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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.*

## PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll. 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. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal. 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. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

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 read the Reference of Business.

## REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5726, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR DIABETES AND ENDOCRINOLOGY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5727, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN CULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF TRIBAL HEALTH WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 5728, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE RIGHTS, WELFARE AND SAFETY OF THE WORKERS IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING (IT-BPO) INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5729, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE  
LABOR FORCE COMPETENCIES  
COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM,  
AND ESTABLISHING FREE ACCESS  
TO TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL  
TRAINING PROGRAMS”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5730, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
REVITALIZATION AND ADVANCEMENT  
OF ORIGINAL FILIPINO MUSIC AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5731, entitled:

“AN ACT SYNCHRONIZING THE OPENING  
OF ALL CLASSES IN ALL SCHOOLS IN  
THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE  
ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5732, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MAIMBUNG  
MUNICIPAL PORT LOCATED IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MAIMBUNG,  
PROVINCE OF SULU INTO A PORT  
AUTHORITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
MAIMBUNG PORT AUTHORITY,  
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (S.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5733, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AS AGRICULTURAL  
LAND CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF  
THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED WITHIN  
SURIGAO CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO  
DEL NORTE”

By Representative Matugas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5734, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TINAGO  
FALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED  
IN LINAMON, LANA DEL NORTE  
PROVINCE AS A TOURIST SPOT AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5735, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MINDANAO  
CIVIC CENTER LOCATED IN TUBOD,  
LANAO DEL NORTE PROVINCE AS A  
SPORTS TOURISM DESTINATION AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5736, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MAN-MADE  
LAKE AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN  
BALO-I LANA DEL NORTE PROVINCE  
AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5737, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PAGAYAWAN  
FALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED  
IN BACOLOD, LANA DEL NORTE  
PROVINCE AS A TOURIST SPOT AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5738, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MIGHTY CAVE  
PARK AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED  
IN TAGOLOAN, LANA DEL NORTE  
PROVINCE AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5739, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING SAN ISIDRO  
BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL AT  
BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO, CITY OF  
VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON  
INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roque (R.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5740, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIELD OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS TO BE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, LANA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 5741, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2012’, TO ADOPT A MORE SYSTEMATIC, COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE PROTECTION PROGRAM, TO FOSTER THE IMPOSITION OF ALL EXISTING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES, INCREASING ITS PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5742, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8047, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT’ TO ADOPT A MORE SYSTEMATIC, COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL BOOK POLICY AND A NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT PLAN, PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5743, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAYS SAN JOSE, BITAG PEQUEÑO, MOCAG AND MABINI, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAGGAO, CAGAYAN, GOING TO BARANGAY NANGUILATTAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEÑABLANCA, CAGAYAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION”

By Representative Nolasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1020, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (VMMC) AS THE PRIMARY MEDICAL FACILITY FOR THE HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL CARE OF ELIGIBLE VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS WITH THE END VIEW OF CHARTING IMMEDIATE POLICY MEASURES AND/OR REPORT SUBSTANTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL SECURE AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH CARE OF MILITARY VETERANS AND RETIREES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Acop  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1021, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) THROUGH THE BUREAU OF SOILS AND WATER MANAGEMENT AND THE DA-CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (DA-CAR) TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON WHY THE SWEET POTATOES IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AND OTHER PARTS OF NORTH LUZON ARE SLOWLY DIMINISHING”

By Representative Dalog  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1022, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON THE STATUS OF THE PPP SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (PSIP) PHASE II”

By Representatives Dalog and Cosalan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1023, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT MILITARIZATION, AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ON THE COMMUNITIES OF BRGY. DOMINGA,

CALINAN DISTRICT DAVAO CITY, ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY ELEMENTS OF AFP 3RD INFANTRY BATTALION”

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

COMMUNITY MORTGAGE PROGRAM (CMP) AND THREATENING THEIR LIVES AND LIBERTY”

By Representatives Brosas, De Jesus, Zarate, Tinio, Casilao and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1024, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE P50-BILLION INFORMAL SETTLERS' FUND OR THE BUDGET FOR THE AQUINO ADMINISTRATION'S RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR ISF LIVING IN DANGER ZONES IN METRO MANILA”

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

House Resolution No. 1028, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST MANNER THE ACTS OF TERROR PERPETRATED AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF MARAWI CITY BY THE MAUTE TERRORIST GROUP AS WELL AS TO URGE THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCIDENT TO PROPOSE REMEDIAL LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY AND PREVENT THE INCIDENT FROM RECURRING AND/OR EXPANDING IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1025, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CASES OF DEATH AND ABUSES COMMITTED AGAINST OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN KUWAIT WITH THE VIEW OF PROTECTING FURTHER THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF FILIPINO WORKERS ABROAD”

By Representatives De Jesus, Brosas, Zarate, Tinio, Casilao and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1029, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SUDDEN TERMINATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES OF THE PLANS FOR THE MODERNIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NEW BOHOL (PANGLAO), DAVAO, ILOILO, LAGUINDINGAN AND BACOLOD AIRPORTS UNDER THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME”

By Representative Tiangco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1026, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FIVE (5) DECADE OLD PROBLEMS ON HOUSING FACED BY RESIDENTS OF SITIO 6, CATMON IN MALABON CITY”

By Representatives Brosas, De Jesus, Zarate, Tinio, Casilao and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Reps. Randolph S. Ting, Napoleon S. Dy, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Lianda B. Bolilia, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Alfredo A. Garbin Jr., Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, Suharto T. Mangudadatu, Jerry P. Treñas, Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, Frederick W. Siao, Estrellita B. Suansing, Mercedes K. Alvarez, Enrico A. Pineda, Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera, Abraham “Bambol” N. Tolentino, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, and Divina Grace C. Yu for House Bills No. 2622 and 2624;

Reps. Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao and Ana Cristina Siquian Go for House Bill No. 1988;

House Resolution No. 1027, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEVIANT SCHEME OF COMPELLING URBAN POOR RESIDENTS IN SITIO 6 CATMON MALABON CITY TO ENGAGE IN THE

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 187, 335, 1008, 2622, 2624, 4742, 5383, 5569, 5595 and 5603;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 4742, 5298, 5334, and 5382 and House Resolution No. 988;

Reps. Isagani S. Amatong, Jose Carlos L. Cari, Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II, Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, and Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino for House Bill No. 177;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bill No. 193;

Rep. Geraldine B. Roman for House Bills No. 192, 193, 194, 1301, 1302, 1563, 2330, 2622, 2624, 3771, and 4603;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Bill No. 5382;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 449, 1703, and 5630;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 1200 and 1303;

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva for House Bills No. 4223 and 4585;

Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar for House Bill No. 1530;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bills No. 1875, 4500, 4786, 5297, 5298, and 5503;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 5515, 5563, 5566, 5591, 5595, 5603, 5604, 5630, 5634, 5642, and 5645;

Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bills No. 187 and 1396;

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for House Bill No. 1584;

Rep. Gary C. Alejano for House Bills No. 113, 114, 158, 396, 397, 446, 714, 1280, 1374, 1423, 1579, 1829, 1976, 2856, 3349, 3854, 3926, 4788, 4863, 5085, and 5567;

Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma for House Bills No. 2627, 2628, 5015, 5066, 5067, and 5068;

Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes for House Resolution No. 244;

Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada for House Bill No. 3118;

Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for House Resolutions No. 906, 907, and 908;

Rep. Tom S. Villarin for House Bill No. 1280;

Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte for House Bills No. 4106, 4462, and 4742;

Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon for House Bills No. 3 and 349;

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles for House Bill No. 2628;

Rep. Raul A. Daza for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, and 2627;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bills No. 2192, 2622, 5630, and 5709;

Reps. Rolando "Klarex" A. Uy, Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III, Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II, Rodrigo A. Abellanosa, and Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV for House Bills No. 2627 and 2628;

Reps. Edcel C. Lagman and Ron P. Salo for House Bill No. 2627;

Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo for House Bills No. 2193, 2627, and 2628;

Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo for House Bills No. 2193 and 2628;

Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar for House Bill No. 2192;

Rep. Alberto T. Ungab for House Bills No. 2192, 2193, 2622, 2624, 2627, and 2628;

Rep. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza for House Bills No. 2192, 2193, 2627, and 2628;

Rep. Lucy T. Gomez for House Bills No. 2192, 2193, 2627, and 2628;

Reps. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla and Henry C. Ong for House Bills No. 2192 and 2193;

Rep. Emmanuel F. Madrona for House Bills No. 2192, 2193, 2627, and 2628;

Reps. Mauyag "Jun" B. Papandayan Jr., Johnny Ty Pimentel, Franz E. Alvarez, and Orestes T. Salon for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 2627, and 2628; and

Reps. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, Arthur R. Defensor Jr., Roger G. Mercado, Ann K. Hofer, Vincent "Bingbong" P. Crisolago, Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr., Victoria Isabel G. Noel, Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr., Arnel U. Ty, Alexandria P. Gonzales, Johnny Ty Pimentel, Marlyn B. Alonte, Oscar "Richard" S. Garin Jr., Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia, Benhur B. Lopez Jr., Vini Nola A. Ortega, Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Ron P. Salo, Salvador B. Belaro Jr., Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy, Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno, Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Jose L. Atienza Jr., Alfredo A. Garbin Jr., Eugene Michael B. De Vera, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., H. Harry L. Roque Jr., Luis Jose Angel N. Campos Jr., and Harlin Neil J. Abayon III for House Bill No. 5686.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF COAUTHORSHIP

Rep. Antonio L. Tinio withdrew his coauthorship of House Bill No. 5707.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 273), re H.B. No. 5784, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR ALL FILIPINOS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE

PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 1995' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 225, 1975, 5120 and 5560

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Roque (H.), Santos-Recto, Salo, Arenas, Escudero, Deloso-Montalla, Ramirez-Sato, Suansing (E.), Noel and Lee

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 30, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1468, entitled:

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

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

*It was 4:09 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:45 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. GULLAS. 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 call the roll of Members.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per in Journal No. 96, dated May 30, 2017.*

PRESENT

Abayon

Abellanosa

Abu

Abueg

Acharon

Acop

Acosta

Acosta-Alba

Advincula

Agarao

Aggabao

Aglipay-Villar

Albano

Alejano

Almario

Almonte

Alonte

Alvarez (F.)

Alvarez (P.)

Amante

Amatong

Antonino

Antonio

Aragones

Arbison

Arcillas

Arenas

Atienza

Bagatsing

Banal

Barzaga

Bataoil

Bautista-Bandigan

Belaro

Belmonte (F.)

Belmonte (J.C.)

Biazon

Billones

Bondoc

Bordado

Bravo (A.)

Bravo (M.V.)

Brosas

Bulut-Begtang

Cagas

Calderon

Calixto-Rubiano

Caminero

Campos

Canama

Cari

Castelo

Castro (F.L.)

Castro (F.H.)

Cayetano

Celeste

Cerifica

Cerilles

Chavez

Chipeco

Co

Cojuangco

Collantes

Cortes

Cortuna

Cosalan

Crisologo

Cua

Cuaresma

Cueva

Dalipe

De Jesus

De Venecia

De Vera

Defensor

Del Mar

Del Rosario

Deloso-Montalla

Dimaporo (A.)

Dimaporo (M.K.)

Duavit

Durano

Dy

Elago

Erice

Eriguel

Ermita-Buhain

Escudero

Espino

Estrella

Evardone	Ong (E.)	Ungab	Villafuerte
Ferrer (J.)	Ortega (P.)	Unico	Villanueva
Ferrer (L.)	Ortega (V.N.)	Uy (J.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Flores	Pacquiao	Uy (R.)	Villarín
Fortun	Paduano	Uybarreta	Violago
Fortuno	Palma	Vargas	Yap (M.)
Fuentebella	Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso	Yu
Garbin	Panganiban	Velasco-Catera	Zamora (M.C.)
Garcia (G.)	Panotes	Veloso	Zamora (R.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Papandayan	Vergara	Zubiri
Garcia-Albano	Pichay		
Garin (R.)	Pimentel		
Gasataya	Pineda		
Geron	Primicias-Agabas		
Go (A.C.)	Quimbo		
Go (M.)	Radaza		
Gomez	Ramirez-Sato		
Gonzaga	Ramos		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Relampagos		
Gullas	Revilla		
Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno		
Hofer	Rocamora		
Javier	Rodriguez (I.)		
Khonghun	Rodriguez (M.)		
Labadlabad	Romualdo		
Lacson	Roque (H.)		
Lagman	Roque (R.)		
Lanete	Sacdalán		
Laogan	Sagarbarria		
Lazatin	Salceda		
Leachon	Salimbangon		
Limkaichong	Salo		
Lopez (B.)	Salon		
Lopez (C.)	Sambar		
Lopez (M.L.)	Sandoval		
Madrona	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Malapitan	Savellano		
Manalo	Sema		
Mangaoang	Siao		
Mangudadatu (S.)	Singson		
Marcos	Suansing (E.)		
Mariño	Suansing (H.)		
Marquez	Suarez		
Martinez	Sy-Alvarado		
Mercado	Tambunting		
Mirasol	Tan (M.)		
Montoro	Tejada		
Nava	Ting		
Nieto	Tinio		
Noel	Tugna		
Nogralés (K.A.)	Tupas		
Nolasco	Ty		
Oaminal	Umali		
Olivarez	Unabia		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 218 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With 218 present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum. The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF CTTEE. RPT. NO. 257  
ON H. RES. NO. 1015

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 257 on House Resolution No. 1015.

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 title of the Resolution.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title of the measure without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 1015, entitled: RESOLUTION DISMISSING THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR IMPEACHMENT AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT-AFFIDAVIT FILED BY REP. GARY C. ALEJANO AGAINST PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE.

NOMINAL VOTING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Committee Report No. 257 on House Resolution No. 1015 and call the roll for nominal voting.

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

*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 the aforesaid measure as follows, per Journal No. 96, dated May 30, 2017:*

*Affirmative*

Abayon	Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia-Albano	Pimentel
Abu	Caminero	Garin (R.)	Pineda
Abueg	Campos	Gasataya	Plaza
Acharon	Canama	Gatchalian	Primicias-Agabas
Acop	Cari	Geron	Radaza
Acosta	Castelo	Go (A.C.)	Ramirez-Sato
Acosta-Alba	Castro (F.L.)	Go (M.)	Ramos
Advincula	Cayetano	Gonzaga	Relampagos
Agarao	Cerafica	Gonzales (A.D.)	Revilla
Aggabao	Cerilles	Gullas	Roa-Puno
Albano	Chavez	Herrera-Dy	Robes
Almario	Chipeco	Hofer	Rocamora
Almonte	Co	Javier	Rodriguez (I.)
Alonte	Cojuangco	Khonghun	Rodriguez (M.)
Alvarez (F.)	Collantes	Labadlabad	Romualdo
Amante	Cortes	Lacson	Roque (H.)
Amatong	Cortuna	Lanete	Roque (R.)
Angara-Castillo	Cosalan	Laogan	Sacdalán
Antonino	Crisologo	Lazatin	Sagarbarria
Antonio	Cua	Leachon	Sahali
Aragones	Cuaresma	Limkaichong	Salceda
Arbison	Cueva	Lopez (B.)	Salimbangon
Arcillas	Dalipe	Lopez (C.)	Salo
Arenas	De Jesus	Lopez (M.L.)	Salon
Atienza	De Venecia	Loyola	Sambar
Bagatsing	De Vera	Maceda	Sandoval
Banal	Defensor	Madrona	Sarmiento (C.)
Barbers	Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Barzaga	Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo	Sema
Bataoil	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang	Siao
Bautista-Bandigan	Duavit	Mangudadatu (S.)	Singson
Belaro	Durano	Marcos	Suansing (E.)
Belmonte (F.)	Dy	Mariño	Suansing (H.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Elago	Marquez	Sy-Alvarado
Bertiz	Eriguel	Martinez	Tambunting
Biazon	Ermita-Buhain	Mendoza	Tan (M.)
Billones	Escudero	Mercado	Tejada
Biron	Estrella	Mirasol	Ting
Bolilia	Evardone	Montoro	Tinio
Bondoc	Ferrer (J.)	Nava	Tugna
Bordado	Ferrer (L.)	Noel	Tupas
Bravo (A.)	Flores	Nolasco	Turabin-Hataman
Bravo (M.V.)	Fortun	Oaminal	Ty
Brosas	Fortuno	Ocampo	Umali
Bulut-Begtang	Garbin	Olivarez	Unabia
Cagas	Garcia (G.)	Ong (E.)	Ungab
Calderon	Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (P.)	Unico
		Ortega (V.N.)	Uy (J.)
		Pacquiao	Uy (R.)
		Paduano	Uybarreta
		Palma	Vargas
		Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso
		Panganiban	Velasco
		Panotes	Velasco-Catera
		Papandayan	Veloso
		Pichay	Vergara



Villafuerte	Yu
Villanueva	Zamora (M.C.)
Villaraza-Suarez	Zamora (R.)
Violago	Zarate
Yap (M.)	Zubiri
Yap (V.)	

*Negative:*

Alejano	Lagman
Baguilat	Villarin

*Abstention:*

None

REP. ZARATE. Mr. Speaker, may I be allowed to explain my vote?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Congressman Zarate may be given the chance to explain his vote after the votation.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). May we know the vote of Congressman Zarate?

REP. ZARATE. I vote "Yes," Mr. Speaker.

REP. ALEJANO. Mr. Speaker, my vote is "No" and I reserve the right to explain my vote later. Again, my vote is "No."

ADOPTION OF FINDINGS AND RECOM. IN  
CTTEE. RPT. NO. 287 ON H. RES. NO. 1015

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The result shows 217 affirmative votes, four negative votes and no abstention.

The findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 287 on House Resolution No. 1015, entitled: RESOLUTION DISMISSING THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR IMPEACHMENT AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT-AFFIDAVIT FILED BY REP. GARY C. ALEJANO AGAINST PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROADUTERTE, is adopted.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Congressman Lagman is hereby recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Just a point of information for

the guidance of the Members of the House. Under Section 118 of Rule XV, the general rule is that in nominal voting, a Member of the House is entitled to explain his vote immediately after casting his vote for three minutes except when a bill or resolution is considered for approval on Third Reading, then the explanation of vote will come after the results of the nominal voting have been announced by the Secretary General.

Let me quote for the record the pertinent rule:

Section 118. Explanation of Vote. – During nominal voting, the vote made may be explained by the concerned Member in not more than three (3) minutes: Provided, That in case of approval on Third Reading of bills and joint resolutions, explanation of vote shall be allowed only after the announcement by the Secretary General of the results of nominal voting thereon;

Consequently, it is only when we vote on Third Reading for the approval of a bill or resolution when the explanation of vote will come after the results are announced. In all other cases like the Resolution dismissing the impeachment complaint, a Member can explain his vote immediately after casting his vote.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Dep. Majority Leader will please respond.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, the Gentleman is correct regarding Section 118 that, indeed, it provides that in case of the approval on Third Reading of bills and joint resolutions, the explanation of vote shall be allowed only after the announcement by the Secretary General of the results of nominal voting thereon. This is to provide a clean and quick process regarding nominal voting. It has also been adopted.

In other instances where nominal voting is required such as what has transpired, it in no way disenfranchises any Member of the House of his desire to explain the vote, and it provides a quick answer to the question of whether any numerical requirement to overturn a resolution or not has been met.

So, with that, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, I believe that we are perfectly in order, and we can now give a chance to all Members to explain their vote, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Congressman Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. As long as we have not amended Section 118 of Rule XV, in all other cases of nominal voting, a Member is entitled to explain his vote immediately after casting his vote. The reason for this, Mr. Speaker, is that the explanation may be well-anchored so much so that other Members of the House can appreciate the explanation of vote before they vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). In addition to the response of the Dep. Majority Leader, it is the opinion of the Chair that the explanation of vote shall come after the announcement of the result of the votation. Moreover, it is the observation of the Chair that, while it is true that a reservation to explain the vote has been made by some Members of the House, immediately after they have voted, they have not stood up to claim that reservation. Nonetheless, substantial compliance or full compliance with the provision of the rule may still be met by allowing the concerned Member of the House to explain after the announcement of the result of the votation.

At this juncture, the Chair recognizes Cong. Gary C. Alejano to explain his vote.

#### REP. ALEJANO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Magandang hapon po sa inyong lahat. We in the MAGDALO vote “No” on House Resolution No. 1015 dismissing the verified complaint that this Representation filed against President Duterte. We in the MAGDALO firmly believe that the President has culpably violated the Constitution, has committed acts of bribery and graft and corruption, has committed other high crimes, and has betrayed the public trust because of the following:

1. Duterte committed high crimes of bribery, multiple murders, and crimes against humanity when he adopted a State policy of inducing policemen, other law enforcement authorities and vigilante groups to the extrajudicial killings of thousands of persons who were merely suspected of being drug offenders.

2. He is involved in multiple murders as he masterminded the Davao Death Squad when he was still mayor.

3. He committed graft and corruption with the hiring of more than 11,000 ghost employees when he was still mayor in Davao City.

4. He has unexplained wealth amounting to more than P2 billion in deposits and credits that flowed into his numerous bank accounts; and his failure or refusal to assert the country’s exclusive sovereign rights and maritime rights and territorial claims over Benham Rise, Panatag Shoal and the rest of the West Philippine Sea.

By voting to dismiss the impeachment complaint, the whole nation witnessed how the rules were bent

and how this institution became an accessory to the countless deaths in our streets. By voting to dismiss the impeachment complaint, this institution effectively shied away from showing that it is independent and it is a trustworthy venue for its people to hold the President accountable to his actions and policies. By voting to dismiss the impeachment complaint, the Members of this Chamber have effectively provided a year of immunity to the President from being held accountable for his actions. One year of immunity, my colleagues, is an additional year to add up to these thousands upon thousands of deaths resulting from the President’s war on drugs, much more now with the declaration of martial law. It is an additional year for the President to foster an environment of impunity and further erode respect for human rights. It is an additional year for the President to further sell and compromise our sovereignty and territorial integrity to China.

We in the MAGDALO will continue to be critical of the President and his actions and we will find other venues to seek justice and accountability for the thousands of Filipinos murdered when the President adopted the State policy of killings of suspected drug personalities and other crime suspects. We cannot sit idly as the President continues to kill not only our fellow Filipinos who are victims themselves, but more importantly, to disregard due process, the rule of law, our basic human rights, and our democracy.

God bless us and God bless our country.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. I move for the recognition of Cong. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Congressman Zarate is recognized to explain his vote. You have three minutes.

#### REP. ZARATE EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This Representation as well as my colleagues in the Makabayan bloc voted “Yes” on House Resolution No. 1015. We stand against the move to impeach President Rodrigo Duterte even as we condemn and seek thorough investigation of extrajudicial killings in the war on drugs. We, the Makabayan bloc, condemn and opposes the extrajudicial killings of thousands of poor Filipinos that have been perpetrated in the course of the administration’s war on drugs. We call on the people to actively protest and exert pressure on President Duterte to put an end to the extrajudicial killings and human rights violations by the police and

the military. Thorough investigation must be conducted. The survivors and families of the victims here and those accountable must be brought to justice.

Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, we cannot join Representative Alejano's move to impeach President Duterte as it goes against our stand to give the GRP and the NDFP peace process a chance. We now have an extraordinary opportunity for the government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines to come up with agreements on socio-economic and political reforms that will address the root causes of widespread poverty, corruption and criminality, including the drug menace in our country. Those behind this impeachment are the same ones who opposed meaningful reforms through peace negotiations. We likewise suspect the hand of US imperialism behind the impeachment move as the US cannot accept the fact that the Philippine President, who is not completely under its thumb, is sitting in Malacañang. We are aware that great turmoil, war and suffering for the people have always followed in the wake of US machinations for a regime change and wars of aggression as in the case of Iraq, Libya and Syria.

We call on President Duterte to steadfastly pursue nationalist and democratic socio-economic and political reforms instead of succumbing to the dictates of the US or China and the militarist in his government. We hope that he will not waste the opportunity given him by the people. Betraying the public trust will make him a legitimate target of calls for resignation, impeachment or even ouster.

Mr. Speaker, let us all continue to fight for a nationalist and democratic change to end the neocolonial exploitative and oppressive system in our society.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery of the Hon. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Floor Leader. These guests are from the Treasurer's Office of the city of Balanga, Bataan: Annie Cabusao, Garylyn Banzon, Angel Sanchez, Gemine Panganiban, Angie Maglaque, Myla de Jesus, Mary Anne Tumbaga, Kathryn Fernandez and Edwin Palaypay.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, also in the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano of the Lone Congressional District of Pasay City. These guests are from South Korea: Mr. Changho Jung, Mr. Gyoung Su Lee and Ms. Chae Talosa.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, also in the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Hon. Rico B. Geron and Hon. Sabiniano S. Canama. They are from the cooperative sector federations, unions and councils: Philippine Cooperative Center, Federation of Cooperatives of Workers' Organization, Novaliches Development Cooperative, Valenzuela Development Cooperative, Holy Cross Savings and Credit Cooperative, Barangka Credit Cooperative, Cooperative Union of Marikina City, Northern Luzon Federation of Cooperatives and Development Center, Western Visayas Alliance of Cooperatives, Tagalog Cooperative Development Center, Federation of People's Sustainable Development Cooperative, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Multi-Purpose Cooperative, St. Francis- Sta. Quiteria Parish Multipurpose Cooperative, National Cooperative Development Council, Simbayanan ni Maria Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Cooperative Union of Taguig and Pateros (COUNTPA), Top Form Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Signal Village National High School Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Bagumbayan Producers Sewer Cooperative, Pateros Public School Teachers Multi-Purpose Cooperative, National Federation of Cooperatives, Most Holy Rosary Multi-Purpose Cooperative, ACDI Multipurpose Cooperative and Philippine Federation of Teachers and Employees Cooperative.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, also in the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Emmi A. De Jesus, including those of Reps. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Antonio L. Tinio, France L. Castro and Arlene D. Brosas, from Kalinaw Mindanao, a coalition of faith-based human rights organizations calling for peace and an end to all-out war in Mindanao: Bishop Hamuel Tequis, Bishop Modesto Villasanta, Eufemia Cullamat, Sheena Duazo, Francis Ruba, Virgilio Lincuna, Atel Hijos, Wildon Barros and Angela Libano.

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

REP. GULLAS. Also in the gallery, Mr. Speaker, are the guests of the Hon. Jorge "Bolet" Banal of the Third District of Quezon City. They are members of the Palarong Pambansa 2017 Champion Football Team High School Division: Luard Kristoffer Abaa, Karl Bugayong, Jon Kenneth Cammayo, Angelo Pagdanganan, Fidel Victor Tacardon and Francis Arturo Tacardon.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, also in the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Jeffrey D. Khonghun of the First District of Zambales and they are Mr. Reynaldo Soliman, Mrs. Virginia Soliman, Mr. Gary Soliman, Mrs. Rebecca Soliman, Mr. Manuel Rojas and Mr. Redante Soliman.

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5682 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5682, contained in Committee Report No. 248, as reported out by the Committee on Cooperatives Development.

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

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

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

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5682, entitled: AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVE OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the honorable Sponsor, the Chairman of the Committee on Cooperatives Development, the Hon. Rico B. Geron. 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 Sponsor may now proceed with his sponsorship speech.

#### SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. GERON

REP. GERON. Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues in this august Chamber, I stand before you for House Bill No. 5682 contained in Committee Report No. 248 as reported out by the Committee on Cooperatives Development and authored by the kingpin stalwarts of the cooperative sector: Reps. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Sabiniano S. Canama, Roy M. Loyola, Carlito S. Marquez, Estrellita B. Suansing and this Representation, Chairman of the Committee on Cooperatives Development.

With the cooperatives being in the forefront in the countryside and even in the urbanized areas, they are relegated sometimes to being a nonentity, and we take for granted that the cooperative is just there. Yet, the cooperative sector is a force to reckon with because, even if it is just there in the community where it operates, it is there to serve and deliver services where the government cannot deliver. Cooperatives assist the government, using their own resources from the capital build-up from their members. The role of the cooperative is provided for and enshrined in the Constitution, and for that reason, all matters concerning cooperatives are filtered down to the lowest tier in our society.

This Bill seeks to make the position of the cooperative officer mandatory in the municipality, city and province to ensure that the needs of the constituents in these LGUs are properly attended to, and not merely attended to by a designated officer who has no knowledge of how a true cooperative setup works. The Bill may have an effect on budget allocations of the municipality, city or province but this can be worked out if our government can adopt the cooperative principles on cooperation among cooperatives and concerns for community. The Bill, if passed into law, will not adversely affect any aspect of local governance. In fact, it will more than doubly support governance as the cooperative will be there to assist the government without any direct financial assistance. When the cooperative starts operations, it will be the members of the cooperative who will govern their affairs, give benefits to its citizen-members and the community where they operate, and even to the local government itself.

Ang cooperative ay tayo at tayo ang bumubuo nito. Ito rin ay para sa sinuman dito na nagnanais makiisa sa mga adhikain upang matulungan ang ating sarili at ang mga nakararami, at ang gobyerno na dapat na nariyan para sa kooperatiba, ay masuportahan.

\*See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

No less than 20 provisions of the Constitution provide for cooperative development. Republic Act No. 9520, Chapter I, provides:

It is the declared policy of the State to foster the creation and growth of cooperatives as a practical vehicle for promoting self-reliance and harnessing people power towards the attainment of economic development and social justice. The State shall encourage the private sector to undertake the actual formation and organization of cooperatives and shall create an atmosphere that is conducive to the growth and development of these cooperatives.

The cooperative officers will be tasked to look into the concerns of the community where the cooperative operates. The local government cannot ask for nothing more. Mabuhay ang kilusang kooperatiba!

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we close 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.

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, and no member who wish to speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5682. 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.

### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). As many as are in favor, say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5682 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Climaco). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved. House Bill No. 5682 is approved on Second Reading.

### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5685 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5685, contained in Committee Report No. 249, as reported out by the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs.

May I ask 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 directed to read only the title of the measure.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5685, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS.

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and in doing so, I move that the Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs, Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus, be recognized to sponsor the measure.

\*See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Chair recognizes the Sponsor, Congresswoman De Jesus, to proceed with her sponsorship speech.

#### SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. DE JESUS

REP. DE JESUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The present House Bill No. 5685 was a refiled House Bill from the previous Sixteenth Congress. It was previously filed as House Bill No. 6425, approved by the House of Representatives on Third Reading on May 23, 2016, and transmitted to the Senate on May 25, 2016. However, due to lack of material time, the Senate failed to act on the measure.

In the present Seventeenth Congress, six House bills on the same subject were filed. These are the following: the first one, House Bill No. 78 was filed by Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar; second one by Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo; third one by Rep. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo; fourth one by Reps. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Jericho Jonas B. Nograles; fifth one by Rep. Tomasito "Tom" S. Villarin; and the last one by Rep. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza. A technical working group was then formed to study and consolidate the aforementioned House bills and held two meetings: the first one is on December 7, 2016 and the second one, last January 24, 2017.

In the Committee meeting last February 28 of this year, the substitute bill entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS, was approved and filed as House Bill No. 5685. This Bill is a commitment of the Philippine government to comply with the Maritime Labor Convention of 2006, which was ratified on August 20, 2012 by the Philippines. The Philippines is the 30th member to have its ratification registered and it joined the group of the first 30 ILO countries which demonstrated their commitment to ensuring decent work for seafarers and level the playing field for shipowners all over the world.

Mr. Speaker, this Bill is for the benefit and welfare of our seafarers, both domestic and those working overseas. Just to mention some of the salient features of the Bill, this covers Filipino seafarers engaged, employed, or working in any capacity on board Philippine registered ships operating domestically or internationally, as well as those on board foreign registered ships. It provides for the following basic rights of seafarers: 1) the right to just terms and conditions of work such as a safe and secure workplace that complies with safety standards; decent working and living conditions on board a ship; medical care, welfare measures and other forms of health and social protection; and fair terms and conditions of employment

including the salary commensurate to their rank; 2) the right to self-organization, to engage in collective bargaining, and to participate in democratic exercises; 3) the right to educational advancement and training at reasonable and affordable costs, where no fees or charges shall be imposed on cadets, interns, apprentices, on-the-job trainees or other persons similarly situated; 4) the right to relevant information; 5) the right to consultation; 6) the right against discrimination; 7) right to free legal representation; and 8) the right to access to communication.

As the Acting Chair of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs which deliberated and acted on this significant measure, I now urge my colleagues to approve House Bill No. 5685 on Second Reading.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, 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.

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

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

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

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 5685 on Second Reading.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). There is a motion to vote on House Bill No. 5685. As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 5685, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5685  
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.  
House Bill No. 5685 is approved on Second Reading.  
The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5686  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5686, contained in Committee Report No. 250, as reported out by the Committee on Revision of Laws.

May I ask 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 directed to read only the title of the measure.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5686, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NATIONAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9645, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO ACT. "

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Chairperson of the Committee on Revision of Laws, Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, be recognized to begin sponsorship of the measure. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Rep. Primicias-Agabas is hereby recognized and thus, may proceed with her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF  
REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, my dear colleagues, as the Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Laws, I have the honor to present House Bill No. 5686, contained in Committee Report No. 250, in substitution of House Bills No. 196, 2607, 4720 and 5122.

Mr. Speaker, may I request that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech of this Representation, and may I appeal to my dear colleagues to please support this Bill and approve it on Second Reading.

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, 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

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

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 5686 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). There is a motion to vote on House Bill No. 5686 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5686  
ON SECOND READING

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

\*See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

House Bill No. 5686 is approved on Second Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5707  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5707, contained in Committee Report No. 258, as reported out by the Committee on Government Reorganization and the Committee on Appropriations.

May I ask 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 directed to read only the title of the measure.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5707, entitled: AN ACT RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the Hon. Virgilio S. Lacson for his sponsorship speech. 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 Honorable Lacson is now recognized and may proceed with his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. LACSON

REP. LACSON. Mr. Speaker, deputies, my esteemed colleagues, magandang gabi po.

As the Vice Chairman, and the second-in-command so to speak, of the Committee of Government Reorganization, I am honored to sponsor House Bill No. 5707, contained Committee Report No. 258,

entitled: AN ACT RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY. This is a joint effort of the Committee on Government Reorganization and Committee on Appropriations and the distinguished proponents of the Rightsizing Bill. House Bill No. 5707 is a consolidation of four Bills with the same title, AN ACT RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY: House Bill No. 3781, authored by Reps. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Jericho Jonas B. Nograles; House Bill No. 3838, authored by Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco; House Bill No. 3871, authored by Rep. Joel “Mayo” Z. Almario; and House Bill No. 3913, authored by Rep. Ferdinand L. Hernandez.

Mr. Speaker, let me state in a nutshell the primordial purpose of the Bill in rightsizing the government bureaucracy – it is to improve public service delivery by minimizing duplications, redundancies or overlapping of functions, to be simplistic about it. We all know that rightsizing in the bureaucracy is not without complications. It is not an easy task to overhaul a bloated bureaucracy, considering the vastness and complexity of government offices, notwithstanding that thousands of government employees stand to be affected as well as the difficulty of designing an organizational structure that shall function effectively and realize the legislative intent of the measure within the context of good governance, improved public service delivery and fiscal prudence. But that is the beauty of the complications. It excites our minds to be creative and focused, and to realize what we truly envisioned.

To dissuade the apprehensions of affected employees of around 186 agencies in the executive branch, the rightsizing program is not about forced retirement, separation of personnel or an early retirement program. Simply stated, it is about the review of the agencies’ core mandate and functions with the end in view of improving public service delivery.

Together with the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, the Hon. Karlo Alexei Nograles, and authors, Reps. Lord Allan Jay Velasco, Jose Mayo Almario, Ferdinand Hernandez, and the many coauthors of House Bill No. 5707, may I appeal, Mr. Speaker, to the good sense and wisdom of the honorable men and women of the House of Representatives to appreciate and approve this legislative proposal for all its worth and meritorious intents.

Maraming salamat po.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. France Castro for her interpellation.

\*See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)



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

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Magsisimula po ako doon sa point of order because the copies of the Bill cited by the distinguished Sponsor of the Bill were not yet distributed. It is in our Rules, Section 53: "Second Reading and Debate. – A bill or joint resolution on Second Reading shall be read in full unless copies thereof have been distributed to the Members." Wala pa pong kopya, Mr. Speaker, so, kailangan pong basahin ng ating distinguished Sponsor ang buong Bill para po maintindihan at makapagpatuloy po tayo ng interpellation.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, the copies of the Bill are already available from our Pages. If our esteemed colleague could only just ask for a copy, she will be given hers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any rejoinder from the Hon. France Castro?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Yes, pero ang nasa rule po natin na, bago po mag-start ang debate on the Second Reading, dapat distributed na ito para nabasa po ng mga kasamang mga Members, lalung-lalo na po sa kagaya ko na mag-i-interpellate. Ngayon ko pa lang po nakuha ang kopya na ito, Mr. Speaker.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

*It was 6:13 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, after consultation with our colleagues, the Pages are now distributing to them the copies of the particular measure. I hope that satisfies the requirement of our colleague, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, that satisfied my request—my point of order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). In view of the manifestation of the Hon. France Castro, then the House is deemed to have complied with, and to the satisfaction of the Lady, the requirements of the rule.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Again, Mr. Speaker, we move for the recognition of our colleague, the Hon. France Castro, for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Rep. France L. Castro is hereby recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ito pong isyu ng rightsizing ay isa po sa issues na hindi ko mapapalagpas dahil nakaranas po ako ng lupit nitong rightsizing noong ako po ay guro pa lamang. Ito iyong contractualization na naranasan ko po noong nagkaroon ng rightsizing or streamlining of the government. So, would the distinguished Sponsor yield to some questions?

REP. LACSON. To the Lady from ACT Party-List, yes, we will yield to some interpellation from her.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Marami na pong mga rationalization program, mga streamlining program na ipinatupad at hindi lamang po nitong past government pero mula pa noong panahon ni Pres. Cory Aquino. Ilang beses na po ba na-implement ang rationalization at rightsizing sa ating gobyerno, kung natatandaan po ng ating Sponsor?

REP. LACSON. Mr. Speaker, ang alam ko po, noong mga nakaraang administration ay mayroon tayong rationalization or standardization ng salaries on the whole government, but the rightsizing in the national government, I think this is the first time.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Hindi po ako naniniwala Mr. Speaker, sa sinabi ng ating distinguished Sponsor na first time lang ito na mangyayari, iyong rationalization sa ating gobyerno. Kagaya nga ng sinabi ko, noong 1989, biktima ako ng rationalization plan na ginawa mula pa noong panahon ni Pres. Cory Aquino. Sa rationalization plan na ito, marami po tayong mga contractuales na iha-hire ng gobyerno kapalit ng mga regular employees.

So, puwede po ba akong ma-satisfy ng ating distinguished Sponsor doon sa aking tanong? Ilan na po ba iyong rationalization, streamlining, pagtatanggal ng mga empleyado mula sa gobyerno ang naganap mula pa noong panahon ni Pres. Cory Aquino hanggang sa panahon ni Pres. Noynoy Aquino?

REP. LACSON. From the records, there had been

past reorganization efforts. In 1986, in the Aquino administration, there was Executive Order No. 5, dated March 12, 1986; in the Ramos administration, Memorandum Order No. 27, dated August 13, 1992; in the Arroyo administration, Executive Order No. 366, dated October 4, 2004. Idadagdag ko lang, doon po sa House Bill No. 5707, kung sinasabi po ninyo na biktima kayo ng past administration, dito po sa Bill na ito, hindi kasama ang mga teaching at teaching related, ang medical at allied medical, at military and uniformed personnel, so, wala po tayong fear, o tulad ninyo na isang guro, na makakasama po sila doon sa mga ira-rightsize na agencies ng gobyerno.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Tama po iyan, dito po sa Bill na sina-cite po ninyo sa ngayon, nakalagay dito na hindi po kasama ang mga teachers, military at iba pa. Dito po ay sina-cite ko ang experience ko po noong panahon ng Pres. Cory Aquino government. Okay, sa sinabi po ninyo na pana-panahon, ang administration ay nagkakaroon ng mga programang rightsizing or streamlining sa government pero halos lahat ng gobyerno o halos lahat ng nagdaang administrasyon ay nagpatupad ng rationalization plan, hindi po ba, distinguished Sponsor?

REP. LACSON. Sa tingin ko po, sa bawat administrasyon, kung nakikita nila na mayroong bloated, o kung baga sa tao ay mayroong mga taba sa katawan ng tao, gusto natin i-trim ito para magkaroon tayo ng—sabi nga at iko-quote ko iyong sinabi ni President Duterte, “We cannot deny that there is fat in the government and that we must trim it. The government bureaucracy must be lean, clean and nimble to address the people’s urgent needs.” So, base dun sa sinabi ng ating Pangulo, kailangan nating magkaroon ng mas efficient na gobyerno, at isa dito ay ang pagtanggap ng mga tinatawag nating fats kung ikukumpara natin sa tao.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Thank you, distinguished Sponsor. Mr. Speaker, ang tanong ko lang po ay, naniniwala ba siya, base sa binasa niya, na ang pagpapatupad ng streamlining or rationalization in the government, implemented na iyong tinatawag nating rationalization or streamlining? Sige, okay na po iyon.

Mula 2004 hanggang 2012, ilan na po ba ang natanggal sa gobyerno? Mayroon ba tayong data on regular positions na tinanggal sa gobyerno na nag-resulta sa sinasabi ninyong pagtatanggal ng fat sa ating bureaucracy?

REP. LACSON. Ang resulta po ng rationalization pursuant to EO 366, sa mga nag-retire o naseparate from service, ang affected po ay 22,694, at nagkaroon ng payment sa mga incentives na P5.66 billion. Gusto ko rin po i-point o linawin na itong Bill po natin ay hindi actually forced retirement or separation. Mayroong mga programa ang gobyerno

na i-implement—magkakaroon muna ng study, then base sa study na iyon, hindi po naman natin ipipilit na mag-retire o ma-separate sila. Magkakaroon din ng program na man-pooling noong mga mawawala na. Kapag nagkaroon ng rightsizing o nag-downsize iyong agency, magkakaroon ng manpower pool. Pagkatapos, ang mga nandood sa pool, ang Civil Service, they will retool them, tuturuan ulit ng ibang skills para ma-place ulit sila sa iba namang mga agencies.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, parang hindi po ako sinagot ng ating distinguished Sponsor dahil ang tinatanong ko lang, ilan na ba ang natanggal na mga regular employees mula noong panahon ni Pres. Cory Aquino hanggang sa panahon ni Pres. Benigno Aquino? Mayroon po akong data dito at ito ay para i-validate ng ating distinguished Sponsor. Sinabi niya kanina, mayroon daw more than 22,000 na mga natanggal sa government employees. Puwede po bang malaman ang source ng data niya dahil ito ay napakaliit kung iku-kumpara sa data na nakuha namin sa Civil Service Commission at sa iba’t iba pang departments.

REP. LACSON. Iyong binigay po namin na data sa inyo kanina na 22,694, ito ay epekto ng Executive Order No. 366 noong 2004, noong Arroyo administration. Ngayon, dalawa po ang Presidente nating Aquino—si Cory Aquino po ba o Benigno Aquino ang tinutukoy ninyong administrasyon?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, ang tinutukoy ko po ay mula sa panahon ni Pres. Cory Aquino hanggang sa panahon ni Pres. Noynoy Aquino.

REP. LACSON. Ipagpaumanhin po ninyo na wala kaming data noong 1986 o noong panahon ni Presidente Cory Aquino. Ang mayroon lang po kami, ang inabot, ay ang Arroyo administration. Puwede po sanang malaman, para kung ano man ang sabihin ninyo sa amin ayon sa data na nakuha ninyo, ay ma-validate din namin later.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, mayroon po tayong data dito na nakuha natin mula sa Civil Service Commission at sa iba’t ibang departments. More than 150,000 na mga regular positions ang natanggal na resulta nitong streamlining o ang sinasabi nating pagtatanggal ng mga empleyado sa ating gobyerno. So, itong 150,000 na ito, pinalitan ng mga job order and contract of service. Halimbawa po, sa Department of Education, marami dito, gaya ng drivers, janitors at iba pang utility workers, ay ginawang mga contract of service. Sa lahat ng mga agency, ang mga ganitong trabaho ay naging contract of service or job order na.

So, ilan po ang job orders and contract of service ang nasa gobyerno sa ngayon?

REP. LACSON. Napag-alaman po natin na wala po palang data tungkol sa job orders. Ang nakakaalam lang nito ay ang mga agency pero wala silang exact figures kung ilang job orders ito dahil inclusive daw ito sa MOOE ng bawat agency. So, hindi po nila mabibilang o mata-track down kung ilan, not unless magbigay sila ng report or after na mag-submit sila ng report. Wala silang monitoring, wika nga, kung ilang job orders na ito.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, ang ating data kung tutukuyin o magse-sentro lang po tayo mula noong 2016 o mid-2016, mayroon humigit-kumulang na 600,000 personnel under the job order and the contract of service. Ang ibig sabihin nito, halos na-doble po ito in two years, itong mga job order at service contract. Ang programa ng rationalization, sa halip na mag-create tayo ng trabaho para sa ating mga mamamayan na permanente at regular, nagbubunsod po ito ng lalo pang paglobo ng mga job order and contract of service sa ating mga empleyado at iba pang government employees.

Sa panukalang batas na ito distinguished Sponsor, Mr. Speaker, ano nga po ba ang inyong mga nabanggit na maibubunga o magiging epekto ng streamlining na ito?

REP. LACSON. Ang programa po ng national government na rightsizing is envisioned to enhance government institutional capacity and enable the government to implement transformational reforms and initiatives by streamlining the operations of the different agencies and rightsizing their structure and manpower complement; and to also improve public service delivery by undertaking organizational actions and adopting certain enhancement measures to reduce processing time of transactions and eliminate unnecessary regulatory requirement.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, earlier the distinguished Sponsor cited “fat” in the bureaucracy, even after the never-ending reorganization in the past 30 years. But it is obvious that our people still suffer long lines, snail-paced service and other inefficiencies in the government.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, ilan po ba ang tina-target nating sibakin o tanggalin dito sa streamlining na pino-propose ninyo?

REP. LACSON. Sa pagkakaalam ko po, wala pa tayo na target kung ilan. Magkakaroon pa lang muna ng study, then, magbubuo ng commission at irerekomenda ng commission sa Pangulo ang mga ira-rightsized na government agencies.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, hindi po ba kakatapos lang ng EO 366? Ang huling implementation po nito na natatandaan ko ay noong 2015. Ilan ba, magkano ba, o may nagastos ba

ang gobyerno dito? Magkano o ilan ba ang natipid ng ating gobyerno sa pagpapatupad ng EO 366?

REP. LACSON. Sa EO 366, noong 2004, nagkaroon ng savings ang gobyerno ng P4.247 billion, at sinabi ko rin kanina na nagkaroon ng payment ang gobyerno ng P5.66 billion as separation incentives.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Okay. Dito po sa sina-cite ninyo na amount kung saan ay nakatipid tayo, nakita naman po natin na, sa pagpapatupad ng streamlining, gaano ka-poor ang serbisyo ng ating gobyerno. Tingnan na lamang natin, halimbawa, dito po sa Bureau of Immigration. Nagpatupad tayo ng rightsizing at nabawasan ang mga empleyado ng ating Bureau of Immigration pero nagresulta ito ng napaka-poor service sa ilan nating mga airport. Hindi po ba humiling pa ng dagdag na empleyado ang Bureau of Immigration? Isang example lang po ito sa impact o effect ng rightsizing sa ating gobyerno.

Mr. Speaker, isa ring impact po ng rightsizing at streamlining sa gobyerno, halimbawa, na ginawa sa Department of Education. Ang teachers po, dahil sa pagpapatupad ng rationalization noong 2015, napilitan ang ating teachers na gampanan ang mga trabaho ng clerk. Ang teachers ay napipilitan, minsan, gumampan ng trabaho ng mga guwardiya, ng mga janitor, dahil sa tinatawag nating streamlining. Sa recent 2015 rationalization na ipinatupad ng Department of Education, Mr. Speaker, maraming clerical work ngayon na burden sa ating mga kaguruan. Iyan po ang epekto ng streamlining or rightsizing sa ating gobyerno. Marami pang epekto, Mr. Speaker, kagaya ng nabanggit ko kanina na lumolobo ang ating mga contract of service and job order.

Isa pang tanong, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor. Mayroon po ba tayong pag-aaral na nagawa kaugnay sa naging epekto ng streamlining? Katulad ng sinasabi ninyo kanina, magre-resulta ito ng efficient service sa gobyerno at kung anu-ano pa. So, mayroon bang pag-aaral kaugnay nito sa iba pang mga epekto nito na makakatulong sa ating mamamayan?

REP. LACSON. Mr. Speaker, ang una pong sinasabi ng mabuti nating colleague sa ACT Teachers na nagsusulong ng adbokasiya ng mga guro, gusto ko lang sabihin na sa Bill na ito, hindi saklaw ang mga guro, ang DepEd. Hindi po kasama ang teachers.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, tama po kayo na hindi saklaw ang mga guro, ang mga militar, pero dahil sa rightsizing at streamlining, ang trabaho ng mga natanggal na mga empleyado, halimbawa po sa isang school, ginagampanan ito ng binabanggit ninyong mga guro. Kaya ang epekto nito, kagaya nga ng nasabi ko, pinapasan ng mga guro o iba pang mga personnel sa eskuwelahan ang mga natanggal doon sa mga eskuwelahan natin.

Ang tinatanong ko lang po, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, ay ang pag-aaral ninyo tungkol sa effectiveness nitong streamlining or rightsizing sa government.

REP. LACSON. Katulad nga po ng sinabi ko, inuulit ko lang, hindi kasama ang teachers o ang agencies ng gobyerno na—katulad po ng schools, hindi ito kasama sa pag-i-implement ng Bill na ito. Ang pag-aaral naman po ay gagawin ng Committee on Rightsizing at ang committee na ito—kung mamarapatin ninyo, ibibigay ko lang iyong composition—it will be chaired by the Executive Secretary, with the DBM Secretary as co-chairman; the NEDA Director General, the CSC Chairperson, and the PMS head as its members. Sila po ang kasama sa komite na mag-aaral para sa mga magiging epekto kapag gagawin na ang implementasyon ng batas.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, sa akin pong karanasan, ipinatupad po iyong EO 366 sa atin—is a past evaluation po natin ng EO 366. Sinabi din po ng EO 366 na hindi magagalaw ang mga eskuwelahan—mga teachers at iba pa—pero hindi po natupad ito at nagtanggap din po ng mga nonteaching personnel sa mga eskuwelahan. Kaya ako po ay natatakot na kung maipapatupad itong proposal o Bill, dito po sa rightsizing na ito, mangyayari na naman ang mga pagtatanggal doon sa ating mga nonteaching personnel na nagresulta po ng paghihirap sa mga kaguruan sa field. So, hindi po ako naniniwala, Mr. Speaker, sa sinabi ng ating Sponsor na hindi gagalawin ang mga schools. Paano po natin matitiyak? Ano ang ating mekanismo sa pagtitiyak na ito ay hindi mangyayari ulit?

REP. LACSON. Ang sinasabi ninyo kanina, ang transfer—hindi po kasama ang mga eskuwelahan. Ang DepEd-supervised schools, hindi po sila kasama. Sa EO 366, it says here, “transfer by CSC of 974 affected employees who did not opt to retire or be separated to agencies needing additional personnel.” So, for DepEd-supervised schools, DOH-managed hospitals, BJMP, LTO, PNP, and the PSA, ito po iyong resulta ng Rationalization Program pursuant to EO 366. So, mayroon pong 974 affected employees who did not opt to retire pursuant to Executive Order No. 366.

Gusto ko rin pong ipaalam na doon sa Bill po natin, mayroon ding oversight committee na nakalagay dito. Isa po itong safeguard para kung mayroon tayong agam-agam, mayroong power ang House, ang Joint Congressional Oversight. Mayroon pong manggagaling sa Senate at mayroon ding manggagaling sa House. So, mayroon po tayong safeguard para sa ano mang agam-agam ninyo.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Sa matatanggal po na

mga empleyado ng ating gobyerno, mayroon po bang sina-cite sa ating proposal, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, kaugnay sa mga retirement benefits? Paano po ba iyong procedure noong pagtatanggal o pag-i-streamline dito sa proposal na ito, distinguished Sponsor, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LACSON. Bukod po doon sa retirement benefits if they opt to retire, mayroon pong separation benefits o incentives. Basahin ko po:

1) One-half (1/2) of the actual monthly basic salary for every year of government service, for those who have rendered less than eleven (11) years of service;

2) Three-fourth (3/4) of the actual monthly basic salary for every year of government service, computed starting from the first (1st) year, for those who have rendered eleven (11) to less than twenty-one (21) years of service;

3) The actual monthly basic salary for every year of government service, computed starting from the first (1st) year, for those who have rendered twenty-one (21) to less than thirty-one (31) years of service; and

4) One and one fourth (1 ¼) of the actual monthly basic salary for every year of government service, computed starting from the first (1st) year, for those who have rendered thirty-one (31) years of service and above.

So, above po ito doon sa makukuha nilang retirement benefit. Additional incentive po ito na ibibigay ng national government sa mga mag-o-opt na mag-retire, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Ganyan din po naman ang ginawa doon sa EO 366. Mr. Sponsor, Mr. Speaker, kasama po ba o covered po ba, halimbawa, iyong mag-e-early retirement sa ating proposal? Kasama po ba dito?

REP. LACSON. Ikinalulungkot kong sabihin na sa Rightsizing Program po, hindi ito early retirement scheme, so, hindi po sila kasama.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). So, iyon lang po, distinguished Sponsor, Mr. Speaker. Ito lang po iyong last words ko po: instead of terminating the services of thousands working in the public offices, what is vital for the administration now is to improve the delivery of the government services by adequately funding its programs, filling up vacancies and creating more plantilla positions. The government should also give tenure to non-regular employees, including those qualified among JOs and contract of service workers, and provide for their benefits. The national government agencies should not be terminating, considering also its

consequent violation of the rights of the government employees, as it is detrimental to the public service. So, ito lang po, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor.

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

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

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

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 5707 on Second Reading.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTYSPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). There is a motion to vote on House Bill No. 5707. As many as are in favor of approving House Bill No. 5707 on Second Reading, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

A MEMBER. (*Shouting loudly*) *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Chair withdraws its order on the votation of House Bill No. 5707 but directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to investigate who was responsible in making that annoying shout in the Plenary.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GULLAS. I move to suspend the session, Mr. Speaker.

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

*It was 6:47 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:48 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to reiterate my motion. I move that we vote on House Bill No. 5707 on Second Reading.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Before we proceed with the motion, may I know from the Dep. Majority Leader the result of his verification.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, it was a simple matter of a Member expressing his vote.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With that explanation, the Chair is satisfied and thus, is withdrawing his directive for investigation.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my motion. I move that we vote on House Bill No. 5707 on Second Reading.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). As many as are in favor of approving House Bill No. 5707 on Second Reading, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5707 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5707 is approved on Second Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery of the honorable Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez and

Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua: the delegates from the Harvard University, Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and Massachusetts Institute of Technology and they are Mr. John Lim, Mr. Jiro Yushino, Mr. Peter Sanjiv Christian Deutscher, Ms. Oriane Sinee Montaubin, Mr. Achmad Syed Raza, Mr. Benedikt Groever, Mr. Takuya Takeda, Mr. Tan Puay Siang, Ms. Jennifer Hurford, Mr. Shiekh Mohammed Irfan, Ms. Emily Anne Gannam, Mr. Soichiro Suzuki, Mr. Martin Gomez and Ms. Khristine Soriano.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5715  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5715, contained in Committee Report No. 259, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. 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 title of the measure.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 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."

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

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

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

The Hon. Franz E. Alvarez is hereby recognized for his sponsorship speech.

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 5715 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5715 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H. B. NO. 5715  
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F. H.).  
The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.  
House Bill No. 5715 is approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5716  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5716, contained in Committee Report No. 260, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. 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 title of the measure.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5716, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED 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.

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

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

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

The Hon. Franz E. Alvarez is hereby recognized. Please proceed with your sponsorship speech.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 5716 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5716 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H. B. NO. 5716  
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5716 is approved on Second Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

\*See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5717  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5717, contained in Committee Report No. 261, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. 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 title of the measure.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 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."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5717 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5717 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). As many as are against, please say *no*.

FEW MEMBERS. *No*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5717  
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5717 is approved on Second Reading. The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following local bills contained in the Calendar of Business for Thursday and Friday:

1. House Bill No. 5681, under Committee Report No. 247, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A CARABAO CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUINOBATAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7307, ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER TO PROPAGATE AND PROMOTE THE PHILIPPINE

\*See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)



CARABAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

2. House Bill No. 5687, under Committee Report No. 251, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC;

3. House Bill No. 5688, under Committee Report No. 252, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CEBU AND THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF CEBU, INCLUDING ITS HIGHLY URBANIZED AND COMPONENT CITIES, TO BE KNOWN AS “CEBU PRESS FREEDOM DAY”;

4. House Bill No. 5690, under Committee Report No. 254, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS “LA UNION DAY”;

5. House Bill No. 5691, under Committee Report No. 255, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY; and

6. House Bill No. 5780, under Committee Report No. 272, 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.”

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the respective Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship speeches thereon.

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

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

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bills No. 5681, 5687, 5688, 5690, 5691 and 5780. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). There is an omnibus motion for the approval of House Bills No. 5681, 5687, 5688, 5690, 5691 and 5780 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

#### OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

The local bills enumerated in the omnibus motion are hereby approved on Second Reading.\*

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 5663 and Senate Bill No. 1468, respectively, which seek to designate casinos as being covered under Republic Act No. 9160, otherwise known as the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001, as amended. We have been informed that the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, Sponsor of House Bill No. 5663, as well as the authors thereof, are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1468.

\*See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1468 as an amendment to House Bill No. 5663. 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 Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 95 dated May 29, 2017.

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

#### RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 5513 AND S.B. NO. 14

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Bicameral Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5513 and Senate Bill No. 14.

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. 5513, entitled: AN ACT ADJUSTING THE AMOUNTS OR THE VALUE OF PROPERTY ON WHICH A PENALTY IS BASED, AND THE FINES IMPOSED UNDER THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE REVISED PENAL CODE," AS AMENDED; and Senate Bill No. 14, entitled: AN ACT ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT INVOLVED, VALUE OF PROPERTY OR DAMAGE ON WHICH A PENALTY IS BASED AND THE FINES UNDER ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Bicameral Conference Committee Report.

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

The Bicameral Conference Committee Report is ratified.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House of Representatives that the Senate passed with amendments House Bills No. 937, 938 and 4402, all authored by the Hon. Tobias "Toby" M. Tiangco, which seek to divide certain barangays in the city of Navotas into distinct and independent barangays. We have been advised that the Committee on Local Government, Sponsor of House Bills No. 937, 938 and 4402, as well as the authors of the said measures, have no objection to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bills No. 937, 938 and 4402. 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. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House of Representatives that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 4682, authored by Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY COMAWAS IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR. We have been advised that the Committee on Local Government, Sponsor of House Bill No. 4682, as well as the author of this measure, have no objection to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate.

In accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 4682.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. 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 hears none; the motion is approved.

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

\*See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 1030, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2017 BRIGADA ESKWELA”

By Representative Lacson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 1031, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN AGUSTIN FOR PRODUCING A FOURTH PLACER IN THE 2016 PHILIPPINE BAR EXAMINATIONS BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO ILOILO AND TO THE REST OF THE WESTERN VISAYAS REGION”

By Representative Treñas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 1032, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CLEARING OF 7,000 OLD-GROWTH TREES BY THE IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION - GLOBAL FERRONICKEL HOLDINGS N BROOKE’S POINT, SOUTHERN PALAWAN AND ITS SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS TO PALAWAN’S COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS”

By Representative Zarate  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1033, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE FALLEN SOLDIERS AND POLICEMEN WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE TO DEFEND THE REPUBLIC AND UPHOLD THE SECURITY AND SAFETY OF FILIPINOS DURING THE MARAWI SIEGE”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1034, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES ON THE STATUS OF THE NATURAL GAS-FIRED POWER PLANT AND LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) HUB TERMINAL PROJECT OF ENERGY WORLD CORPORATION (EWC) IN PAGBILAO GRANDE ISLAND, QUEZON PROVINCE AS A CASE FOR GOVERNMENT FACILITATION OF INVESTMENTS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF PRIORITIES OF PRESIDENT DUTERTE FOR ENERGY SECURITY AND ACCESS FOR LOW-CARBON INDUSTRIALIZATION”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1035, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ENJOINING THE PHILIPPINE COASTGUARD TO INITIATE FORTHRIGHT RESPONSE TO THE CONTINUOUS ENCROACHMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED FOREIGN VESSELS EXPLOITING RESOURCES WITHIN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA, AS WELL AS, IMPEDING HARASSMENTS AND SUPPRESSING THREATS OF REPRISAL THEREIN”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 1036, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER SENATOR EVA ESTRADA-KALAW”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1037, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF SIX (6) SOLDIERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) IN MARAWI CITY”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1038, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR TAIWAN’S MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE 70TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (WHA)”

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT MALACAÑAN PALACE MANILA

29 May 2017

House Resolution No. 1039, entitled: “RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW OVER MINDANAO” By Representative Roque (H.) TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SPEAKER PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ House Speaker House of Representatives Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Dear Speaker Alvarez:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 26 (2) of the 1987 Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 5636 (the proposed Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Act), entitled:

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 274), re H.B. No. 868, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC LAND ACT, AS AMENDED, THE LAND COVERED BY PROCLAMATION NO. 602, DATED APRIL 12, 2004, DECLARING AS ECO-TOURISM PARK AND CAMPSITE PURPOSES A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN BARANGAYS LUBIGAN, MORIONES AND IBA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF TARLAC”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Zarate and Yap (V.) TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

“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’” to address the immediate need for tax reforms in order to achieve a simpler, more equitable, and more efficient tax system characterized by lower personal income tax rates, a broader value-added tax (VAT) base, and higher excise taxes on oil products and automobiles, among others. The benefits to be derived from this tax reform measure will sustainably finance the Government’s envisioned massive investments in infrastructure thereby encouraging economic activity and job creation, as well as fund the desired increase in the public budget for health, education and social programs to alleviate poverty.

Best regards.

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 275), re H.B. No. 5789, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF DAVAO AS A MINING-FREE ZONE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3166

Sponsors: Representatives Zarate and Ungab TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 276), re H.B. No. 5790, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BILIRAN A MINING-FREE ZONE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 872

Sponsors: Representatives Zarate and Espina TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we have some administrative matters. Copies of House Bill No. 5636 from the Committee on Ways and Means have been distributed. I enjoin all colleagues to get a copy for their perusal for discussions in the subsequent days.

I would like to remind our colleagues of the convening of the Committee of the Whole tomorrow, May 31, at nine o'clock in the morning here in the Session Hall.

## ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. With that Mr. Speaker, I move to adjourn the session until tomorrow, May 31, at four o'clock in the afternoon. 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 session is adjourned and will resume tomorrow, May 31, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 7:05 p.m.*