to make a joint votation, there must be a joint session. We cannot avoid a constitutional duty of voting jointly on whether or not to revoke the President's proclamation or delimit its territorial coverage.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With the most recent discourse of Congressman Lagman, he has already explained and clarified his position in rebuttal to the position of the Majority Leader.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I made a point of order and it has not been ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Now, we are about to divide the House.

REP. TINIO. ... disposed of by the Chair. I state that for the record, Mr. Chair.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). An *aye* vote will approve the motion of the Majority Leader, and a *nay* vote will disapprove the same.

As many as in favor to constitute the House as a Committee of the Whole, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). As many as are against to constitute the House as a Committee of the Whole, please say *nay*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The ayes have it; the motion is approved.

Pursuant to Rule XVIII, Section 138 of the Rules of the House, the Majority Leader, Rodolfo Castro Fariñas, is hereby designated as the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5636

Continuation

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 5636, contained in Committee Report No. 229, as reported out by the Committee on Ways and Means.

May we request that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5636, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5, 6, 22, 24, 25, 31, 33, 34, 79, 84, 86, 99, 106, 107, 108, 109, 116, 148, 149, 155, 171, 232, 237, 238, 264 AND 288; CREATING NEW SECTIONS 148-A, 150-A, 237-A, 264-A, 264-B AND 265-A; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 35 AND 62, ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status is that we are still in the period of sponsorship and debate. For that, I move that we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Hon. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, for the sponsorship of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Honorable Dakila Cua is hereby recognized for the sponsorship of the measure.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, we are done with the sponsorship speeches. We will just continue with the sponsorship and the interpellations on the Bill.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from AKBAYAN, the Hon. Tomasito "Tom" S. Villarín, for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Cong. Tomasito S. Villarín is hereby recognized.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Dep. Majority Leader.

As a prefatory statement, Mr. Speaker, AKBAYAN is supportive of a progressive system of taxation. The proposed measure now before the House has the elements of a progressive system of taxation. But I would just like to point out certain sections and propose some questions to our distinguished Sponsor. Will the distinguished Sponsor allow an interpellation of the substitute Bill on tax reform?

REP. CUA. Yes, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, we would welcome any questions.

REP. VILLARIN. Well, distinguished Sponsor, on the recent pronouncement of the President about his declaration of martial law that he will only follow the AFP and the PNP and no longer the Congress, are we assured that the tax revenues to be generated under this proposed measure will redound to the benefit of the greater majority of our people and not for a martial law administration? Are we assured of that, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor?

REP. CUA. Yes, Mr. Speaker, as the House of the people has the power of the purse, therefore, this institution has command over appropriations and budgeting as well as taxation.

REP. VILLARIN. So, we will not allow any misuse of our revenues just to support any abuses that will be committed, possibly, under a martial law regime.

REP. CUA. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. Now, being assured of that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to go to specific sections of the proposed tax measure.

Under Section 6, with reference to tax on trust funds, the proposed measure pegs this tax at 20 percent. In the government's efforts to raise revenue through a progressive taxation scheme, the tax rate for trust funds used exclusively by the wealthy should be higher. In the U.S. system of taxation, which is notoriously skewed at the moment, trusts can be taxed up to 39.6 percent. Do you think that raising the tax on trust funds will benefit

the poor more and would rather say that our system of taxation now would really be a progressive one? Would you support an increase on the tax rate for trust funds, Mr. Sponsor, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, the tax on trust funds is not touched upon by this measure, but if our dear colleague would like to introduce an amendment, we are open to his proposals. My only comment is that, I believe, historically, that the tax on trust funds has not generated much revenues in as much as not a lot of Filipinos actually established trust funds even among the wealthy families of our society.

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, but would the distinguished Sponsor support such measure in specifically targeting not just perhaps trust funds but also other sources of funds being held by the wealthy, by the rich?

REP. CUA. Yes, Mr. Speaker, in fact, I was informed by our DOJ representatives that they intend to submit to this Chamber proposals on package four in a future tax measure.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, in the same vein that I raised this issue of progressive taxation on trust funds, I also question why the estate tax rate has been lowered from a variable rate that can reach up to 20 percent, to an across-the-board 6 percent tax rate. A high inheritance tax rate, especially when the value of inherited assets is high, is the key to a progressive tax system. This government or any government has that responsibility to look after social justice and growth that skews income distribution towards the poorest sectors, not ensuring that the children of rich parents need not have to work or earn their way in life. So, I am now proposing that, perhaps, can the good Sponsor look into increasing the estate tax if we would say that this tax measure is really progressive and for the poor, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor?

REP. CUA. Thank you for that question, distinguished colleague. Ang katotohanan po kasi nakita natin sa datos na dahil sa mas mataas na estate tax marami sa mga ari-arian o property ng ating mga mas mahihirap na kababayan ang naiipit sa sistema dahil po hindi nila makayanang ma-settle ang kanilang obligasyon sa estate tax. Kaya po minarapat ng DOJ na i-adjust ang estate tax to a level equal to that of capital gains para po hindi na po magpatuloy ang practice of arbitrage, at the same time, maging mas magaan ang pasanin noong mga kababayan nating namatayan ng kanilang pamilya.

REP. VILLARIN. So, ang ibig sabihin, distinguished

Sponsor, dapat mas mataas ang gagawin nating inheritance tax doon sa mas malaking amount ng capital gains or the value of the estate, ganoon ho ba ang panukala?

REP. CUA. Ang panukala po ay ibinaba natin ang estate tax para magpareho sa capital gain tax para hindi na po magpatuloy ang tax arbitrage, at the same time, para po mas magaan para sa mga kababayan natin lalo na iyong mahihirap upang hindi maipit ang kanilang mga ari-arian o property dahil lang po hindi nila makayanan ang kanilang obligasyon sa pagbayad ng napakalaking estate tax.

REP. VILLARIN. Pero ang implikasyon din nito, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, ay ang makikinabang din doon sa pagbaba ay iyong mga mayayamang may estate o may inheritance mula sa kanilang pamilya.

REP. CUA. Ang lahat po ng ating mga kababayan ay makikinabang sa sistemang ganito, G. Ispiker, kasi po ang nangyayari, kapag ang mahihirap ay hindi makapag-settle ng kanilang obligasyon, sila po ay napipilitang ibenta ang kanilang ari-arian nang palugi para lamang po ma-settle na ang kanilang obligasyon sa taxes at ang nakikinabang din po doon sa ganoong situwasyon ay ang mayayaman dahil nagigipit nga po ang mahihirap na walang pambayad ng kanilang estate tax; napipilitan nilang ibenta ang kanilang ari-arian kaya po gusto nating bigyan ng lunas ang problemang ito.

REP. VILLARIN. Hindi ho ba puwedeng magkaroon ng two-tier ang sistema ng estate, inheritance tax para lang masabi natin na iyong mayayaman ay mata-tax po natin na kaakibat doon sa totoong value ng kanilang property?

REP. CUA. Ang aming pangamba, G. Ispiker, ay kung lilikha tayo ng two-tier estate tax, baka lalo pong magkaroon ng tax arbitrage at misdeclaration sa larangan ng estate tax na ipapakitang mas mababa ang value when, in fact, hindi naman para makaiwas po sa buwis. So, a two-tier estate tax will be very difficult to administer and will make the system prone to abuse.

REP. VILLARIN. Well, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, I submit to that wisdom. But, again, because my reiterations is that we need a progressive system of taxation, we must find out ways that the target for our taxation will really also affect in a way proportional to the value of, let us say, the value of the wealth of individuals or of corporations. So, iyon lang ho, para hindi masasabi na ang makikinabang

lang dito ay iyong mayayaman at ang nata-tax pala natin ay iyong mahihirap, especially ho dito sa ating comprehensive tax reform package—nandiyan ho iyong tama din ng mga excise taxes. But I would not go to the excise taxes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor. I would just, specifically, also commend the good Sponsor for the amendments that were adopted in relation to the exemption on cooperatives. We also oppose the repeal of the tax exemptions for cooperatives. While cooperative governance can be improved to make sure it truly benefits the poor, cooperatives can make an important contribution to our vision of an inclusive economy, where the people own and control the means of production.

On another note, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, I also commend that part of Section 13, wherein it no longer deems the husband as the head of the household when it comes to claiming exemptions with respect to any dependent children. Again, this is a progressive measure, this section that unburdens women, especially single parents who have been gaining income but cannot claim exemptions because the measure automatically gives the exemption to the father being deemed as the head of the household. And, this section, incidentally, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, is similar to my Bill filed that will do away with the father's automatic right to claim his children as dependents. I would hope that this Chamber, the good Sponsor, can support to have this measure, specific measure, be made finally into law.

Now, on the issue of the SSBs, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, originally, the tax on SSB was deemed as a health measure. Is that correct to say, distinguished Sponsor, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CUA. Yes, Mr. Speaker, tama po.

REP. VILLARIN. Now, because this measure is now integrated into the package one, am I right to assume that the health measure has been set aside in favor of this tax to be just a revenue-generation measure? Would that be correct to say, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor?

REP. CUA. Hindi pa rin po, Mr. Speaker, Ginoong Kinatawan. Ito pa rin po ay nananatiling isang health measure.

REP. VILLARIN. Ang ibig sabihin ho natin dito, doon ho sa tax na P10 per liter of sugar or sweetener, itong P10 po ay exclusively mapupunta lang sa mga health-related, medical-related na mga benefits. Hindi ho ba ito magiging part ng isang general fund for infrastructure and other projects?

REP. CUA. Mayroon ...

REP. VILLARIN. Would it be correct to say that this assumption will hold true for this tax measure?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, Ginoong Kinatawan, ang portion po ng tax on sweetened beverage ay may earmarking para sa health programs, ngunit mayroon din pong portion na mag-a-accrue sa general fund which will be spread throughout the country. When I say, Mr. Speaker, that it is a health measure, it being an excise tax, it is designed to curb a certain behavior in the economy and that behavior that we design to curb is the consumption of excessive sweetened beverages of our citizenry. So, iyon po ang pagiging health measure niya because it is for the purpose of reducing the average consumption of sweetened beverages of our population.

REP. VILLARIN. Doon po sa inyong panukala, in terms of percentages, among percentage of the total SSB tax will directly go to health measures?

REP. CUA. Mayroon pong 15 percent na naka-earmark for health-related programs and—no, sorry, that is 15 percent for the sugar farmers' development and 85 percent for the rest of the other health concerns of the national government.

REP. VILLARIN. Kapag sinabi ho nating health concerns, distinguished Sponsor, does that include building of health infrastructures?

REP. CUA. It may include building of health infrastructure like hospitals, clinics, et cetera.

REP. VILLARIN. Does it include the payment of salaries, wages of health personnel that are badly needed in the countryside?

REP. CUA. If I may read the provision on earmarking, it has four items: number one is operationalization and monitoring of non-tax measures to prevent non-communicable diseases, including regulatory measures on marketing; mandatory labeling on sale of unhealthy food and beverage products; nationwide information and advocacy measures to curb lifestyle related risk factors; direct provisions and incentive-based measures to increase access to and affordability of healthier food and beverage products; and promotion of oral health; number two is the provision of sports facilities for access to potable drinking water for public schools; develop and sustain school-based feeding program, prevention programs and awareness campaigns against obesity, overweight, and dental caries; and other diet-related health awareness programs using educational, environmental, policy and other public health approaches; number

three is the provision of potable drinking water supply in all public places; and last, number four is the funding to enable the Food and Drug Administration to fulfill its mandate of ensuring the safety, efficacy or equality of health products, as defined by R.A. No. 9711, otherwise known as the Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009.

Doon po mapupunta iyong 85 percent, sa apat na balangkas.

REP. VILLARIN. Nabanggit ninyo po, correct me if I am wrong, na kasama din po ba iyong funding for the mental health bill or the proposed law on mental health?

REP. CUA. Mayroon po under item number one, promotion of oral health.

REP. VILLARIN. Promotion of?

REP. CUA. Oral health.

REP. VILLARIN. Oral?

REP. CUA. Yes.

REP. VILLARIN. What I was talking about, distinguished Sponsor, is on the mental health bill which is a priority measure.

REP. CUA. I believe it will—it falls under—it may fall under noncommunicable diseases, under item number one as well.

REP. VILLARIN. May I propose, distinguished Sponsor, Mr. Speaker, can we just make it specific that part of the proceeds from the SSB tax should go to the funding of a mental health bill? Would the Committee, the Sponsor be amenable to such a proposal?

REP. CUA. Well, we can consider at the proper time such a proposal, Mr. Speaker, or proposals for the mental—the Gentleman said mental, Mr. Speaker?

REP. VILLARIN. Mental.

REP. CUA. Mental health bill?

REP. VILLARIN. So, would that proposal be tackled as part of the amendments?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, according to the DOF, although a laudable advocacy, it finds no connection to the sugar-sweetened beverage portion of the Bill. We would, however, be very happy to support such an advocacy during the budget process in order to get proper funding for the mental health bill.

REP. VILLARIN. So, can the Gentleman conclude that scientifically, there is no connection between health-related risks associated with sugar sweeteners to mental health? Can he conclude that there is no scientific basis?

REP. CUA. I am not competent on that matter, Mr. Speaker, and neither is the DOF. Perhaps we can request for an official study from the DOH or ...

REP. VILLARIN. Well, that is why my proposal, Mr. Speaker—because if it is a health-related measure and tax reform, we should not distinguish because maybe there may be no study now, but there might be studies in the future that could connect that. So, let us not be too technical about it. What this Representation is requesting is that we also find means and ways to fund a priority measure of Congress and this government: the mental health bill. So, I am just appealing to the Committee, to the Sponsor that this be considered given that this is a very important measure and we should not resort to technicalities. There is still no study or such on that. So, this is just an appeal to the Committee.

REP. CUA. We accept the appeal of our colleague and we will consider such a proposal, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Sponsor.

On the last issue related to SSB, there are sectors of our society that says the P10 tax is too much, and it will affect the industry, specifically the sugar-producing territories of the Philippines. Can the good Sponsor explicitly assure that the 15 percent—or what would be the other interventions that the Committee can say—that the tax at the sugar-producing regions, I mean, the issues that they raised, the concerns that they raised would be addressed effectively, not just tax measures but other measures that are deemed appropriate for these areas? Because the concern mainly rests on the livelihood, the benefits that would also be taken away from these sugar-producing regions.

REP. CUA. According to our data, Mr. Speaker, karamihan po ng pampatamis na ginagamit ng mga produktong ito ay hindi binibili mula sa ating domestic producers o sa ating mga sugar farmers. Iyon nga po ang nakakalungkot, na sana ang ating mga sugar farmers ang unang bilhan ng pampatamis ng mga malalaking kumpanya na gumagawa ng sugar beverages. Kaya po, ang isang layunin nito ay bigyan ng 15 percent flow back to the sugar farmers na malilikom ng gobyerno mula sa buwis na ito, upang maging mas competitive ang ating sugar production

industry. We can invest this significant amount of money in post-harvest facilities, in credit mechanisms para makautang ang mga farmers natin. We can build more roads linking the farmers to the market and, maybe, even put a certain portion dedicated to research and development so that we can compete and provide subsidy, like what the other parts of the world do with their sugar industry.

REP. VILLARIN. So, sa tingin po ninyo, distinguished Sponsor, Mr. Speaker, itong 15 percent would be enough to allay the fears of our sugar farmers in the sugar-producing regions? That this fund, the revenues generated, would make our sugar-producing regions highly competitive given that 80 percent of sweets or sugar being used in beverages and other products come from domestic sources?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, that will be an amount of about P7 billion, at least, annually, that will be directly used for a subset of our society, and I think is a substantial amount. I cannot determine all the needs of the sugar industry, but I believe that such an amount is really going to be a big boost towards the production development of our sugar farmers.

REP. VILLARIN. Well, I cannot speak for the industry as a whole, distinguished Sponsor, Mr. Speaker, but if I am assured that our farmers would not be left behind because of this excise tax on sugar, their livelihood will not be at stake, then I would say that if that assurance would come from this Committee and it would be translated later in the specific policies and in the budget, I would say that this Representation is confident on such measure. I believe that this measure should be a health measure similar to the Sin Tax Bill on tobacco and alcohol, and in the final version that we will have, this measure should really be intended as originally intended, and not just a pure revenue-generating measure.

With that, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, I would like to say thank you to the Committee Chair, the good Sponsor, for giving me time to interpellate.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor.

REP. CUA. Thank you po. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, before we proceed, may we know if the Gentleman from Manila, the Hon. Manny Lopez, is present for his manifestation or interpellation.

Mr. Speaker, it appears that the Gentleman is not here.

Mr. Speaker, next in our list is the Gentleman from the BUHAY Party-List. May we know if the Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr. is here for his interpellation.

Likewise, Mr. Speaker, the Gentleman is not here. So, may we call on, and I move for his recognition, the Gentleman from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman, for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Cong. Edcel Lagman is hereby recognized for his interpellation.

REP. LAGMAN. I reserved my right to interpellate for the second round, but I have been discussing with the Chairman of the Committee and the representatives from the Department of Finance, and I will just discuss with them, more particularly with Usec Karl, my proposed amendments. We have an appointment tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. so that we could discuss my proposed amendments on the measure. So, I will not avail of the second round of interrogation anymore.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, the manifestation of the Gentleman is well noted.

Next to interpellate, Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the Third District of Negros Oriental, Hon. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Congressman Teves is hereby recognized for his interpellation.

REP. TEVES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon everybody.

I would like to ask the honorable Sponsor if he is open to some questions?

REP. CUA. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TEVES. Okay.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to ask the honorable Sponsor if he confirms that the last time we were here, he mentioned that the tax gap was P408 billion.

REP. CUA. It is P433 billion, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TEVES. Okay, P433 billion. Ang tanong ko ngayon, Mr. Speaker, bakit iyong figure ay eksaktong P433 billion, hindi 425, hindi 440? Saan nanggaling ang figure na ganoon iyong kakulangan

ng koleksyon natin sa Customs duties at sa buwis ng BIR?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, the data came from the BIR and Customs. Sa Customs, kino-compare iyong data from exports to other countries versus the imports of our country. So, iyon ang checks and balances doon. At iyong sa BIR, national accounts and household services are compared to check the data para makikita mo iyong gap, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TEVES. Sa madaling salita, para maintindihan ng lahat ng tao, ng bansang ito, alam ng BIR at alam ng Customs kung magkano iyong kakulangan. Am I correct?

REP. CUA. Tama po.

REP. TEVES. Alam rin ba ng BIR at ng Customs kung saan galing ang pagkukulang?

REP. CUA. Alam din po, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TEVES. So, kung alam nila kung saan iyong nagkukulang, halimbawa, na-measure nila ilan iyong pumasok, ilan iyong lumabas, ibig sabihin, nalalaman din nila kung sino iyong nabuwisan at sino iyong hindi. Sa madaling salita, alam rin nila kung sino iyong nagbabayad at sino iyong hindi. Am I correct to say that?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, tama po iyon pero nakikita nila ang total amount of imports versus the exports of other countries, pero doon sa particular taxpayers, doon po ang difficulty of identification.

REP. TEVES. Hindi ko makuha, Mr. Speaker, kung bakit may difficulty sa pag-identify kung sino because bago natin malaman ang diperensya ng pumasok or diperensya ng nabayaran at hindi nabayaran, alam mo na merong hindi nabayaran. So kung hindi mo malaman kung sino iyon, pwede nating sabihin na kathang-isip lang ng taga-Customs iyong hindi nagbabayad. Meaning, it is just their guess and they are not sure na ganoon talaga, or iyon talaga ang hindi nagbabayad. Does the Gentleman confirm that?

REP. CUA. Hindi po siya hula, Mr. Speaker, kasi nga po, nakuha natin ang datos mula sa ibang bansa, ang kanilang in-export, at nakuha natin ang datos ng total imports dito. Iyong gap between the two numbers is a defined amount. Ang problema po, para mahuli ang isang smuggler kelangan natin ng ebidensya na beyond a reasonable doubt. That is where the system makes it a little bit more difficult.

REP. TEVES. Ganito kasi iyan, Mr. Speaker. Ang sa

akin is, hindi ako naniniwala na kung lahat ng dumaan sa Customs, tinitingnan, binubusisi at binibilang, hindi nila kaya itong buwisan.

I would like to ask the honorable Sponsor, hindi kaya mas malaki iyong kinikita ng mga tauhan doon kung halimbawa ang bayarin ng isang container is P400,000—bayarin iyan sa gobyerno, sabihin niya lang sa tao, “Bigyan mo na lang ako ng P150,000, lusot na iyan.” Hindi kaya iyon ang totoong nangyayari ngayon? Mas madali sa nagpapasok ng mga gamit at mas kumikita iyong mga kurakot na nagbabantay.

REP. CUA. Maaari po. Hindi ko lang po masagot nang may kasiguruhan dahil hindi ko po naman nakikita personally ang nangyayari doon. Ngunit marami tayong nababalitaan unofficially na maaari nga pong ganoon ang nangyayari. That is why, we need this law so that we can have stiffer penalties for those who go around trying to avoid the taxes that they should be paying our government.

REP. TEVES. Ang nakikita ko kasi, Mr. Speaker, ginagawa natin itong batas na ito dahil hindi nila kayang buwisan ang dapat buwisan. At para mapunan ang kakulangan, sisingilin na lang natin ang taumbayan sa mas madaling paraan kahit na pwede naman sana singilin nang tama ang dapat magbayad sa Bureau of Customs at sa BIR.

Next question, Mr. Speaker. Alam ba ng BIR kung sino iyong mga hindi nagbabayad ng tamang buwis dito sa ating bayan?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, according to the BIR, they are trying their best to do both tax admin and tax policy together. So, ang kanilang sagot ay hinahabol nila ang mga tax evaders na sa kanilang paniniwala ay hindi nagbabayad ng tamang buwis.

REP. TEVES. Ang tanong ko Mr. Speaker, hindi kung anong ginagawa ng BIR, kundi, ang tinatanong ko, alam ba nila kung sino ang mga hindi nagbabayad ng tamang buwis sa bayan na ito?

REP. CUA. Yes, according to the BIR, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TEVES. Kung ganoon, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, puwede bang pangalanan nila sila dito sa Kongreso, kahit mga 10 na hindi nagbabayad ng buwis at kung magkano iyong hindi binabayaran ng 10 korporasyon, tao o kung sino man iyong hindi nagbabayad ng buwis, kahit iyong pinakamalaking 10 lang, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, I believe, under our laws, the

identity of taxpayers have to be maintained confidential except po iyong mga may kaso na po na puwede nilang i-divulge. Inaayos lang ang listahan ngayon.

Your Honor, ang nasa listahan na nandito ngayon ay nandiyan po ang Mighty Corporation, nandiyan ang Batangas Enhanced Technology Systems, Inc., nandiyan ang High-Heavy Industrial, Inc., nandiyan ang Diversified Plastic Film System, Inc., at nandiyan din po ang Well-Pack Container Corporation, among others. Puwede po nating ibigay ang listahan sa ating kasamahan.

REP. TEVES. Iyong nabanggit lang na iilan, magkano kaya ang kakulangan noon sa ating gobyerno, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CUA. Nasa P35 billion, approximately po.

REP. TEVES. Thirty-five billion ang kakulangan ng iilan lamang na korporasyon. Ito ang aking sinasabi. Kakulangan ng ilang korporasyon—ilang litro ng softdrinks ang kailangang maubos at mabuwisan ng P10 kada litro para mapunan ang P35 billion na hindi binabayaran ng iilang kumpanya, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CUA. Your Honor, ang sugar-sweetened beverage is a health measure. Ang layunin po ng buwis na ito ay mabawasan ang konsumo ng ating mga kababayan ng mga produktong hindi nakakabuti sa kanilang kalusugan. Iyon po ang pangunahing layunin ng buwis on sugar-sweetened beverages.

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker, ilagay nating health risk ang sinusubukan nating ayusin sa sugar tax. Ilang litro ng krudo, ilang litro ng kerosene ang kailangang ubusin at mabili ng taumbayan na may pataw na mas mataas na buwis para lamang mapunan ang P35 billion na kakulangan sa ating gobyerno dahil lamang sa hindi pagbabayad ng iilang korporasyon o indibidwal, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CUA. Twelve billion liters, Your Honor.

REP. TEVES. See, 12 billion liters. Dahil sa kakulangan ng ilang tao, dinadagdagan natin ang pasanin ng taumbayan. Those 12 billion liters, ang dami na noong maililipat na mga bagay-bagay. Ibig kong sabihin, marami nang mata-transport na bigas, marami nang mata-transport na tao. Dahil sa P35 billion na hindi binayaran ng iilang kumpanya, papasanin ito ng taumbayan dahil lang sa kakulangan ng ibang tao.

Next question, Mr. Speaker, itong mga korporasyon na hindi nagbayad. Ano ang status nila ngayon, nagnenegosyo pa rin? Nakakulong iyong may-ari o tuloy ang ligaya?

REP. CUA. Nasa husgado pa rin po ang mga kaso,

Your Honor, at mareresolba ang kanilang kalagayan depending on the decision of our courts.

REP. TEVES. Iyan ang aking sinasabi, Mr. Speaker. Kung ordinaryong tao ang nagkasala, malamang nakakulong na. Ordinaryong tao, nagkakulang nang konti sa ating gobyerno, malamang nakakulong na. Kung sari-sari store, hindi nakabayad, malamang sarado na. Ano kaya ang rason kung bakit kapag malalaki—ang lalaki ng kulang sa bayan, tuloy ang ligaya, tuloy ang negosyo, walang nakakulong, tumatagal ang kaso sa ating husgado?

What I am trying to drive at, Mr. Speaker, ay sa tingin ko, this Bill was—kausap ko si Majority Leader kanina, this Bill has been certified urgent. Ang tanong ko, nasabihan ba natin ang Presidente na kailangan natin ang batas na ito dahil hindi natin mabuwisan ang mga tax evaders at mga smugglers? Nasabihan ba natin ang Presidente? That is my question, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, baka lingid sa kaalaman ng maraming mga kasamahan natin na hindi lahat ng tax gap ay dahil sa pag-iwas ng buwis. Mayroon pong mga tax gap na nagresulta dahil sa maling polisiya ng ating bayan, at iyon po ang isa sa mga pakay ng ating tax reform. Gusto nating ayusin ang mga mali sa ating sistema para po mas madaling habulin iyong mga umiiwas sa buwis. Gusto nating maging simple at hindi kumplikado ang tax system para iyong mga mas maliliit na taxpayer ay mas madali po at mas magkakaroon sila ng karapatan at mababawasan ang diskresyon ng ating mga BIR officers. Tax gap is a product of a failed system, Mr. Speaker, which is why the tax reform package aims to fix the system.

Tama po ang punto ng aking kasamahan that we need to improve tax administration. Kung makikita po ninyo ang datos, Kagalang-galang na Teves, mula sa datos ay nakikita talaga natin na malaki ang tax gap doon sa high-income members of our society. Siyempre iyong ating kawawang mga kababayan na de-suweldo, alam po naman natin, kaltas ang suweldo at source, kawawa nga po sila, which is why ipinapasá po natin ang batas na ito para iyong mga kinakaltas mula sa kanilang suweldo at source e mas malaki ang kanilang maiuwi, mas maluwa ang kanilang bulsa, mas may pera ang kanilang pamilya at maituwid iyong mga mali sa sistema ng ating taxation system.

Nauunawaan ko ang punto ng ating kasamahan, Mr. Speaker. Lahat naman tayo ay frustrated kapag nakikita nating hindi tama ang koleksiyon ng ating revenue-generating agencies. Pero ang tanong po, Mr. Speaker, dapat bang huwag na lang tayong gumalaw sa nakikita nating maling sistema o dapat po bang subukan natin na gamutin ang mga pagkakamaling ito para naman magkaroon ng kaunting hustisya ang lalo nang mga maliliit na kababayan natin?

Nalaman po ng ating Pangulo. Ipinaliwanag po ng ating Finance Secretary, ng mga ekonomista at research team ng Finance Department ang mga issues ng tax reform. Sabi po ng Pangulo, ang buwis ang siyang gasolina ng ating gobyerno at kung walang gasolina, hindi tatakbo ang gobyerno. Ang gusto po ng ating Pangulo ay magkaroon ng mas matulin na pagtakbo ng gobyerno patungo sa mas magandang buhay ng ating mga kababayan. Para matupad po ang pangarap na ito, kailangan natin ng gasolina. Gasolina na gusto nating kunin mula sa mayayaman habang pinoproteksiyunan ang mahihirap. Mayroon pong mga features ang panukalang ito na magbibigay ng kapangyarihan sa Pangulo para bigyan ng protective services ang ating mga pinakamahihirap na kababayan para po iyong sinasabi ng ating kasamahan mula sa Negros, hindi lalong makawawa iyong dati nang nakakawawa.

Magkasama po tayo, G. Teves, sa ating laban kontra sa korapsyon, kontra sa tax evasion, kontra sa smuggling, at itong panukalang ito, mayroong mga administrative measures din po na humahangad na ma-address iyong inyong mga binabanggit na problema sa ating pagkolekta ng buwis. Hindi lamang ito isang panukala para pigain ang ating taumbayan ngunit ang panukalang ito ay para magbigay ng hustisya sa maling economic structure ng Pilipinas para tayo ay magkaroon ng pag-asa na matupad ang mga pangarap na magkaroon ng mas magandang buhay ang mga Pilipino.

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker, ang sa akin, hindi ko talaga matanggap na ang pagkukulang ng isang malaking korporasyon ay pagbabayaran ng mahihirap na kapatid natin. Ibig kong sabihin, kung tinaasan natin ng buwis iyong fuel, lahat ng taumbayan, mahirap man o mayaman, ay matatamaan. Imposible na hindi aakyat ang presyo ng bigas at presyo ng ibang bilihin kung tumaas ang presyo ng fuel.

Again, kanina sinabi, tax reform package. Hindi kaya tama or mas tama na kolektahin muna natin iyong tax gap na kaya naman talagang kolektahin sa Customs kung gugustuhin at kung kakayanin? I mean, kung gugustuhin, kakayanin at kakayanin iyan. Ang nangyayari kasi ngayon, dahil nga hindi natin makolekta, gumagawa na lang tayo ng ibang buwis para kolektahin na lang sa ibang tao at hindi doon sa nagkulang ang dapat makolekta. Sa ganoong paraan, hindi tama at hindi makatarungan. Bakit ako nagtanong kung alam na ito ni Presidente? Knowing our President, very strong-willed, matapang—kung sinabi mo sa Presidente na ito hindi nagbayad, ito nagpapalusot sa Customs, sa tingin ko ay ipapakolekta ni Presidente iyon at magagalit siya. Sa tingin ko ay makikita niya na mismo na hindi na ito kailangan dahil puwede naman palang makolekta sa mga smuggler ang dapat natin kolektahin pera na kailangan para tumakbo ang ating gobyerno.

My question is, to make it straight, do you think it

is right to tax the ordinary one or the ordinary citizens of this country just because of the tax deficiencies of big corporations of this country? Do you think it is right, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CUA. No, Mr. Speaker. That is not the intention of this Bill and that is not what we are trying to do here. This is about making the system right. Iyong nabanggit ng aking kasamahan, Mr. Speaker, na kapag nagbuwis tayo ng petrolyo ay tatamaan ang lahat, 65 percent ng konsumo ng ating petrolyo ay kinokonsumo ng top 20 percent. Iyan po iyong mga mayayaman sa ating lipunan. At kung iyong binabanggit ng aking kasamahan na ang mayayaman ang umiiwas ng buwis at sila ang pinanggagalingan ng tax gap, hindi ba dapat na sila ang buwisan? Iyan po ang dahilan kung bakit natin isinusulong ang tax reform package, para po magkaroon ng karagdang gasolina ang ating bayan, na ang ating layunin, kunin ang kwartang ito mula sa mga mas maykayang pamilya sa ating bayan. Iyon nga pong mga pinakamahihirap, bibigyan natin ng deskuwento at protective services para hindi nga po sila ang tamaan ng buwis.

Nauunawaan natin ang magandang pangamba ng ating kasamahan na ayaw niyang mapahirapan ang mahihirap sa ating lipunan, na ayaw nilang sila ang sumagot sa mga obligasyon ng malalaking korporasyon, ngunit hindi naman po talaga iyon ang mangyayari. Ang gusto nating panagutin dito, ang gusto nating mangyari sa ating tax reform ay magkaroon ng mas progressive na sistema, ma-expand ang ating middle class, mabigyan ng serbisyo ang ating mga kababayan lalo na iyong mahihirap at iyong mga maykaya naman ay mag-contribute ng mas malaki.

Iyon po ang buod ng ating tax reform package.

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker, we are talking here of fixing the system, ayusin ang sistema. Maitanong ko lang: Mr. Speaker, by doing this so-called tax reform package, gaganda kaya ang koleksiyon ng Customs at ng BIR pagkatapos nito?

REP. CUA. Your Honor, naniniwala kaming aangat ang koleksiyon pagkatapos ng tax reform package.

REP. TEVES. Baka sa BIR umangat dahil may nadagdag na makokolekta. Sa Customs, gaganda kaya ang Customs collection or can we fix the system or do we improve Customs collection by doing the tax reform package?

REP. CUA. Your Honor, marami tayong kailangang ayusin. Kami ay naniniwala na kasama po diyan ang collection ng Customs.

REP. TEVES. May I be enlightened on how this

tax reform package would improve Customs collection. Dahil sa simple kong pag-iisip, hindi ko makita ang koneksiyon na gaganda ang koleksiyon ng Customs dahil sa tax reform package na ito. Baka sa BIR puwede pang umakyat iyong koleksiyon. Sa Customs, wala akong nakikitang relasyon e.

REP. CUA. Ang isang halimbawa nito, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, ay iyong provision on fuel marking technology. Sa ngayon po kasi, kahit ako po ay nabigla nang aking malaman na napakahirap alamin kung gaano karaming litro ng petrolyo ang nasa domestic market ngayon. Wala pong metering, wala pong fuel marking.

Hindi natin nalalaman kung gaano karaming litro ng petrolyo ang nandito at kung ilang porsyento ng petrolyong iyan ang tax-paid.

That is why we are introducing innovations and administrative measures such as the fuel marking system para magkaroon ng traceability and accountability ang petrolyong ito. Iyon nga po ang pangamba ng aking kasamahan ay naging pangamba ko rin na nang n-propose ng ating Department of Finance ang extra addition to excise tax on petroleum, sabi ko rin po, kung hindi natin mamonitor, smuggler ang yayaman dito. Kaya kailangan pong lagyan ng sistema para ma-check ang accountability ng bawat drop of petrolyo dito sa ating ekonomiya para sigurado na ang revenue na ito ay makokolekta. Kung wala po tayong check doon napakahirap pong siguraduhin na makokolekta, lalo lang po magiging incentive dahil magkakaroon ng karagdagang P6 na kikitain ng isang smuggler kung hindi siya magbabayad ng tamang excise tax.

REP. TEVES. To end, Mr. Speaker, again, I see this as protecting the smugglers, giving leeway to tax evaders and taxing the poor. Iyong ibang provisions okay na ako, matatanggap ko iyon. Iyong sa asukal masakit sa amin iyon, kailangan babaan, at kung puwede iyong sa asukal hindi lang inumin kung hindi lahat para ma-spread.

But again, kung bubuwisan talaga natin iyong fuel, kawawa ang taumbayan, tataas ang presyo ng bilingin kahit pa anong gawin natin. May maloko man at may maloko, pero sa totoo lang, kung kahit anong simpleng computation ang gawin mo, hindi pa nangyari na tumaas ang fuel na hindi tumaas ang presyo ng lahat ng bilingin. If the excise tax on fuel is not removed, and we do not improve Customs' and BIR's tax collection, I am sorry to say, I cannot support this Bill, Mr. Speaker.

That is all, Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Sponsor. Thank you very much.

REP. CUA. Salamat din po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Zamboanga, the Hon. Celso L. Lobregat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The honorable Congressman from Zamboanga, Celso Lobregat, is hereby recognized.

REP. LOBREGAT. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to ask the good Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, if he will allow me to make a manifestation on the Tax Reform Bill.

REP. CUA. Definitely, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, distinguished colleague.

REP. LOBREGAT. As Congressman representing the First District of Zamboanga City, I fully support the retention of tax exemption provisions of cooperatives in relation to the Tax Reform Bill. The cooperative movement in Zamboanga is very strong and very vibrant. We are very successful, small and large cooperatives like MEMPCO and People's Micro Finance; city government cooperatives like GSO Family and Friends, Sangguniang Panlungsod, and City Social Welfare cooperatives; cooperatives from the PNP like the PNP Rainbow; cooperatives from the air force; also school-based cooperatives like the Zamboanga City High School Main cooperative, the Tumaga Elementary School cooperative and others.

When I was mayor of Zamboanga City, we fully supported the cooperative movement and we also promoted the establishment of the Cooperative Bank of Zamboanga City and the city government even provided a lot when the bank was established.

I commend the untiring efforts of Congressman Anthony M. Bravo, Congressman Sabiniano S. Canama of COOP-NATCCO Party-List, and also Congressman Rico B. Geron of AGAP Party-List, who have lobbied for the retention of the tax exemption provision for cooperatives. In fact, I signed the manifesto that the three lawmakers initiated and when I signed it, I was number 150. I hope that during the period of interpellation, I mean amendments, the good Chairman will accept the amendments that will be proposed by the Party-List Congressmen representing the cooperatives.

That is all, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

recognize the distinguished Lady from the Fifth District of Manila, the Hon. Cristal L. Bagatsing.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Hon. Cristal Bagatsing is hereby recognized.

REP. BAGATSING. Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield to some questions?

REP. CUA. Gladly, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BAGATSING. I just wanted to be clarified before we vote. I wanted to know what the thought process is behind the removal of the low-cost and socialized housing exemption.

REP. CUA. It is the objective of the DOF, Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleague, to transfer this program directly to the poor and deserving families. Sa ngayon po kasi, iyong malalaking kumpanya na developers ay nagkakaroon ng VAT-free transactions kahit na iyong kanilang binebentahan o iyong bumibili ng kanilang mga units ay not necessarily all of them are among the poor and deserving families. So, ang gusto pong mangyari ng ating Finance Department ay magkaroon ng voucher system after which ang isang eligible family o iyong poor and deserving family may receive a voucher so that it can be more targeted and we can ensure that such a program will benefit the poor families of our community.

REP. BAGATSING. May I also make a suggestion, Mr. Speaker, na baka sakaling maliban pa po sa voucher system, kung ang iniisip po natin ay para mabawasan iyong, whatever with the developers, baka puwedeng i-qualify din ng developer ang buyer na talagang sila ay karapat-dapat sa bracket ng socialized and low-cost housing aside from the voucher system. Maybe you can just take it into consideration as well.

REP. CUA. Gladly, we will study the proposal. We will sit down with our distinguished colleague, Mr. Speaker, to thresh out possible improvements of this Bill.

REP. BAGATSING. Okay, I submit to your wisdom, the wisdom of our dear Sponsor. I would just also like to manifest that—I fear kasi that the people of my district might not be able to avail of this because the prices of the lots are different from the prices of the lots in the different regions and provinces. So, I still support this Bill but with reservation on this matter. Iyon lang. Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, let us recognize Congressman Rozzano Rufino “Ruffy” B. Biazon of Muntinlupa City.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The honorable Congressman Ruffy Biazon is hereby recognized.

REP. BIAZON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the honorable Sponsor, will you yield to a few questions from this Representation?

REP. CUA. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BIAZON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I understand it, this Bill is a priority measure of the administration. In fact, the President has already written Congress with regard to his certification of the matter. We do understand the need to close the tax gap, to collect revenue, to implement programs and projects that are lined up under the development program of the President. In fact, we do recognize the efforts that are being undertaken by the Executive Department with regard to ensuring that this Bill is passed.

On May 15, 2017, this Representation received a letter from the Department of Finance basically calling on Members of the House to support the measure. If I may point out here, the letter says that the current Bill largely maintains the provisions of the original administration’s proposal and several of these provisions were listed down. The Department said that it is hoping that it will be maintained in the plenary deliberation.

Another paragraph goes on to say, “that some provisions in the approved bill differ from our original proposal,” if I may quote. The Department is hoping that certain provisions in the original proposal can be reinstated during the plenary deliberations to strengthen the tax reform package and several proposals, specifically, six proposals that were listed down.

I would assume that this letter was furnished the Committee so I do not have to enumerate those provisions.

So my question is, what is the reason the Committee did not include these six provisions which are part of the original package that was proposed by the Executive Department?

REP. CUA. May I ask our colleague to repeat the question, Your Honor.

REP. BIAZON. This Representation is asking for the reasons or the basis for the non-inclusion of these six provisions contained in this letter from the Department of Finance dated May 15. They are basically appealing

to us to reinstate these six provisions because they are saying that this is part of the original package proposed by the Executive Department.

As I mentioned at the beginning of my interpellation, we know that the administration really needs this tax measure but there was a non-inclusion of these six provisions. So, what was the reason behind the deletion of these, necessitating the DOF to appeal for us to reinstate them in the plenary?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleague, I regret to inform you that I was not a recipient of such letter. I am currently asking the DOF if they have a copy of such letter. But, I believe it is just an appeal from the Finance Secretary to attempt to revert back to its original form. But I would maintain that the Bill, in its current form, is a product of the consultation process of the Committee and, therefore, it reflects amendments from our colleagues, from the stakeholders, from the community, from the industries and all those concerns. So, although I respect and understand the appeal of our distinguished Secretary of Finance, I stand by the current version of this Bill. But I will yield to any decision of this plenary, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BIAZON. Well, since the principal Sponsor said that he was not a recipient of the letter, may I just read what is contained in the paragraph that I was referring to, for the record. The letter from the Department of Finance says:

x x x On the other hand, some provisions in the approved bill differ from our original proposal. We hope the following provisions in our original proposal can be reinstated during the plenary deliberations to strengthen the tax reform package:

1. Provide self-employed and professionals with gross sales/receipts below or at the VAT threshold the option to pay the eight percent flat tax;
2. Mandate self-employed and professionals with gross sales or receipts above the VAT threshold to pay tax using the regular schedule;
3. Reduce their optional standard deduction from 40 percent to 20 percent of gross sales and receipt;
4. Reinstate the annual indexation of fuel products;
5. Retain the four brackets for automobiles and implement in one goal; and
6. Make explicit the repealing clause for VAT exemptions and special laws by itemizing all special laws instead of only using a general repeal clause.

We do understand, as well, that the Committee had conducted numerous hearings. In fact, it was mentioned in this letter as well, it says: "After 11 hearings and four technical working group meetings, the Bill was approved by the committee and is scheduled for plenary sponsorship." This letter is dated May 15, 2017 and received by my office on the same date. As I look at Committee Report No. 229, it is indicated as well that it was submitted by the Committee on Ways and Means on May 15, 2017.

It just shows that even up to the last minute, the Department of Finance was appealing to Congress with regard to these provisions but, in spite of the numerous hearings and technical working groups, they still maintained that we need these provisions to strengthen the Bill. While we, in Congress, are the ones passing the law, we also do acknowledge that the Executive Department will be the one implementing the law. In fact, in this particular case, they are the ones who were lobbying for the law. Of course, they would have a good reason for pushing these provisions.

So, I reiterate my question: What is the good reason we have in deleting these provisions which obviously are being lobbied strongly by the Executive Department? Ano iyong dahilan na iyong tinutulak ng Ehekutibo ay nakita natin na puwedeng isantabi? Ano iyong dahilan?

REP. CUA. Kung maaari ko pong isa-isahin, Mr. Speaker, may anim na nakabalangkas sa listahang ito, unahin ko po sa number one, na apela ng ating Finance Department, to provide the self-employed and the professionals with gross sales receipts below the VAT threshold the option to pay eight percent flat tax.

The issue, Mr. Speaker, stems from the data submitted to the Committee that there is a large tax gap among the self-employed and professionals. Nakikita po natin na 85 percent of revenues are shouldered by the fixed income earners whereas, only 15 percent are contributed by the professionals and the self-employed. Iyan po, Mr. Speaker, iyong mga negosyante, iyong mga doktor, abogado, arkitekto, accountant, inhenyero, mga professional sa ating komunidad na, hindi naman siguro lahat, pero karaniwan, sa ating pagkakaalam, kumikita ng mas malaki kaysa sa mga de-suweldo na mga guro, mga kapulisan, mga clerk, mga nag-oopisina sa gobyerno o sa pribadong kompanya.

So, nakikita natin, Mr. Speaker, na talagang may problema. Kaya, imbes na po ginawa nating optional iyong eight percent flat, minandato po natin na eight percent flat. Ang dahilan po nito ay kung ang isang taxpayer naman po ay matino at honest, nagbe-benefit po siya sa isang sistemang napakadali magreport ng buwis at hindi na niya kailangang mag-hire ng

accountant para mag-file ng tax return dahil flat eight percent lang po ng kung anuman ang kanyang kinita sa isang taon ang kanyang babayaran. Kapag ang isang taxpayer naman po ay may history na hindi nagbabayad, mas mahirap pong umiwas sa isang flat tax system dahil madali pong ma-monitor ng BIR ang kanyang gross receipts.

Ang pangalawang item po na ito is to mandate self-employed and professionals with gross sales receipts above the VAT threshold to pay using the regular schedule. Ang gusto po nating ipaliwanag ay mayroon nga pong problema sa ating sistema na hindi po nakokolekta o malaki ang tax gap doon sa mayayaman. At sa ating pananaw, kapag ang isang tao ay nasa above the threshold sa version po ng ating panukala ngayon, ang isang taong above the VAT threshold na self-employed or professional ay magbabayad ng katumbas na rate ng isang korporasyon. Bakit po? Kasi po iyong mga self-employed, karaniwan, lalo na iyong malalaki ay above the VAT threshold; iyan po ay in competition with corporations. And, therefore, when in competition with corporations, we would like to apply the rule of parity na equal method of taxation ang i-apply sa dalawang entity na nagko-compete.

Pangalawa po, dahil sila ay maisasailalim sa isang corporate form of taxation, mag-a-apply din po iyong minimum corporate income tax, at hindi na po tayo makapapayag na iyong mga iilang kumpanya na taun-taon nagde-declare ng losses to government kaya hindi nagbabayad ng buwis, ngunit patuloy pa rin ang kanyang negosyo kahit na taun-taon siyang nalulugi ay ngayon maaaplayan na po sila ng minimum corporate income tax para mabawasan nga po ang leakage na ito.

Pangatlo, to reduce the optional standard deduction from 40 percent to 20 percent of gross sales receipt. Again, same justification, as the item above, Mr. Speaker, that it should be the same as corporations so that they can compete on equal footing.

Pang-apat, to reinstate the annual indexation of fuel products. Sa akin pong pananaw, as we embark on applying or increasing the excise tax on petroleum products, hindi pa po natin nakikita, although napag-aralan po iyan ng DOF, mas conservative po ang approach kung hindi natin agad ii-index upang tingnan muna natin ang epekto sa ekonomiya sa presyo ng bilihin. At kung nakita nating maluwa na, then we can always insert an indexation mechanism. Pero sa tingin ko po, sa pakay lamang ngayon ng petrolyo na 3-2-1 system and to add indexation to that, masyado po yatang aggressive. At sa tingin natin, removing the indexation makes it a more calculable endeavor kung ano nga ba ang magiging epekto nito sa ekonomiya.

Panglima, to retain the four brackets of automobiles

and implement in one go. Nakita po natin sa reaction ng ating mga kasamahan na maraming nangamba. Marami nga pong nag-panic-buying ng mga sasakyan. And, therefore, we made a moderation of such a tax spread over two years so that the market can adjust. The car industry is a growing industry. It employs millions of Filipinos, and I do not think it is wise to threaten the survival of this industry. So, ang atin pong pakay, Mr. Speaker, ay gawing moderated ang approach sa automobile tax para nang sa ganoon, hindi naman maging disincentive for the car manufacturers, in fact, the industry will survive and absorb the market in a more moderate fashion.

Ang panghuli po, to make explicit the repealing clause for VAT exemptions and special laws by itemizing all special laws instead of using a general repealing clause only.

Mr. Speaker, hindi naman po ako kontra sa idea na ito. Ang katotohanan lang po, noong unang inihain sa ating Committee ang panukala ng tax reform package, hindi po talaga naka-itemize ang special laws that they intend to repeal. And to insert it at the very late stage in the process, I believe was a disservice to the Committee, and it should have been done in the earlier part, and we could have been more transparent, and we could have invited all the necessary stakeholders and, therefore, be more accountable to the people. At dahil hindi na-submit ng ating Finance Department ang listahan from the onset at very late po ang submission, Mr. Speaker, sa tingin po natin, huli na po para kanilang ipasok. Again, I will yield to the wisdom of this plenary. If our colleagues would like to heed the call of the Finance Department, we will be supportive, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BIAZON. Thank you very much for the reply, Mr. Speaker.

At least, this Representation was given the reason why the Committee decided to push through with the version of the Bill that was approved by the Committee despite the letter from the Department of Finance.

I would take note of some of the replies of the honorable Sponsor. Mayroon lang mga nabanggit na medyo tumatak sa akin, iyong sinasabing equal method of taxation para sa mga nagko-compete, para mag-compete on equal footing, and the other is the survival of the industry, particularly with regard to the auto industry, that is why this proposal or their welfare was considered by the Committee when it reported out its final version.

Mr. Speaker, mayroong mga sinabi dito sa letters na nagpapasalamat ang Department of Finance dahil nanatili iyong probisyon. May sinabi silang apila na kung maaari ay ibalik iyong natanggal na probisyon. Sa aking pagkakaalala sa pagkabasa noong unang bersyon, may mga probisyon din na hindi naman talaga bahagi noong DOF-sponsored bill but is now included in the

Committee report version of the Bill. And if I may refer specifically to Section 25 in that proposed measure, particularly on sugar-sweetened beverages, ito ba ay bahagi ng unang panukala ng Department of Finance sa kanilang version ng Bill, o ito ba ay naidagdag na lamang dito sa Kamara?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, tama po ang aking kasamahan na hindi po kasama ito sa unang pakay at late din po ito na idinagdag sa package, ngunit ang sugar-sweetened beverage ay natalakay ng puspunan noong nakaraang Kongreso, nakailang hearings po, at maging sa kasalukuyang Kongreso, Seventeenth Congress, nakaapat o limang hearings din po ito at hindi naman po ito bagong panukala. Natalakay na po nang husto, na-discuss na po ang merits, at na-refine na rin po ang panukalang ito.

REP. BIAZON. Kung ganoon na natalakay na ito noong nakaraan, ano kaya ang dahilan bakit hindi isinama ng Department of Finance ito sa kanilang orihinal na panukala?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, noong kami ay nagpulong kasama ng ating Kalihim ng Finance, siya ay nag-alala. Nabanggit niya po ito sa akin, sa ating kagalang-galang na Speaker, na siya ay nangangamba na baka magkulang ang koleksyon ng ating gobyerno. And, in fact, sa magandang kalooban ng ating mga liderato, nakapag-ispip na ako po ay kanilang atasang maghanap ng mga maaaring panukala na makadadagdag ng koleksyon. At noong atin itong ipinakita na isang opsyon sa ating Finance Department, hindi naman po sila nag-object na ito ay isang viable source of revenue para hindi po mag-reach ng four percent deficit ang ating budget.

REP. BIAZON. So, kung nauunawaan ko ng tama iyong orihinal na panukala ng DOF, lumabas na kulang pa rin pala kaya kinailangan na magdagdag nang panggagalingan ng kolekta ng revenue. At ito ang naisip, itong tax on sugar-sweetened beverages.

REP. CUA. Ito po ay isang panukala na isa sa mga pinaka-advanced sa stages in the legislative mill in the Committee, Mr. Speaker, G. colleague. Kaya ito po ay isa sa mga na-consider.

REP. BIAZON. Dito sa panukala ng sugar-sweetened beverages, binabanggit na ang pagbibigay ng buwis ay ang per liter volume capacity na P10.00. Ito ba ay hindi natin nakikita na, una, magdudulot sa mas mataas na halaga ng mga produkto, na eventually naman talaga ipinapasa sa consumers. And second, kung babalikan ko iyong nabanggit kanina na equal method of taxation for competitors to put them on equal footing, itong method ng per liter volume capacity,

does this put the competitors on equal footing? Ibig sabihin, iyong pagbuwis sa kanila, pantay-pantay ba ang lalabas considering that beverage, or sugar-sweetened beverages have different percentages in sugar content? So, saan iyong prinsipyo ngayon na sinasabi natin na competitors on equal footing kung dito sa isang panig sinasabi natin equal footing sila, pero mayroon din namang industriya na tila iyong equal footing principle does not apply. Kasi kung sasabihin natin na gustong equal footing iyong competitors, why not impose the tax based on sugar content? Why on a per liter volume capacity when we know for a fact that not all sugar-sweetened beverages contain the same amount of sugar? So, are we not being inconsistent in the application of the principles that we put behind in passing this law, that we ourselves are contradicting—we were contradicting ourselves by saying in one aspect, pantay-pantay ang competitors, in another, it is not?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, Ginoong kasamahan, may ibinulong sa akin ang ating kasamahan na siyang punong may-akda ng sugar-sweetened beverage, but I would like to argue na wala naman pong kinikilala. In fact, kung ihahalimbawa mo ang isang softdrinks at itatabi mo siya sa kanyang ka-competitor na softdrinks din, pareho naman ang buwis na ia-apply sa kanila dahil pareho naman ang kanilang quantity. Mag-iba man ang kanilang sugar content, pareho naman ang presyo ng pagbebenta, so, pareho naman po. We are not taxing sugar, Mr. Speaker, kasi nga po ayaw nating pahirapan ang ating mga magsasaka. Ang binubuwisan po dito ay ang finished at packaged product. An excise tax may not be applied on a commodity such as sugar but on a finished product, and the design of excise tax is to curb consumption. Kaya, ganoon po ang naging disenyo ng ating punong may-akda. Administratively, kung ang sugar content ang iyong pagbubuwisan, napakahirap po nitong i-administer. Kahit po sa ating sin tax ng tabako, hindi naman po sa nicotine content o anumang content, kung hindi sa number of sticks, o number of packs. Ganoon din po dito, number of liters ang ating binubuwisan, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BIAZON. Well, I still see it as something that is contrary to the earlier statement of applying the principle of equal footing for competitors kasi nga hindi natin maiaalis na raw material ng mga beverages na iyan ang sugar, it goes into the cost of their production. Ibig sabihin, mayroong iba na mas gagastos ng mas malaki para doon sa kanilang produkto, and yet, mas nakakalamang iyong competitor nila dahil mas maliit ang babayaran dahil ang pinagbabasehan nga natin ay per liter volume.

Napansin ko lang na sinabi ng ating Sponsor na this is meant to curb consumption. Why are we curbing consumption, if you may explain it to us?

REP. CUA. It is one of the major causes of obesity, Mr. Speaker, iyong excess consumption of sugar, and according to research, obesity is becoming one of the fastest growing noncommunicable diseases in our community kaya po nagkaroon ng ganitong panukala.

At nais ko lang pong idagdag na iyong per liter—per liter method of taxation ay isang bagay na hindi po inimbento sa Pilipinas o ng panukalang ito kundi iyan din po ang sistema ng ibang bansa tulad po sa Mexico, which is the leading example of such a measure. So, hindi naman po tayo nalalayo sa methodology ng ibang bansa, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BIAZON. So, sa pagsabi po na dahil sa sugar ang ating tinutukoy pagdating sa objective ng curbing consumption, medyo hindi ko lang po ma-reconcile iyong idea na we picked out sugar as one of the reasons for imposing the tax and at the same time, we are saying kanina na hindi naman natin dapat i-base yong tax doon sa sugar content. Parang sinisi natin iyong sugar kaya rin natin ito ini-impose pero at the same time we are using an explanation na puwede nating i-set aside iyong sugar kasi by volume content tayo on the finished product.

I just find conflict in that position, in the explanation of including sugar-sweetened beverages in this measure. And if we are really serious about curbing consumption of sugar which we point too as a leading cause of obesity and diabetes, why stop at sugar-sweetened beverages? If we are serious in addressing the problem of diabetes, being overweight and obesity, there are many other sugar-sweetened products out there, so why are we focusing on only sugar-sweetened beverages? And if we desire to get more revenue, why do we not widen the tax base, based on sugar? Others include sugar-sweetened products would that not add to the revenue that we are desperately looking for?

REP. CUA. Maaari naman po nating i-expand itong Bill na ito, Mr. Speaker, kung may proposals ang ating mga kasamahan. Ngayon lamang pa lang nasa panukala itong nasa proposal and we have deliberated on this matter for quite some time, and therefore, it is, kumbaga, hinog na po sa legislative mill. Ngayon, kung gusto naman po ng ating kasamahan na i-expand ang buwis sa ibang sugar products, then, with the same thoroughness, and with the same seriousness in consideration, we will take up the matter in the Committee, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BIAZON. I am glad that the Sponsor is open to expanding the coverage of imposing a tax on sugary products. But if your are going to do that pagsabay-sabayin na natin, Mr. Speaker. Why do we not just set aside this proposal, this specific provision and then we will take it up altogether para hindi naman masabi na hindi pantay-pantay iyong mga

gumagamit ng sugar as sweeteners na i-impose natin ang tax? Kung ganoon din palang open tayo na isama na iyong iba, gawin na natin iyon, pero gawin nating sabay-sabay. So it is either isabay na natin ngayon lahat o later on natin pagsabay-sabayin na iimpose iyong tax sa kanila.

REP. CUA. Well, Mr. Speaker, that is a matter of—subject to the decision by this collective Body, Mr. Speaker. We stand on our proposal that this portion has already been studied, consulted, and reviewed. Researches have been conducted, Mr. Speaker. Iyong iba, hindi pa po. We are willing to do the same, but unless there is a compelling reason to not pass this, then we stand on our position, and we will respect the decision of the Plenary.

REP. BIAZON. Hindi pa ba sapat na dahilan ang na-point out natin na hindi pagkakapantay-pantay ng application of the principle which we used in another provision? Hindi pa ba sapat ang dahilan na mayroon ding ibang mga dahilan ng obesity and diabetes? Hindi pa ba sapat ang mga dahilan na iyon para isantabi at sabay-sabay natin sa susunod na panahon ang tax on sugary products?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, sa aming pananaw, nararapat naman po ang method of taxation per liter, kasi ito naman ang international standard ngayon. The reason we include this is, because we need to address a health issue in our society. Tulad ng aking naipaliwanag, Mr. Speaker, ito po ang isang measure para ma-curb ang consumption ng ating mga kababayan para hindi maging excessive ang kanilang consumption of sugar. Again, it is not a tax on sugar that is why it is not based on sugar content. It is a tax, an excise tax on finished products, which is why it is targeted on beverages that have been produced in package.

REP. BIAZON. It is an excise tax on products, although our target is sugar. Ibig sabihin, ang mas maraming sugar content, magbabayad ng mas mataas; ang mas konti, mas maliit for the same kind of product. That is what it means. So, I will move on to the other point, Mr. Speaker.

The Sponsor mentioned about survival of the industry. Is the Committee aware of the impact of this kind of tax on the industry; the imposition of a P10 per liter volume tax on beverage, for example, on soda?

To make things faster, Mr. Speaker, in making my point, one of the companies involved in the beverage industry, Pepsi Cola, a publicly-listed company, where their revenue is public. We all know what their revenue income is. The impact of this kind of increase would amount to about 18 percent of their net income. Ganoon ang impact sa kanila. If we cared enough for the auto

industry to make adjustments, do we not care enough for other industries to also ensure their survivability? Eighteen times of the net income of the company would be affected by the increase. Is this not a death sentence to that company?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, if you look at the entirety of the package, we will give more disposable income to a large segment of our society. So that means more money for either houses, cars, investments or even sugary drinks. So their fear is not that well founded, especially since the economy is growing, the population is growing, they have more disposable income. Therefore, the increase on their retail price will more than be absorbed by the factors that will be stimulating the economy. So, in short, Mr. Speaker, their objective, again, is not to kill the industry. We believe that this level of imposition is at a manageable level.

REP. BIAZON. Mr. Speaker, the hard numbers that was presented was that, it is 18 times their net income, and that is a matter of record. Our scenario of them being able to recover is speculative. Probably, we will be pointing out the experience of Mexico again, but the economic condition in Mexico is very much different. The consumption behavior in Mexico is also different. If the Sponsor recalls my interpellation during the Committee hearing, people would easily shift. If they cannot afford to buy softdrinks, they will buy sago-gulaman which is also a sugary drink which is not going to be taxed.

Ang sinasabi natin na objective to reduce sugar consumption would not happen because people have alternatives here and we are not taxing those alternatives. As we can see, sa ginagamit nating principles behind this, we are being inconsistent.

In the case of Pepsi Cola, again, all of us here are representing our own districts. Let me bring this home to my district where Pepsi Cola has a plant. Pepsi Cola is one of the top taxpayers of Muntinlupa City for several years now. Year after year, they are part of the top 10 taxpayers, providing revenue to our city which, in turn, provides goods and services to our constituents. We have recently embarked on a lot of infrastructure projects precisely because of the revenues that we collect. That is why I perfectly understand what the Duterte administration is saying that it needs taxes for build, build, build projects. It is the same thing in my district, we want to build, build, build and serve, serve, serve. But we feel that our revenue is going to be threatened by this measure, which I believe, based on our question and answer here, needs a lot of rethinking. I have already expressed in several or in a couple of points that we are even contradicting the own principles that we are invoking in other provisions.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished Chairman, is there any other means for us to fill the gap without having

to resort to a proposal that obviously contradicts in principle what we try to espouse in other aspects of the Bill? Nasaan ang sinasabi nating pantay-pantay na application ng batas kung doon mismo sa ating ipinapanukala may lumalabas na para tayong selective? We point to sugar as the cause of diabetes, why do we not tax all sugar products? We say na dapat pantay-pantay, why are we asking certain groups to pay more for the same product?

Mr. Speaker, I will abbreviate this interpellation, and I am just hoping that the discussions we have done here would permeate to the minds of our colleagues and see the wisdom of what I am talking about. Of course, I am also hoping that the Committee would take these things into consideration and be open to certain amendments at the appropriate time so that we can correct this kind of imbalanced legislation. Would the distinguished Sponsor be open to receiving proposed amendments with regard to this particular provision?

REP. CUA. Mr. Speaker, we have no objection to receiving proposed amendments from our distinguished colleague, but I just like to maintain that we do not agree that there is some inconsistencies. This portion of the Bill is very clear, it is very fair, it is very concise, there is no ambiguity. It is a 10-peso per liter tax on sugar products, that means, all softdrinks will have the same tax; all sweetened fruit drinks will have the same tax; all power drinks will have the same tax. The pricing is not something the government can control and, therefore, the pricing is up to the merchandisers to determine, Mr. Speaker. Therefore, it is not an *ad valorem* tax, it is an excise tax.

REP. BIAZON. We are thankful that the Sponsor has expressed his openness to receive our proposed amendments, Mr. Speaker.

With that, this Representation wraps up the interpellation. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CUA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, we have here the manifestation of the Gentleman from Manila, the Hon. Manny Lopez, a copy of which shall be submitted to our Secretariat.

I move that we read into the records the manifestation of Rep. Manny Lopez.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Proceed.

REP. DEFENSOR. No, Mr. Speaker. We will just

submit a written copy to the Secretariat. I made the motion that with that, this be read into the records of the House, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5636

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend consideration of House Bill No. 5636.

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

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE BICAM. CONF. CTTEE.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5648 and Senate Bill No. 1449 regarding the extension of the validity period of driver's license:

1. Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento
2. Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel
3. Rep. Romeo M. Acop
4. Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto
5. Rep. Enrico A. Pineda
6. Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.
7. Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 64 and Senate Bill No. 1317 regarding the strengthening of compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Standards:

1. Rep. Randolph S. Ting

2. Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles
 3. Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar
 4. Rep. Emmi A. de Jesus
 5. Rep. Strike B. Revilla
 6. Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno
 7. Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III
- I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 5633 AND S.B. NO. 1304

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5633 and Senate Bill No. 1304.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). 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. 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; and Senate Bill No. 1304, entitled: AN ACT ACCELERATING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO TERTIARY EDUCATION BY PROVIDING FOR A 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.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

** See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up Bills on Third Reading.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 187
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 187 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 187, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESTRUCTURING AND CONDONATION OF UNPAID INTERESTS, PENALTIES, AND SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY FARMERS, FISHERFOLK AND AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR), THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), THE PEOPLE'S CREDIT AND FINANCE CORPORATION (PCFC), THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA), THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NEA) AND THE QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION (QUEDANCOR).

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon
Abellanosa

Abu
Abueg

Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Catamco
Cerilles
Chipeco
Co

Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete

Laogan	Sahali	<i>Abstention</i>	
Lee	Salceda		
Limkaichong	Salimbangon	None	
Lobregat	Salo		
Lopez (B.)	Salon	APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 187	
Lopez (C.)	Sambar	ON THIRD READING	
Lopez (M.L.)	Sandoval		
Loyola	Santos-Recto	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).	
Madrona	Sarmiento (C.)	With 219 affirmative votes, no negative votes and no	
Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)	abstention, House Bill No. 187 is approved on Third	
Mangaoang	Savellano	Reading.	
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sema		
Marcoleta	Siao	NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5663	
Marcos	Silverio	ON THIRD READING	
Mariño	Singson		
Marquez	Suansing (E.)	REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote	
Martinez	Suansing (H.)	on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5663 and direct	
Mercado	Suarez	the Secretary General to read the title of the measure,	
Nava	Sy-Alvarado	and call the roll for nominal voting.	
Nieto	Tambunting		
Noel	Tan (A.)	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is	
Nogralles (J.J.)	Tan (M.)	there any objection? (<i>Silence</i>) The Chair hears none;	
Nolasco	Teves	the motion is approved.	
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Ting		
Oaminal	Tinio	<i>Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of</i>	
Olivarez	Tolentino	<i>the measure, printed copies of which were distributed</i>	
Ong (E.)	Tugna	<i>to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section</i>	
Ortega (P.)	Tupas	<i>58, Rule X of the House Rules.</i>	
Ortega (V.N.)	Ty		
Pacquiao	Umali	THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No.	
Palma	Unabia	5663, entitled: AN ACT DESIGNATING CASINOS	
Pancho	Ungab	AS COVERED PERSONS UNDER REPUBLIC	
Pichay	Unico	ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE	
Pimentel	Uy (J.)	“ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001”, AS	
Pineda	Uy (R.)	AMENDED.	
Primicias-Agabas	Vargas		
Quimbo	Vargas-Alfonso	<i>The Chair directed the Secretary General to call</i>	
Radaza	Velasco	<i>the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the</i>	
Ramirez-Sato	Velasco-Catera	<i>Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The</i>	
Ramos	Veloso	<i>result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid</i>	
Relampagos	Vergara	<i>measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May</i>	
Revilla	Villanueva	<i>29, 2017:</i>	
Roa-Puno	Villaraza-Suarez		
Robes	Villarica	<i>Affirmative</i>	
Rodriguez (I.)	Villarin		
Rodriguez (M.)	Violago	Abayon	Alejano
Roman	Yap (M.)	Abellanosa	Almario
Romualdez	Yu	Abu	Almonte
Romualdo	Zamora (R.)	Abueg	Alvarez (F.)
Roque (H.)	Zarate	Acop	Alvarez (M.)
Roque (R.)	Zubiri	Acosta	Alvarez (P.)
Sacdalan		Acosta-Alba	Amatong
		Advincula	Angara-Castillo
<i>Negative</i>		Agarao	Antonio
		Aggabao	Aragones
None		Albano	Arbison

Arcillas	Durano	Nava	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Arenas	Dy	Nieto	Savellano
Atienza	Elago	Noel	Sema
Bagatsing	Erice	Nogralles (J.J.)	Siao
Baguilat	Eriguel	Nolasco	Silverio
Banal	Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Singson
Barzaga	Escudero	Oaminal	Suansing (E.)
Bataoil	Espina	Olivarez	Suansing (H.)
Batocabe	Estrella	Ong (E.)	Suarez
Bautista-Bandigan	Evardone	Ortega (P.)	Sy-Alvarado
Belaro	Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)	Tambunting
Belmonte (F.)	Fernando	Pacquiao	Tan (A.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (J.)	Palma	Tan (M.)
Belmonte (R.)	Flores	Pancho	Teves
Bernos	Fortuno	Pichay	Ting
Bertiz	Fuentebella	Pimentel	Tinio
Biazon	Garbin	Pineda	Tolentino
Billones	Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas	Tugna
Biron	Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo	Tupas
Bolilia	Garin (R.)	Radaza	Ty
Bondoc	Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato	Umali
Bordado	Gatchalian	Ramos	Unabia
Bravo (A.)	Geron	Relampagos	Ungab
Bravo (M.V.)	Go (A.C.)	Revilla	Unico
Brosas	Go (M.)	Roa-Puno	Uy (J.)
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzaga	Robes	Uy (R.)
Cagas	Gonzales (A.P.)	Rodriguez (I.)	Vargas
Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (M.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez	Roman	Velasco
Caminero	Herrera-Dy	Romualdez	Velasco-Catera
Campos	Hofer	Romualdo	Veloso
Cari	Jalosjos	Roque (H.)	Vergara
Castelo	Kho	Roque (R.)	Villanueva
Castro (F.L.)	Khonghun	Sacdalan	Villaraza-Suarez
Catamco	Labadlabad	Sahali	Villarica
Cerilles	Lacson	Salceda	Villarin
Chipeco	Lagman	Salimbangon	Violago
Co	Lanete	Salo	Yap (M.)
Cojuangco	Laogan	Salon	Yu
Collantes	Lee	Sambar	Zamora (R.)
Cortes	Limkaichong	Sandoval	Zarate
Cortuna	Lobregat	Santos-Recto	Zubiri
Cosalan	Lopez (B.)	Sarmiento (C.)	
Cua	Lopez (C.)	<i>Negative</i>	
Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)		
Cueva	Loyola	None	
Dalipe	Madrona		
Daza	Manalo	<i>Abstention</i>	
De Jesus	Mangaoang		
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)	None	
De Vera	Marcoleta		
Defensor	Marcos		
Del Mar	Mariño		
Del Rosario	Marquez		
Deloso-Montalla	Martinez		
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5663

ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).
With 219 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no

abstention, House Bill No. 5663 is approved on Third Reading.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5670
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5670 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hearing none; the motion is approved.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5670, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING ASSISTANCE TO ALL FARMERS BY PROVIDING FREE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEE AND ALL OTHER SIMILAR OR RELATED FEES OR CHARGES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION ACT, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8435, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Alejano	Arcillas	Durano
Abellanosa	Almario	Arenas	Dy
Abu	Almonte	Atienza	Elago
Abueg	Alvarez (F.)	Bagatsing	Erice
Acop	Alvarez (M.)	Baguilat	Eriguel
Acosta	Alvarez (P.)	Banal	Ermita-Buhain
Acosta-Alba	Amatong	Barzaga	Escudero
Advincula	Angara-Castillo	Bataoil	Espina
Agarao	Antonio	Batocabe	Estrella
Aggabao	Aragones	Bautista-Bandigan	Evardone
Albano	Arbison	Belaro	Fariñas
		Belmonte (F.)	Fernando
		Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (J.)
		Belmonte (R.)	Flores
		Bernos	Fortuno
		Bertiz	Fuentebella
		Biazon	Garbin
		Billones	Garcia (G.)
		Biron	Garcia (J.E.)
		Bolilia	Garin (R.)
		Bondoc	Gasataya
		Bordado	Gatchalian
		Bravo (A.)	Geron
		Bravo (M.V.)	Go (A.C.)
		Brosas	Go (M.)
		Bulut-Begtang	Gonzaga
		Cagas	Gonzales (A.P.)
		Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)
		Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez
		Caminero	Herrera-Dy
		Campos	Hofer
		Cari	Jalosjos
		Castelo	Kho
		Castro (F.L.)	Khonghun
		Catamco	Labadlabad
		Cerilles	Lacson
		Chipeco	Lagman
		Co	Lanete
		Cojuangco	Laogan
		Collantes	Lee
		Cortes	Limkaichong
		Cortuna	Lobregat
		Cosalan	Lopez (B.)
		Cua	Lopez (C.)
		Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)
		Cueva	Loyola
		Dalipe	Madrona
		Daza	Manalo
		De Jesus	Mangaoang
		De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)
		De Vera	Marcoleta
		Defensor	Marcos
		Del Mar	Mariño
		Del Rosario	Marquez
		Deloso-Montalla	Martinez
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado

Nava Sarmiento (C.)
 Nieto Sarmiento (E.M.)
 Noel Savellano
 Nograles (J.J.) Sema
 Nolasco Siao
 Nuñez-Malanyaon Silverio
 Oaminal Singson
 Olivarez Suansing (E.)
 Ong (E.) Suansing (H.)
 Ortega (P.) Suarez
 Ortega (V.N.) Sy-Alvarado
 Pacquiao Tambunting
 Palma Tan (A.)
 Pancho Tan (M.)
 Pichay Teves
 Pimentel Ting
 Pineda Tinio
 Primicias-Agabas Tolentino
 Quimbo Tugna
 Radaza Tupas
 Ramirez-Sato Ty
 Ramos Umali
 Relampagos Unabia
 Revilla Ungab
 Roa-Puno Unico
 Robes Uy (J.)
 Rocamora Uy (R.)
 Rodriguez (I.) Vargas
 Rodriguez (M.) Vargas-Alfonso
 Roman Velasco
 Romualdez Velasco-Catera
 Romualdo Veloso
 Roque (H.) Vergara
 Roque (R.) Villanueva
 Sacdalan Villaraza-Suarez
 Sahali Villarica
 Salceda Villarin
 Salimbangon Violago
 Salo Yap (M.)
 Salon Yu
 Sambar Zamora (R.)
 Sandoval Zarate
 Santos-Recto Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5670
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.) With 220

affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, House Bill No. 5670 is approved on Third Reading.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4149
 ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4149 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4149, entitled: AN ACT ALLOWING THE CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY OR A CLUSTER OF BARANGAYS WITH A LOCALLY GENERATED AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P250,000,000) INTO A COMPONENT CITY IF IT HAS EITHER A POPULATION OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (100,000) INHABITANTS OR A CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE KILOMETERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Alejano
Abellanosa	Almario
Abu	Almonte
Abueg	Alvarez (F.)
Acop	Alvarez (M.)
Acosta	Alvarez (P.)
Acosta-Alba	Amatong
Advincula	Angara-Castillo
Agarao	Antonio
Aggabao	Aragones
Albano	Arbison

Arcillas	Durano	Nava	Sarmiento (C.)
Arenas	Dy	Nieto	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Atienza	Elago	Noel	Savellano
Bagatsing	Erice	Nogralles (J.J.)	Sema
Baguilat	Eriguel	Nolasco	Siao
Banal	Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Silverio
Barzaga	Escudero	Oaminal	Singson
Bataoil	Espina	Olivarez	Suansing (E.)
Batocabe	Estrella	Ong (E.)	Suansing (H.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Evardone	Ortega (P.)	Suarez
Belaro	Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)	Sy-Alvarado
Belmonte (F.)	Fernando	Pacquiao	Tambunting
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (J.)	Palma	Tan (A.)
Belmonte (R.)	Flores	Pancho	Tan (M.)
Bernos	Fortuno	Pichay	Teves
Bertiz	Fuentebella	Pimentel	Ting
Biazon	Garbin	Pineda	Tinio
Billones	Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas	Tolentino
Biron	Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo	Tugna
Bolilia	Garin (R.)	Radaza	Tupas
Bondoc	Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato	Ty
Bordado	Gatchalian	Ramos	Umali
Bravo (A.)	Geron	Relampagos	Unabia
Bravo (M.V.)	Go (A.C.)	Revilla	Ungab
Brosas	Go (M.)	Roa-Puno	Unico
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzaga	Robes	Uy (J.)
Cagas	Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora	Uy (R.)
Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)	Vargas
Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Caminero	Herrera-Dy	Roman	Velasco
Campos	Hofer	Romualdez	Velasco-Catera
Cari	Jalosjos	Romualdo	Veloso
Castelo	Kho	Roque (H.)	Vergara
Castro (F.L.)	Khonghun	Roque (R.)	Villanueva
Catamco	Labadlabad	Sacdalan	Villaraza-Suarez
Cerilles	Lacson	Sahali	Villarica
Chipeco	Lagman	Salceda	Villarin
Co	Lanete	Salimbangon	Violago
Cojuangco	Laogan	Salo	Yap (M.)
Collantes	Lee	Salon	Yu
Cortes	Limkaichong	Sambar	Zamora (R.)
Cortuna	Lobregat	Sandoval	Zarate
Cosalan	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto	Zubiri
Cua	Lopez (C.)		
Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)	<i>Negative</i>	
Cueva	Loyola		
Dalipe	Madrona	None	
Daza	Manalo		
De Jesus	Mangaoang	<i>Abstention</i>	
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)		
De Vera	Marcoleta	None	
Defensor	Marcos		
Del Mar	Mariño		
Del Rosario	Marquez		
Deloso-Montalla	Martinez		
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4149
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With 220

affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4149 is approved on Third Reading.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5615
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5615 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5615, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL SPORTS TRAINING CENTER", AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES, AND THE ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTER.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)

Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan

Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Catamco
Cerilles
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Eric
Eriguell
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Estrella
Evardone

Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Madrona
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
Mercado
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogralas (J.J.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ortega (P.)

Ortega (V.N.)	Silverio
Pacquiao	Singson
Palma	Suansing (E.)
Pancho	Suansing (H.)
Pichay	Suarez
Pimentel	Sy-Alvarado
Pineda	Tambunting
Primicias-Agabas	Tan (A.)
Quimbo	Tan (M.)
Radaza	Teves
Ramirez-Sato	Ting
Ramos	Tinio
Relampagos	Tolentino
Revilla	Tugna
Roa-Puno	Tupas
Robes	Ty
Rocamora	Umali
Rodriguez (I.)	Unabia
Rodriguez (M.)	Ungab
Roman	Unico
Romualdez	Uy (J.)
Romualdo	Uy (R.)
Roque (H.)	Vargas
Roque (R.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Sacdalan	Velasco
Sahali	Velasco-Catera
Salceda	Veloso
Salimbangon	Vergara
Salo	Villanueva
Salon	Villaraza-Suarez
Sambar	Villarica
Sandoval	Villarin
Santos-Recto	Violago
Sarmiento (C.)	Yap (M.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yu
Savellano	Zamora (R.)
Sema	Zarate
Siao	Zubiri

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5635
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5635 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5635, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BRIGHT STAR BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7295, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE BRIGHT STAR BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5615
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 5615 is approved on Third Reading.

Affirmative

Abayon	Alvarez (F.)
Abellanosa	Alvarez (M.)
Abu	Alvarez (P.)
Abueg	Amatong
Acop	Angara-Castillo
Acosta	Antonio
Acosta-Alba	Aragones
Advincula	Arbison
Agarao	Arcillas
Aggabao	Arenas
Albano	Atienza
Alejano	Bagatsing
Almario	Baguilat
Almonte	Banal

Barzaga	Escudero	Oaminal	Sema
Bataoil	Espina	Olivarez	Siao
Batocabe	Estrella	Ong (E.)	Silverio
Bautista-Bandigan	Evardone	Ortega (P.)	Singson
Belaro	Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)	Suansing (E.)
Belmonte (F.)	Fernando	Pacquiao	Suansing (H.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (J.)	Palma	Suarez
Belmonte (R.)	Flores	Pancho	Sy-Alvarado
Bernos	Fortuno	Pichay	Tambunting
Bertiz	Fuentebella	Pimentel	Tan (A.)
Biazon	Garbin	Pineda	Tan (M.)
Billones	Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas	Teves
Biron	Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo	Ting
Bolilia	Garin (R.)	Radaza	Tinio
Bondoc	Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato	Tolentino
Bordado	Gatchalian	Ramos	Tugna
Bravo (A.)	Geron	Relampagos	Tupas
Bravo (M.V.)	Go (A.C.)	Revilla	Ty
Brosas	Go (M.)	Roa-Puno	Umali
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzaga	Robes	Unabia
Cagas	Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora	Ungab
Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)	Unico
Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)	Uy (J.)
Caminero	Herrera-Dy	Roman	Uy (R.)
Campos	Hofer	Romualdez	Vargas
Cari	Jalosjos	Romualdo	Vargas-Alfonso
Castelo	Kho	Roque (H.)	Velasco
Castro (F.L.)	Khonghun	Roque (R.)	Velasco-Catera
Catamco	Labadlabad	Sacdalan	Veloso
Cerilles	Lacson	Sahali	Vergara
Chipeco	Lagman	Salceda	Villanueva
Co	Lanete	Salimbangon	Villaraza-Suarez
Cojuangco	Laogan	Salo	Villarica
Collantes	Lee	Salon	Villarín
Cortes	Limkaichong	Sambar	Violago
Cortuna	Lobregat	Sandoval	Yap (M.)
Cosalan	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto	Yu
Cua	Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)	Zamora (R.)
Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Zarate
Cueva	Loyola	Savellano	Zubiri
Dalipe	Madrona		
Daza	Manalo	<i>Negative</i>	
De Jesus	Mangaoang		
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)	None	
De Vera	Marcoleta		
Defensor	Marcos	<i>Abstention</i>	
Del Mar	Mariño		
Del Rosario	Marquez	None	
Deloso-Montalla	Martinez		
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado		
Durano	Nava		
Dy	Nieto		
Elago	Noel		
Erice	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Eriguel	Nolasco		
Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5635
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).
With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 5635 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5660
ON THIRD READING

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5660 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5660, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL ROTARY DAY".

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Atienza	Cagas	Gonzales (A.P.)
Abellanos	Bagatsing	Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)
Abu	Baguilat	Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez
Abueg	Banal	Caminero	Herrera-Dy
Acop	Barzaga	Campos	Hofer
Acosta	Bataoil	Cari	Jalosjos
Acosta-Alba	Batocabe	Castelo	Kho
Advincula	Bautista-Bandigan	Castro (F.L.)	Khonghun
Agarao	Belaro	Catamco	Labadlabad
Aggabao	Belmonte (F.)	Cerilles	Lacson
Albano	Belmonte (J.C.)	Chipeco	Lagman
Alejano	Belmonte (R.)	Co	Lanete
Almario	Bernos	Cojuangco	Laogan
Almonte	Bertiz	Collantes	Lee
Alvarez (F.)	Biazon	Cortes	Limkaichong
Alvarez (M.)	Billones	Cortuna	Lobregat
Alvarez (P.)	Biron	Cosalan	Lopez (B.)
Amatong	Bolilia	Cua	Lopez (C.)
Angara-Castillo	Bondoc	Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)
Antonio	Bordado	Cueva	Loyola
Aragones	Bravo (A.)	Dalipe	Madrona
Arbison	Bravo (M.V.)	Daza	Manalo
Arcillas	Brosas	De Jesus	Mangaoang
Arenas	Bulut-Begtang	De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)
		De Vera	Marcoleta
		Defensor	Marcos
		Del Mar	Mariño
		Del Rosario	Marquez
		Deloso-Montalla	Martinez
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado
		Durano	Nava
		Dy	Nieto
		Elago	Noel
		Erice	Nogralles (J.J.)
		Eriguel	Nolasco
		Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon
		Escudero	Oaminal
		Espina	Olivarez
		Estrella	Ong (E.)
		Evardone	Ortega (P.)
		Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)
		Fernando	Pacquiao
		Ferrer (J.)	Palma
		Flores	Pancho
		Fortuno	Pichay
		Fuentebella	Pimentel
		Garbin	Pineda
		Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas
		Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo
		Garin (R.)	Radaza
		Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato
		Gatchalian	Ramos
		Geron	Relampagos
		Go (A.C.)	Revilla
		Go (M.)	Roa-Puno
		Gonzaga	Robes

Rocamora	Tan (M.)
Rodriguez (I.)	Teves
Rodriguez (M.)	Ting
Roman	Tinio
Romualdez	Tolentino
Romualdo	Tugna
Roque (H.)	Tupas
Roque (R.)	Ty
Sacdalán	Umali
Sahali	Unabia
Salceda	Ungab
Salimbangon	Unico
Salo	Uy (J.)
Salon	Uy (R.)
Sambar	Vargas
Sandoval	Vargas-Alfonso
Santos-Recto	Velasco
Sarmiento (C.)	Velasco-Catera
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Veloso
Savellano	Vergara
Sema	Villanueva
Siao	Villaraza-Suarez
Silverio	Villarica
Singson	Villarin
Suansing (E.)	Violago
Suansing (H.)	Yap (M.)
Suarez	Yu
Sy-Alvarado	Zamora (R.)
Tambunting	Zarate
Tan (A.)	Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5660
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 5660 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5661
ON THIRD READING

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5661 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5661, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING FOR QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Belaro
Abellanosa	Belmonte (F.)
Abu	Belmonte (J.C.)
Abueg	Belmonte (R.)
Acop	Bernos
Acosta	Bertiz
Acosta-Alba	Biazon
Advincula	Billones
Agarao	Biron
Aggabao	Bolilia
Albano	Bondoc
Alejano	Bordado
Almario	Bravo (A.)
Almonte	Bravo (M.V.)
Alvarez (F.)	Brosas
Alvarez (M.)	Bulut-Begtang
Alvarez (P.)	Cagas
Amatong	Calderon
Angara-Castillo	Calixto-Rubiano
Antonio	Caminero
Aragones	Campos
Arbison	Cari
Arcillas	Castelo
Arenas	Castro (F.L.)
Atienza	Catamco
Bagatsing	Cerilles
Baguilat	Chipeco
Banal	Co
Barzaga	Cojuangco
Bataoil	Collantes
Batocabe	Cortes
Bautista-Bandigan	Cortuna

Cosalan	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto	Umali
Cua	Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)	Unabia
Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Ungab
Cueva	Loyola	Savellano	Unico
Dalipe	Madrona	Sema	Uy (J.)
Daza	Manalo	Siao	Uy (R.)
De Jesus	Mangaoang	Silverio	Vargas
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson	Vargas-Alfonso
De Vera	Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)	Velasco
Defensor	Marcos	Suansing (H.)	Velasco-Catera
Del Mar	Mariño	Suarez	Veloso
Del Rosario	Marquez	Sy-Alvarado	Vergara
Deloso-Montalla	Martinez	Tambunting	Villanueva
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado	Tan (A.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Durano	Nava	Tan (M.)	Villarica
Dy	Nieto	Teves	Villarin
Elago	Noel	Ting	Violago
Erice	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tinio	Yap (M.)
Eriguel	Nolasco	Tolentino	Yu
Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna	Zamora (R.)
Escudero	Oaminal	Tupas	Zarate
Espina	Olivarez	Ty	Zubiri
Estrella	Ong (E.)		
Evardone	Ortega (P.)	<i>Negative</i>	
Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)		
Fernando	Pacquiao	None	
Ferrer (J.)	Palma		
Flores	Pancho	<i>Abstention</i>	
Fortuno	Pichay		
Fuentebella	Pimentel	None	
Garbin	Pineda		
Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas		APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5661
Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo		ON THIRD READING
Garin (R.)	Radaza		
Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).
Gatchalian	Ramos		With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
Geron	Relampagos		abstention, House Bill No. 5661 is approved on Third
Go (A.C.)	Revilla		Reading.
Go (M.)	Roa-Puno		
Gonzaga	Robes		NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 684
Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora		ON THIRD READING
Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)		
Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)		REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote
Herrera-Dy	Roman		on Third Reading on House Bill No. 684 and direct the
Hofer	Romualdez		Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and
Jalosjos	Romualdo		call the roll for nominal voting.
Kho	Roque (H.)		I so move.
Khonghun	Roque (R.)		
Labadlabad	Sacdalán		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is
Lacson	Sahali		there any objection? (<i>Silence</i>) The Chair hears none;
Lagman	Salceda		the motion is approved.
Lanete	Salimbangon		
Laogan	Salo		<i>Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of</i>
Lee	Salon		<i>the measure, printed copies of which were distributed</i>
Limkaichong	Sambar		<i>to the Members on May 25, 2017, pursuant to Section</i>
Lobregat	Sandoval		<i>58, Rule X of the House Rules.</i>

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 684, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE”, BY INCLUDING WITHIN ITS COVERAGE, JOURNALISTS FROM BROADCAST AND NEWS AGENCIES.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Bernos	De Vera	Marcoleta
Abellanosa	Bertiz	Defensor	Marcos
Abu	Biazon	Del Mar	Mariño
Abueg	Billones	Del Rosario	Marquez
Acop	Biron	Deloso-Montalla	Martinez
Acosta	Bolilia	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado
Acosta-Alba	Bondoc	Durano	Nava
Advincula	Bordado	Dy	Nieto
Agarao	Bravo (A.)	Elago	Noel
Aggabao	Bravo (M.V.)	Erice	Nogralas (J.J.)
Albano	Brosas	Eriguel	Nolasco
Alejano	Bulut-Begtang	Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Almario	Cagas	Escudero	Oaminal
Almonte	Calderon	Espina	Olivarez
Alvarez (F.)	Calixto-Rubiano	Estrella	Ong (E.)
Alvarez (M.)	Caminero	Evardone	Ortega (P.)
Alvarez (P.)	Campos	Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)
Amatong	Cari	Fernando	Pacquiao
Angara-Castillo	Castelo	Ferrer (J.)	Palma
Antonio	Castro (F.L.)	Flores	Pancho
Aragones	Catamco	Fortuno	Pichay
Arbison	Cerilles	Fuentebella	Pimentel
Arcillas	Chipeco	Garbin	Pineda
Arenas	Co	Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas
Atienza	Cojuangco	Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo
Bagatsing	Collantes	Garin (R.)	Radaza
Baguilat	Cortes	Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato
Banal	Cortuna	Gatchalian	Ramos
Barzaga	Cosalan	Geron	Relampagos
Bataoil	Cua	Go (A.C.)	Revilla
Batocabe	Cuaresma	Go (M.)	Roa-Puno
Bautista-Bandigan	Cueva	Gonzaga	Robes
Belaro	Dalipe	Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora
Belmonte (F.)	Daza	Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	De Jesus	Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)
Belmonte (R.)	De Venecia	Herrera-Dy	Roman
		Hofer	Romualdez
		Jalosjos	Romualdo
		Kho	Roque (H.)
		Khonghun	Roque (R.)
		Labadlabad	Sacdalan
		Lacson	Sahali
		Lagman	Salceda
		Lanete	Salimbangon
		Laogan	Salo
		Lee	Salon
		Limkaichong	Sambar
		Lobregat	Sandoval
		Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto
		Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)
		Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
		Loyola	Savellano
		Madrona	Sema
		Manalo	Siao
		Mangaoang	Silverio
		Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson

Suansing (E.) Uy (J.)
 Suansing (H.) Uy (R.)
 Suarez Vargas
 Sy-Alvarado Vargas-Alfonso
 Tambunting Velasco
 Tan (A.) Velasco-Catera
 Tan (M.) Veloso
 Teves Vergara
 Ting Villanueva
 Tinio Villaraza-Suarez
 Tolentino Villarica
 Tugna Villarin
 Tupas Violago
 Ty Yap (M.)
 Umali Yu
 Unabia Zamora (R.)
 Ungab Zarate
 Unico Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 684
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).
 With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
 abstention, House Bill No. 684 is approved on Third
 Reading.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5665
 ON THIRD READING

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we
 vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5665 and
 direct the Secretary General to read the title of the
 measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
 the measure, printed copies of which were distributed
 to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section
 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
 the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the
 Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The
 result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid
 measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May
 29, 2017:*

Affirmative

Abayon	Bordado
Abellanos	Bravo (A.)
Abu	Bravo (M.V.)
Abueg	Brosas
Acop	Bulut-Begtang
Acosta	Cagas
Acosta-Alba	Calderon
Advincula	Calixto-Rubiano
Agarao	Caminero
Aggabao	Campos
Albano	Cari
Alejano	Castelo
Almario	Castro (F.L.)
Almonte	Catamco
Alvarez (F.)	Cerilles
Alvarez (M.)	Chipeco
Alvarez (P.)	Co
Amatong	Cojuangco
Angara-Castillo	Collantes
Antonio	Cortes
Aragones	Cortuna
Arbison	Cosalan
Arcillas	Cua
Arenas	Cuaresma
Atienza	Cueva
Bagatsing	Dalipe
Baguilat	Daza
Banal	De Jesus
Barzaga	De Venecia
Bataoil	De Vera
Batocabe	Defensor
Bautista-Bandigan	Del Mar
Belaro	Del Rosario
Belmonte (F.)	Deloso-Montalla
Belmonte (J.C.)	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Belmonte (R.)	Durano
Bernos	Dy
Bertiz	Elago
Biazon	Erice
Billones	Eriguel
Biron	Ermita-Buhain
Bolilia	Escudero
Bondoc	Espina

Estrella	Ong (E.)	Umali	Vergara
Evardone	Ortega (P.)	Unabia	Villanueva
Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)	Ungab	Villaraza-Suarez
Fernando	Pacquiao	Unico	Villarica
Ferrer (J.)	Palma	Uy (J.)	Villarin
Flores	Pancho	Uy (R.)	Violago
Fortuno	Pichay	Vargas	Yap (M.)
Fuentebella	Pimentel	Vargas-Alfonso	Yu
Garbin	Pineda	Velasco	Zamora (R.)
Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas	Velasco-Catera	Zarate
Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo	Veloso	Zubiri
Garin (R.)	Radaza		
Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato	<i>Negative</i>	
Gatchalian	Ramos		
Geron	Relampagos	None	
Go (A.C.)	Revilla		
Go (M.)	Roa-Puno	<i>Abstention</i>	
Gonzaga	Robes		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora	None	
Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)		
Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)		
Herrera-Dy	Roman		APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5665
Hofer	Romualdez		ON THIRD READING
Jalosjos	Romualdo		
Kho	Roque (H.)		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).
Khonghun	Roque (R.)		With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
Labadlabad	Sacdalán		abstention, House Bill No. 5665 is hereby approved
Lacson	Sahali		on Third Reading.
Lagman	Salceda		
Lanete	Salimbangon		NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5639
Laogan	Salo		ON THIRD READING
Lee	Salon		
Limkaichong	Sambar		REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote
Lobregat	Sandoval		on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5639 and direct
Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto		the Secretary General to read the title of the measure,
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)		and call the roll for nominal voting.
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)		I so move.
Loyola	Savellano		
Madrona	Sema		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is
Manalo	Siao		there any objection? (<i>Silence</i>) The Chair hears none;
Mangaoang	Silverio		the motion is approved.
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson		
Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)		<i>Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of</i>
Marcos	Suansing (H.)		<i>the measure, printed copies of which were distributed</i>
Mariño	Suarez		<i>to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section</i>
Marquez	Sy-Alvarado		<i>58, Rule X of the House Rules.</i>
Martinez	Tambunting		
Mercado	Tan (A.)		THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No.
Nava	Tan (M.)		5639, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 16 OF
Nieto	Teves		EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY
Noel	Ting		IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF
Nogralés (J.J.)	Tinio		SAMAR, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER
Nolasco	Tolentino		DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna		“CALBAYOG CITY CHARTER DAY.”
Oaminal	Tupas		
Olivarez	Ty		<i>The Chair directed the Secretary General to call</i>

the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Cagas	Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo
Abellanosa	Calderon	Garin (R.)	Radaza
Abu	Calixto-Rubiano	Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato
Abueg	Caminero	Gatchalian	Ramos
Acop	Campos	Geron	Relampagos
Acosta	Cari	Go (A.C.)	Revilla
Acosta-Alba	Castelo	Go (M.)	Roa-Puno
Advincula	Castro (F.L.)	Gonzaga	Robes
Agarao	Catamco	Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora
Aggabao	Cerilles	Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Albano	Chipeco	Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)
Alejano	Co	Herrera-Dy	Roman
Almario	Cojuangco	Hofer	Romualdez
Almonte	Collantes	Jalosjos	Romualdo
Alvarez (F.)	Cortes	Kho	Roque (H.)
Alvarez (M.)	Cortuna	Khonghun	Roque (R.)
Alvarez (P.)	Cosalan	Labadlabad	Sacdalán
Amatong	Cua	Lacson	Sahali
Angara-Castillo	Cuaresma	Lagman	Salceda
Antonio	Cueva	Lanete	Salimbangon
Aragones	Dalipe	Laogan	Salo
Arbison	Daza	Lee	Salon
Arcillas	De Jesus	Limkaichong	Sambar
Arenas	De Venecia	Lobregat	Sandoval
Atienza	De Vera	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto
Bagatsing	Defensor	Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Baguilat	Del Mar	Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Banal	Del Rosario	Loyola	Savellano
Barzaga	Deloso-Montalla	Madrona	Sema
Bataoil	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Manalo	Siao
Batocabe	Durano	Mangaoang	Silverio
Bautista-Bandigan	Dy	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson
Belaro	Elago	Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)
Belmonte (F.)	Erice	Marcos	Suansing (H.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Eriguel	Mariño	Suarez
Belmonte (R.)	Ermita-Buhain	Marquez	Sy-Alvarado
Bernos	Escudero	Martinez	Tambunting
Bertiz	Espina	Mercado	Tan (A.)
Biazon	Estrella	Nava	Tan (M.)
Billones	Evardone	Nieto	Teves
Biron	Fariñas	Noel	Ting
Bolilia	Fernando	Nogralés (J.J.)	Tinio
Bondoc	Ferrer (J.)	Nolasco	Tolentino
Bordado	Flores	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna
Bravo (A.)	Fortuno	Oaminal	Tupas
Bravo (M.V.)	Fuentebella	Olivarez	Ty
Brosas	Garbin	Ong (E.)	Umali
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (G.)	Ortega (P.)	Unabia
		Ortega (V.N.)	Ungab
		Pacquiao	Unico
		Palma	Uy (J.)
		Pancho	Uy (R.)
		Pichay	Vargas
		Pimentel	Vargas-Alfonso
		Pineda	Velasco
		Primicias-Agabas	Velasco-Catera

Veloso	Violago	<i>Affirmative</i>	
Vergara	Yap (M.)		
Villanueva	Yu	Abayon	Castelo
Villaraza-Suarez	Zamora (R.)	Abellanos	Castro (F.L.)
Villarica	Zarate	Abu	Catamco
Villarín	Zubiri	Abueg	Cerilles
		Acop	Chipeco
<i>Negative</i>		Acosta	Co
		Acosta-Alba	Cojuangco
None		Advincula	Collantes
		Agarao	Cortes
<i>Abstention</i>		Aggabao	Cortuna
		Albano	Cosalan
None		Alejano	Cua
		Almario	Cuaresma
		Almonte	Cueva
		Alvarez (F.)	Dalipe
		Alvarez (M.)	Daza
		Alvarez (P.)	De Jesus
		Amatong	De Venecia
		Angara-Castillo	De Vera
		Antonio	Defensor
		Aragones	Del Mar
		Arbison	Del Rosario
		Arcillas	Deloso-Montalla
		Arenas	Dimaporo (M.K.)
		Atienza	Durano
		Bagatsing	Dy
		Baguilat	Elago
		Banal	Erice
		Barzaga	Eriguel
		Bataoil	Ermita-Buhain
		Batocabe	Escudero
		Bautista-Bandigan	Espina
		Belaro	Estrella
		Belmonte (F.)	Evardone
		Belmonte (J.C.)	Fariñas
		Belmonte (R.)	Fernando
		Bernos	Ferrer (J.)
		Bertiz	Flores
		Biazon	Fortuno
		Billones	Fuentebella
		Biron	Garbin
		Bolilia	Garcia (G.)
		Bondoc	Garcia (J.E.)
		Bordado	Garin (R.)
		Bravo (A.)	Gasataya
		Bravo (M.V.)	Gatchalian
		Brosas	Geron
		Bulut-Begtang	Go (A.C.)
		Cagas	Go (M.)
		Calderon	Gonzaga
		Calixto-Rubiano	Gonzales (A.P.)
		Caminero	Gonzales (A.D.)
		Campos	Hernandez
		Cari	Herrera-Dy

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5639
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).
With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 5639 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5643
ON THIRD READING

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that
we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No.
5643 and direct the Secretary General to read
the title of the measure, and call the roll for
nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
the measure, printed copies of which were distributed
to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No.
5643, entitled: ANACT NAMING THE POBLACION-
CANIOGAN NATIONAL ROAD TRAVERSING
BARANGAY POBLACION AND BARANGAY
BARAKANAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD,
PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE AS THE
ARSENIO ARCELO QUIBRANZA HIGHWAY.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the
Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The
result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid
measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May
29, 2017:*

Hofer	Romualdez	<i>Negative</i>
Jalosjos	Romualdo	
Kho	Roque (H.)	None
Khonghun	Roque (R.)	
Labadlabad	Sacdalan	<i>Abstention</i>
Lacson	Sahali	
Lagman	Salceda	None
Lanete	Salimbangon	
Laogan	Salo	
Lee	Salon	
Limkaichong	Sambar	
Lobregat	Sandoval	
Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto	
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)	
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)	
Loyola	Savellano	
Madrona	Sema	
Manalo	Siao	
Mangaoang	Silverio	
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson	
Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)	
Marcos	Suansing (H.)	
Mariño	Suarez	
Marquez	Sy-Alvarado	
Martínez	Tambunting	
Mercado	Tan (A.)	
Nava	Tan (M.)	
Nieto	Teves	
Noel	Ting	
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tinio	
Nolasco	Tolentino	
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna	
Oaminal	Tupas	
Olivarez	Ty	
Ong (E.)	Umali	
Ortega (P.)	Unabia	
Ortega (V.N.)	Ungab	
Pacquiao	Unico	
Palma	Uy (J.)	
Pancho	Uy (R.)	
Pichay	Vargas	
Pimentel	Vargas-Alfonso	
Pineda	Velasco	
Primicias-Agabas	Velasco-Catera	
Quimbo	Veloso	
Radaza	Vergara	
Ramirez-Sato	Villanueva	
Ramos	Villaraza-Suarez	
Relampagos	Villarica	
Revilla	Villarin	
Roa-Puno	Violago	
Robes	Yap (M.)	
Rocamora	Yu	<i>Affirmative</i>
Rodriguez (I.)	Zamora (R.)	
Rodriguez (M.)	Zarate	Abayon
Roman	Zubiri	Abellanosa

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5643
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 5643 is approved on Third Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5664
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5664 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5664, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING THE BICOL LIGHT 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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

	Abayon	Abu
	Abellanosa	Abueg

Acop	Cojuangco	Laogan	Sacdalán
Acosta	Collantes	Lee	Sahali
Acosta-Alba	Cortes	Limkaichong	Salceda
Advincula	Cortuna	Lobregat	Salimbangon
Agarao	Cosalán	Lopez (B.)	Salo
Aggabao	Cua	Lopez (C.)	Salon
Albano	Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)	Sambar
Alejano	Cueva	Loyola	Sandoval
Almario	Dalipe	Madrona	Santos-Recto
Almonte	Daza	Manalo	Sarmiento (C.)
Alvarez (F.)	De Jesus	Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Alvarez (M.)	De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Savellano
Alvarez (P.)	De Vera	Marcoleta	Sema
Amatong	Defensor	Marcos	Siao
Angara-Castillo	Del Mar	Mariño	Silverio
Antonio	Del Rosario	Marquez	Singson
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla	Martinez	Suansing (E.)
Arbison	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado	Suansing (H.)
Arcillas	Durano	Nava	Suarez
Arenas	Dy	Nieto	Sy-Alvarado
Atienza	Elago	Noel	Tambunting
Bagatsing	Erice	Nogralés (J.J.)	Tan (A.)
Baguilat	Eriguel	Nolasco	Tan (M.)
Banal	Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Teves
Barzaga	Escudero	Oaminal	Ting
Bataoil	Espina	Olivarez	Tinio
Batocabe	Estrella	Ong (E.)	Tolentino
Bautista-Bandigan	Evardone	Ortega (P.)	Tugna
Belaro	Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)	Tupas
Belmonte (F.)	Fernando	Pacquiao	Ty
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (J.)	Palma	Umali
Belmonte (R.)	Flores	Pancho	Unabia
Bernos	Fortuno	Pichay	Ungab
Bertiz	Fuentebella	Pimentel	Unico
Biazon	Garbin	Pineda	Uy (J.)
Billones	Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas	Uy (R.)
Biron	Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo	Vargas
Bolilia	Garin (R.)	Radaza	Vargas-Alfonso
Bondoc	Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato	Velasco
Bordado	Gatchalian	Ramos	Velasco-Catera
Bravo (A.)	Geron	Relampagos	Velooso
Bravo (M.V.)	Go (A.C.)	Revilla	Vergara
Brosas	Go (M.)	Roa-Puno	Villanueva
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzaga	Robes	Villaraza-Suarez
Cagas	Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora	Villarica
Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)	Villarin
Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)	Violago
Caminero	Herrera-Dy	Roman	Yap (M.)
Campos	Hofer	Romualdez	Yu
Cari	Jalosjos	Romualdo	Zamora (R.)
Castelo	Kho	Roque (H.)	Zarate
Castro (F.L.)	Khonghun	Roque (R.)	Zubiri
Catamco	Labadlabad		
Cerilles	Lacson	<i>Negative</i>	
Chipeco	Lagman		
Co	Lanete	None	

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5664
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.).
With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 5664 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 1875
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that
we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No.
1875 and direct the Secretary General to read
the title of the measure, and call the roll for
nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
the measure, printed copies of which were distributed
to the Members on May 25, 2017, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill
No. 1875, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING
THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
(LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN
MUNTINLUPA CITY INTO A REGULAR LTO
DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the
Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The
result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid
measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May
29, 2017:*

Affirmative

Abayon	Advincula
Abellanosa	Agarao
Abu	Aggabao
Abueg	Albano
Acop	Alejano
Acosta	Almario
Acosta-Alba	Almonte

Alvarez (F.)	De Jesus
Alvarez (M.)	De Venecia
Alvarez (P.)	De Vera
Amatong	Defensor
Angara-Castillo	Del Mar
Antonio	Del Rosario
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla
Arbison	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Arcillas	Durano
Arenas	Dy
Atienza	Elago
Bagatsing	Erice
Baguilat	Eriguel
Banal	Ermita-Buhain
Barzaga	Escudero
Bataoil	Espina
Batocabe	Estrella
Bautista-Bandigan	Evardone
Belaro	Fariñas
Belmonte (F.)	Fernando
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (J.)
Belmonte (R.)	Flores
Bernos	Fortuno
Bertiz	Fuentebella
Biazon	Garbin
Billones	Garcia (G.)
Biron	Garcia (J.E.)
Bolilia	Garin (R.)
Bondoc	Gasataya
Bordado	Gatchalian
Bravo (A.)	Geron
Bravo (M.V.)	Go (A.C.)
Brosas	Go (M.)
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzaga
Cagas	Gonzales (A.P.)
Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez
Caminero	Herrera-Dy
Campos	Hofer
Cari	Jalosjos
Castelo	Kho
Castro (F.L.)	Khonghun
Catamco	Labadlabad
Cerilles	Lacson
Chipeco	Lagman
Co	Lanete
Cojuangco	Laogan
Collantes	Lee
Cortes	Limkaichong
Cortuna	Lobregat
Cosalan	Lopez (B.)
Cua	Lopez (C.)
Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)
Cueva	Loyola
Dalipe	Madrona
Daza	Manalo

Mangaoang
 Mangudadatu (Z.)
 Marcoleta
 Marcos
 Mariño
 Marquez
 Martinez
 Mercado
 Nava
 Nieto
 Noel
 Nograles (J.J.)
 Nolasco
 Nuñez-Malanyaon
 Oaminal
 Olivarez
 Ong (E.)
 Ortega (P.)
 Ortega (V.N.)
 Pacquiao
 Palma
 Pancho
 Pichay
 Pimentel
 Pineda
 Primicias-Agabas
 Quimbo
 Radaza
 Ramirez-Sato
 Ramos
 Relampagos
 Revilla
 Roa-Puno
 Robes
 Rocamora
 Rodriguez (I.)
 Rodriguez (M.)
 Roman
 Romualdez
 Romualdo
 Roque (H.)
 Roque (R.)
 Sacdalan
 Sahali
 Salceda
 Salimbangon
 Salo

Salon
 Sambar
 Sandoval
 Santos-Recto
 Sarmiento (C.)
 Sarmiento (E.M.)
 Savellano
 Sema
 Siao
 Silverio
 Singson
 Suansing (E.)
 Suansing (H.)
 Suarez
 Sy-Alvarado
 Tambunting
 Tan (A.)
 Tan (M.)
 Teves
 Ting
 Tinio
 Tolentino
 Tugna
 Tupas
 Ty
 Umali
 Unabia
 Ungab
 Unico
 Uy (J.)
 Uy (R.)
 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velasco
 Velasco-Catera
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Villarica
 Villarin
 Violago
 Yap (M.)
 Yu
 Zamora (R.)
 Zarate
 Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 1875
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.).
 With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
 abstention, House Bill No. 1875 is hereby approved
 on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 3710
 ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote
 on Third Reading on House Bill No. 3710 and direct
 the Secretary General to read the title of the measure,
 and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
 the measure, printed copies of which were distributed
 to the Members on May 25, 2017, pursuant to Section
 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.*”

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
 the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the
 Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The
 result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid
 measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May
 29, 2017:*

Affirmative

Abayon	Alejano
Abellanosa	Almario
Abu	Almonte
Abueg	Alvarez (F.)
Acop	Alvarez (M.)
Acosta	Alvarez (P.)
Acosta-Alba	Amatong
Advincula	Angara-Castillo
Agarao	Antonio
Aggabao	Aragones
Albano	Arbison

Arcillas	Durano	Nava	Sarmiento (C.)
Arenas	Dy	Nieto	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Atienza	Elago	Noel	Savellano
Bagatsing	Erice	Nogralles (J.J.)	Sema
Baguilat	Eriguel	Nolasco	Siao
Banal	Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Silverio
Barzaga	Escudero	Oaminal	Singson
Bataoil	Espina	Olivarez	Suansing (E.)
Batocabe	Estrella	Ong (E.)	Suansing (H.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Evardone	Ortega (P.)	Suarez
Belaro	Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)	Sy-Alvarado
Belmonte (F.)	Fernando	Pacquiao	Tambunting
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (J.)	Palma	Tan (A.)
Belmonte (R.)	Flores	Pancho	Tan (M.)
Bernos	Fortuno	Pichay	Teves
Bertiz	Fuentebella	Pimentel	Ting
Biazon	Garbin	Pineda	Tinio
Billones	Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas	Tolentino
Biron	Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo	Tugna
Bolilia	Garin (R.)	Radaza	Tupas
Bondoc	Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato	Ty
Bordado	Gatchalian	Ramos	Umali
Bravo (A.)	Geron	Relampagos	Unabia
Bravo (M.V.)	Go (A.C.)	Revilla	Ungab
Brosas	Go (M.)	Roa-Puno	Unico
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzaga	Robes	Uy (J.)
Cagas	Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora	Uy (R.)
Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)	Vargas
Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Caminero	Herrera-Dy	Roman	Velasco
Campos	Hofer	Romualdez	Velasco-Catera
Cari	Jalosjos	Romualdo	Veloso
Castelo	Kho	Roque (H.)	Vergara
Castro (F.L.)	Khonghun	Roque (R.)	Villanueva
Catamco	Labadlabad	Sacdalan	Villaraza-Suarez
Cerilles	Lacson	Sahali	Villarica
Chipeco	Lagman	Salceda	Villarin
Co	Lanete	Salimbangon	Violago
Cojuangco	Laogan	Salo	Yap (M.)
Collantes	Lee	Salon	Yu
Cortes	Limkaichong	Sambar	Zamora (R.)
Cortuna	Lobregat	Sandoval	Zarate
Cosalan	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto	Zubiri
Cua	Lopez (C.)		
Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)	<i>Negative</i>	
Cueva	Loyola		
Dalipe	Madrona	None	
Daza	Manalo		
De Jesus	Mangaoang	<i>Abstention</i>	
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)		
De Vera	Marcoleta	None	
Defensor	Marcos		
Del Mar	Mariño		
Del Rosario	Marquez		
Deloso-Montalla	Martinez		
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 3710
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.) With 220

affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 3710 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5627
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5627 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 25, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5627, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abug
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)

Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan

Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Catamco
Cerilles
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Eric
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Estrella
Evardone

Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Madrona
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
Mercado
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogralas (J.J.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ortega (P.)

Ortega (V.N.)	Silverio
Pacquiao	Singson
Palma	Suansing (E.)
Pancho	Suansing (H.)
Pichay	Suarez
Pimentel	Sy-Alvarado
Pineda	Tambunting
Primicias-Agabas	Tan (A.)
Quimbo	Tan (M.)
Radaza	Teves
Ramirez-Sato	Ting
Ramos	Tinio
Relampagos	Tolentino
Revilla	Tugna
Roa-Puno	Tupas
Robes	Ty
Rocamora	Umali
Rodriguez (I.)	Unabia
Rodriguez (M.)	Ungab
Roman	Unico
Romualdez	Uy (J.)
Romualdo	Uy (R.)
Roque (H.)	Vargas
Roque (R.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Sacdalan	Velasco
Sahali	Velasco-Catera
Salceda	Veloso
Salimbangon	Vergara
Salo	Villanueva
Salon	Villaraza-Suarez
Sambar	Villarica
Sandoval	Villarin
Santos-Recto	Violago
Sarmiento (C.)	Yap (M.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yu
Savellano	Zamora (R.)
Sema	Zarate
Siao	Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5627
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.). With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 5627 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5638
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5638 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 25, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Aragones
Abellanosa	Arbison
Abu	Arcillas
Abueg	Arenas
Acop	Atienza
Acosta	Bagatsing
Acosta-Alba	Baguilat
Advincula	Banal
Agarao	Barzaga
Aggabao	Bataoil
Albano	Batocabe
Alejano	Bautista-Bandigan
Almario	Belaro
Almonte	Belmonte (F.)
Alvarez (F.)	Belmonte (J.C.)
Alvarez (M.)	Belmonte (R.)
Alvarez (P.)	Bernos
Amatong	Bertiz
Angara-Castillo	Biazon
Antonio	Billones

Biron	Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo	Suarez
Bolilia	Garin (R.)	Radaza	Sy-Alvarado
Bondoc	Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato	Tambunting
Bordado	Gatchalian	Ramos	Tan (A.)
Bravo (A.)	Geron	Relampagos	Tan (M.)
Bravo (M.V.)	Go (A.C.)	Revilla	Teves
Brosas	Go (M.)	Roa-Puno	Ting
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzaga	Robes	Tinio
Cagas	Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora	Tolentino
Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)	Tugna
Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)	Tupas
Caminero	Herrera-Dy	Roman	Ty
Campos	Hofer	Romualdez	Umali
Cari	Jalosjos	Romualdo	Unabia
Castelo	Kho	Roque (H.)	Ungab
Castro (F.L.)	Khonghun	Roque (R.)	Unico
Catamco	Labadlabad	Sacdalan	Uy (J.)
Cerilles	Lacson	Sahali	Uy (R.)
Chipeco	Lagman	Salceda	Vargas
Co	Lanete	Salimbangon	Vargas-Alfonso
Cojuangco	Laogan	Salo	Velasco
Collantes	Lee	Salon	Velasco-Catera
Cortes	Limkaichong	Sambar	Veloso
Cortuna	Lobregat	Sandoval	Vergara
Cosalan	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto	Villanueva
Cua	Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Villarica
Cueva	Loyola	Savellano	Villarín
Dalipe	Madrona	Sema	Violago
Daza	Manalo	Siao	Yap (M.)
De Jesus	Mangaoang	Silverio	Yu
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson	Zamora (R.)
De Vera	Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)	Zarate
Defensor	Marcos	Suansing (H.)	Zubiri
Del Mar	Mariño		
Del Rosario	Marquez	<i>Negative</i>	
Deloso-Montalla	Martinez		
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado	None	
Durano	Nava		
Dy	Nieto	<i>Abstention</i>	
Elago	Noel		
Erice	Nogralas (J.J.)	None	
Eriguel	Nolasco		
Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon		
Escudero	Oaminal		
Espina	Olivarez		
Estrella	Ong (E.)		
Evardone	Ortega (P.)		
Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)		
Fernando	Pacquiao		
Ferrer (J.)	Palma		
Flores	Pancho		
Fortuno	Pichay		
Fuentebella	Pimentel		
Garbin	Pineda		
Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5638
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.).
With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 5638 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5640
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote

on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5640 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 25, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Bagatsing	Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez
Abellanosa	Baguilat	Caminero	Herrera-Dy
Abu	Banal	Campos	Hofer
Abueg	Barzaga	Cari	Jalosjos
Acop	Bataoil	Castelo	Kho
Acosta	Batocabe	Castro (F.L.)	Khonghun
Acosta-Alba	Bautista-Bandigan	Catamco	Labadlabad
Advincula	Belaro	Cerilles	Lacson
Agarao	Belmonte (F.)	Chipeco	Lagman
Aggabao	Belmonte (J.C.)	Co	Lanete
Albano	Belmonte (R.)	Cojuangco	Laogan
Alejano	Bernos	Collantes	Lee
Almario	Bertiz	Cortes	Limkaichong
Almonte	Biazon	Cortuna	Lobregat
Alvarez (F.)	Billones	Cosalan	Lopez (B.)
Alvarez (M.)	Biron	Cua	Lopez (C.)
Alvarez (P.)	Bolilia	Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)
Amatong	Bondoc	Cueva	Loyola
Angara-Castillo	Bordado	Dalipe	Madrona
Antonio	Bravo (A.)	Daza	Manalo
Aragones	Bravo (M.V.)	De Jesus	Mangaoang
Arbison	Brosas	De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Arcillas	Bulut-Begtang	De Vera	Marcoleta
Arenas	Cagas	Defensor	Marcos
Atienza	Calderon	Del Mar	Mariño
		Del Rosario	Marquez
		Deloso-Montalla	Martinez
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado
		Durano	Nava
		Dy	Nieto
		Elago	Noel
		Erice	Nogralas (J.J.)
		Eriguel	Nolasco
		Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon
		Escudero	Oaminal
		Espina	Olivarez
		Estrella	Ong (E.)
		Evardone	Ortega (P.)
		Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)
		Fernando	Pacquiao
		Ferrer (J.)	Palma
		Flores	Pancho
		Fortuno	Pichay
		Fuentebella	Pimentel
		Garbin	Pineda
		Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas
		Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo
		Garin (R.)	Radaza
		Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato
		Gatchalian	Ramos
		Geron	Relampagos
		Go (A.C.)	Revilla
		Go (M.)	Roa-Puno
		Gonzaga	Robes
		Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora
		Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)

Rodriguez (M.)	Teves
Roman	Ting
Romualdez	Tinio
Romualdo	Tolentino
Roque (H.)	Tugna
Roque (R.)	Tupas
Sacdalan	Ty
Sahali	Umali
Salceda	Unabia
Salimbangon	Ungab
Salo	Unico
Salon	Uy (J.)
Sambar	Uy (R.)
Sandoval	Vargas
Santos-Recto	Vargas-Alfonso
Sarmiento (C.)	Velasco
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Velasco-Catera
Savellano	Veloso
Sema	Vergara
Siao	Villanueva
Silverio	Villaraza-Suarez
Singson	Villarica
Suansing (E.)	Villarin
Suansing (H.)	Violago
Suarez	Yap (M.)
Sy-Alvarado	Yu
Tambunting	Zamora (R.)
Tan (A.)	Zarate
Tan (M.)	Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5640
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.).
With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 5640 is hereby approved on
Third and final Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5641
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that
we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No.
5641 and direct the Secretary General to read
the title of the measure, and call the roll for
nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
the measure, printed copies of which were distributed
to the Members on May 25, 2017, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.”

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the
Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The
result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid
measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May
29, 2017:*

Affirmative

Abayon	Batocabe
Abellanosa	Bautista-Bandigan
Abu	Belaro
Abueg	Belmonte (F.)
Acop	Belmonte (J.C.)
Acosta	Belmonte (R.)
Acosta-Alba	Bernos
Advincula	Bertiz
Agarao	Biazon
Aggabao	Billones
Albano	Biron
Alejano	Bolilia
Almario	Bondoc
Almonte	Bordado
Alvarez (F.)	Bravo (A.)
Alvarez (M.)	Bravo (M.V.)
Alvarez (P.)	Brosas
Amatong	Bulut-Begtang
Angara-Castillo	Cagas
Antonio	Calderon
Aragones	Calixto-Rubiano
Arbison	Caminero
Arcillas	Campos
Arenas	Cari
Atienza	Castelo
Bagatsing	Castro (F.L.)
Baguilat	Catamco
Banal	Cerilles
Barzaga	Chipeco
Bataoil	Co

Cojuangco	Laogan	Salo	Tupas
Collantes	Lee	Salon	Ty
Cortes	Limkaichong	Sambar	Umali
Cortuna	Lobregat	Sandoval	Unabia
Cosalan	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto	Ungab
Cua	Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)	Unico
Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Uy (J.)
Cueva	Loyola	Savellano	Uy (R.)
Dalipe	Madrona	Sema	Vargas
Daza	Manalo	Siao	Vargas-Alfonso
De Jesus	Mangaoang	Silverio	Velasco
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson	Velasco-Catera
De Vera	Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)	Veloso
Defensor	Marcos	Suansing (H.)	Vergara
Del Mar	Mariño	Suarez	Villanueva
Del Rosario	Marquez	Sy-Alvarado	Villaraza-Suarez
Deloso-Montalla	Martinez	Tambunting	Villarica
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado	Tan (A.)	Villarin
Durano	Nava	Tan (M.)	Violago
Dy	Nieto	Teves	Yap (M.)
Elago	Noel	Ting	Yu
Erice	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tinio	Zamora (R.)
Eriguel	Nolasco	Tolentino	Zarate
Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna	Zubiri
Escudero	Oaminal		
Espina	Olivarez	<i>Negative</i>	
Estrella	Ong (E.)	None	
Evardone	Ortega (P.)		
Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)	<i>Abstention</i>	
Fernando	Pacquiao		
Ferrer (J.)	Palma	None	
Flores	Pancho		
Fortuno	Pichay		
Fuentebella	Pimentel		
Garbin	Pineda		
Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas		
Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo		
Garin (R.)	Radaza		
Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato		
Gatchalian	Ramos		
Geron	Relampagos		
Go (A.C.)	Revilla		
Go (M.)	Roa-Puno		
Gonzaga	Robes		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)		
Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)		
Herrera-Dy	Roman		
Hofer	Romualdez		
Jalosjos	Romualdo		
Kho	Roque (H.)		
Khonghun	Roque (R.)		
Labadlabad	Sacdalan		
Lacson	Sahali		
Lagman	Salceda		
Lanete	Salimbangon		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5641
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.).
With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 5641 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5646
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote
on Third Reading on House Bill No. 684 and direct the
Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and
call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of

the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 25, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Bertiz	Del Mar	Mariño
Abellanos	Biazon	Del Rosario	Marquez
Abu	Billones	Deloso-Montalla	Martinez
Abueg	Biron	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado
Acop	Bolilia	Durano	Nava
Acosta	Bondoc	Dy	Nieto
Acosta-Alba	Bordado	Elago	Noel
Advincula	Bravo (A.)	Erice	Nogralas (J.J.)
Agarao	Bravo (M.V.)	Eriguel	Nolasco
Aggabao	Brosas	Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Albano	Bulut-Begtang	Escudero	Oaminal
Alejano	Cagas	Espina	Olivarez
Almario	Calderon	Estrella	Ong (E.)
Almonte	Calixto-Rubiano	Evardone	Ortega (P.)
Alvarez (F.)	Caminero	Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)
Alvarez (M.)	Campos	Fernando	Pacquiao
Alvarez (P.)	Cari	Ferrer (J.)	Palma
Amatong	Castelo	Flores	Pancho
Angara-Castillo	Castro (F.L.)	Fortuno	Pichay
Antonio	Catamco	Fuentebella	Pimentel
Aragones	Cerilles	Garbin	Pineda
Arbison	Chipeco	Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas
Arcillas	Co	Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo
Arenas	Cojuangco	Garin (R.)	Radaza
Atienza	Collantes	Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato
Bagatsing	Cortes	Gatchalian	Ramos
Baguilat	Cortuna	Geron	Relampagos
Banal	Cosalan	Go (A.C.)	Revilla
Barzaga	Cua	Go (M.)	Roa-Puno
Bataoil	Cuaresma	Gonzaga	Robes
Batocabe	Cueva	Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora
Bautista-Bandigan	Dalipe	Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Belaro	Daza	Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)
Belmonte (F.)	De Jesus	Herrera-Dy	Roman
Belmonte (J.C.)	De Venecia	Hofer	Romualdez
Belmonte (R.)	De Vera	Jalosjos	Romualdo
Bernos	Defensor	Kho	Roque (H.)
		Khonghun	Roque (R.)
		Labadlabad	Sacdalan
		Lacson	Sahali
		Lagman	Salceda
		Lanete	Salimbangon
		Laogan	Salo
		Lee	Salon
		Limkaichong	Sambar
		Lobregat	Sandoval
		Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto
		Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)
		Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
		Loyola	Savellano
		Madrona	Sema
		Manalo	Siao
		Mangaoang	Silverio
		Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson
		Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)
		Marcos	Suansing (H.)

Suarez
 Sy-Alvarado
 Tambunting
 Tan (A.)
 Tan (M.)
 Teves
 Ting
 Tinio
 Tolentino
 Tugna
 Tupas
 Ty
 Umali
 Unabia
 Ungab
 Unico
 Uy (J.)

Uy (R.)
 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velasco
 Velasco-Catera
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Villarica
 Villarin
 Violago
 Yap (M.)
 Yu
 Zamora (R.)
 Zarate
 Zubiri

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon
 Abellanosa
 Abu
 Abueg
 Acop
 Acosta
 Acosta-Alba
 Advincula
 Agarao
 Aggabao
 Albano
 Alejano
 Almario
 Almonte
 Alvarez (F.)
 Alvarez (M.)
 Alvarez (P.)
 Amatong
 Angara-Castillo
 Antonio
 Aragones
 Arbison
 Arcillas
 Arenas
 Atienza
 Bagatsing
 Baguilat
 Banal
 Barzaga
 Bataoil
 Batocabe
 Bautista-Bandigan
 Belaro
 Belmonte (F.)
 Belmonte (J.C.)
 Belmonte (R.)
 Bernos
 Bertiz
 Biazon
 Billones
 Biron
 Bolilia
 Bondoc
 Bordado
 Bravo (A.)
 Bravo (M.V.)
 Brosas
 Bulut-Begtang
 Cagas
 Calderon
 Calixto-Rubiano
 Caminero
 Campos
 Cari
 Castelo
 Castro (F.L.)
 Catamco
 Cerilles
 Chipeco
 Co
 Cojuangco
 Collantes
 Cortes
 Cortuna
 Cosalan
 Cua
 Cuaresma
 Cueva
 Dalipe
 Daza
 De Jesus
 De Venecia
 De Vera
 Defensor
 Del Mar
 Del Rosario
 Deloso-Montalla
 Dimaporo (M.K.)
 Durano
 Dy
 Elago
 Erice
 Eriguel
 Ermita-Buhain
 Escudero
 Espina
 Estrella
 Evardone
 Fariñas
 Fernando
 Ferrer (J.)
 Flores
 Fortuno
 Fuentebella

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5646
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.). With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 5646 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5647
 ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5647 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 25, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5647, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, IN THE ISLAND OF TICAŌ, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Garbin	Pineda	Velasco	Villarin
Garcia (G.)	Primicias-Agabas	Velasco-Catera	Violago
Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo	Veloso	Yap (M.)
Garin (R.)	Radaza	Vergara	Yu
Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato	Villanueva	Zamora (R.)
Gatchalian	Ramos	Villaraza-Suarez	Zarate
Geron	Relampagos	Villarica	Zubiri
Go (A.C.)	Revilla		
Go (M.)	Roa-Puno	<i>Negative</i>	
Gonzaga	Robes		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora	None	
Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)		
Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)	<i>Abstention</i>	
Herrera-Dy	Roman		
Hofer	Romualdez	None	
Jalosjos	Romualdo		
Kho	Roque (H.)		
Khonghun	Roque (R.)		
Labadlabad	Sacdalan		
Lacson	Sahali		
Lagman	Salceda		
Lanete	Salimbangon		
Laogan	Salo		
Lee	Salon		
Limkaichong	Sambar		
Lobregat	Sandoval		
Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto		
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)		
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Loyola	Savellano		
Madrona	Sema		
Manalo	Siao		
Mangaoang	Silverio		
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson		
Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)		
Marcos	Suansing (H.)		
Mariño	Suarez		
Marquez	Sy-Alvarado		
Martinez	Tambunting		
Mercado	Tan (A.)		
Nava	Tan (M.)		
Nieto	Teves		
Noel	Ting		
Nogralles (J.J.)	Tinio		
Nolasco	Tolentino		
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna		
Oaminal	Tupas		
Olivarez	Ty		
Ong (E.)	Umali		
Ortega (P.)	Unabia		
Ortega (V.N.)	Ungab		
Pacquiao	Unico		
Palma	Uy (J.)		
Pancho	Uy (R.)		
Pichay	Vargas		
Pimentel	Vargas-Alfonso		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5647
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.). With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, House Bill No. 5647 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5654
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5654 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 25, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The

result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 95, dated May 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Calixto-Rubiano	Geron	Relampagos
Abellanos	Caminero	Go (A.C.)	Revilla
Abu	Campos	Go (M.)	Roa-Puno
Abueg	Cari	Gonzaga	Robes
Acop	Castelo	Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora
Acosta	Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Acosta-Alba	Catamco	Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)
Advincula	Cerilles	Herrera-Dy	Roman
Agarao	Chipeco	Hofer	Romualdez
Aggabao	Co	Jalosjos	Romualdo
Albano	Cojuangco	Kho	Roque (H.)
Alejano	Collantes	Khonghun	Roque (R.)
Almario	Cortes	Labadlabad	Sacdalan
Almonte	Cortuna	Lacson	Sahali
Alvarez (F.)	Cosalan	Lagman	Salceda
Alvarez (M.)	Cua	Lanete	Salimbangon
Alvarez (P.)	Cuaresma	Laogan	Salo
Amatong	Cueva	Lee	Salon
Angara-Castillo	Dalipe	Limkaichong	Sambar
Antonio	Daza	Lobregat	Sandoval
Aragones	De Jesus	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto
Arbison	De Venecia	Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Arcillas	De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Arenas	Defensor	Loyola	Savellano
Atienza	Del Mar	Madrona	Sema
Bagatsing	Del Rosario	Manalo	Siao
Baguilat	Deloso-Montalla	Mangaoang	Silverio
Banal	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson
Barzaga	Durano	Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)
Bataoil	Dy	Marcos	Suansing (H.)
Batocabe	Elago	Mariño	Suarez
Bautista-Bandigan	Erice	Marquez	Sy-Alvarado
Belaro	Eriguel	Martinez	Tambunting
Belmonte (F.)	Ermita-Buhain	Mercado	Tan (A.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Escudero	Nava	Tan (M.)
Belmonte (R.)	Espina	Nieto	Teves
Bernos	Estrella	Noel	Ting
Bertiz	Evardone	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tinio
Biazon	Fariñas	Nolasco	Tolentino
Billones	Fernando	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna
Biron	Ferrer (J.)	Oaminal	Tupas
Bolilia	Flores	Olivarez	Ty
Bondoc	Fortuno	Ong (E.)	Umali
Bordado	Fuentebella	Ortega (P.)	Unabia
Bravo (A.)	Garbin	Ortega (V.N.)	Ungab
Bravo (M.V.)	Garcia (G.)	Pacquiao	Unico
Brosas	Garcia (J.E.)	Palma	Uy (J.)
Bulut-Begtang	Garin (R.)	Pancho	Uy (R.)
Cagas	Gasataya	Pichay	Vargas
Calderon	Gatchalian	Pimentel	Vargas-Alfonso
		Pineda	Velasco
		Primicias-Agabas	Velasco-Catera
		Quimbo	Veloso
		Radaza	Vergara
		Ramirez-Sato	Villanueva
		Ramos	Villaraza-Suarez

Villarica Yu
 Villarín Zamora (R.)
 Violago Zarate
 Yap (M.) Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5654
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.). With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 5654 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hearing none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General will please read the Additional Reference of Business

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following Committee Reports and the Presiding Officer made the corresponding references:

COMMITTEE REPORT/S

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 264), re H.B. No. 5748, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOVELLAR IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 625

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Gonzalez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Order and Safety (Committee Report No. 265), re H.B. No. 5750, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE OFFENSES OF DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND

INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF FIREARMS AND PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 254 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘REVISED PENAL CODE’, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 176, 1348 and 3837

Sponsors: Representatives Acop, Nograles (K.A.), Nograles (J.J.) and Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 266), re H.B. No. 5754, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE RIZAL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES–SANTOR EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SANTOR, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE RIZAL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SANTOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 385

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 267), re H.B. No. 5755, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DON BOSCO EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DON BOSCO, PARAÑAQUE CITY, FROM THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DON BOSCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1640

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 268), re H.B. No. 5756, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DEPASE, MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS DEPASE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2091

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Cerilles

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 269), re H.B. No. 5757, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SAN ANTONIO HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO, PARAÑAQUE CITY, FROM THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ANTONIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PARAÑAQUE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3510

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 270), re H.B. No. 5758, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BOKOD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DAKLAN EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TUBLAY CENTER, MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE BOKOD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DAKLAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5059

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee

on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 271), re H.B. No. 5777, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN, ADOLESCENT GIRLS OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE AND TEEN-AGE MOTHERS, INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE FIRST 1,000 DAYS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 760, 761, 765, 875, 888, 899, 1340, 1662, 1805, 2512, 2928, 3105, 3358, 3564, 3643, 3967, 4323 and 4365

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Aglipay-Villar, Espina, Villaraza-Suarez, Villafuerte, Angara-Castillo, Eriguel, Montoro, Garin (S.), Baguilat, Rodriguez (M.), Antonio, Olivarez and Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 272), re H.B. No. 5780, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9832, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVTSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4650

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session—Mr. Speaker, I move that the Secretary General be directed to transmit to the Senate copies of all bills approved on Third Reading.

I so move.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, May 30, 2017, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned and will resume on May 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

It was 9:01 p.m.