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CALL TO ORDER

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

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Please remain standing for the Invocation to be led by Pastor Vincent “Bingbong” P. Crisologo.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. CRISOLOGO. Father, we praise and thank You again for calling us as Your legislators today, for using us as Your instrument in promoting the welfare of our country.

As we meet here today, Lord, remind us not to rely upon our human wisdom, our human efforts and our human strength but rather, to depend upon Your blessings and goodness, lest we might become the lost sheep that have gone astray.

We lay down upon You our plans, schemes, to seek Your wisdom, Your anointing and Your blessing, with the thought that Thy will be done and not our will.

We also pray for peace and prosperity in our country that you have given us, especially in the South and particularly, in Marawi.

Protect, Lord, our President, our Vice President, our Senate President, our Speaker, our soldiers and all our government officials, and grant us all Your wisdom, Your love and Your understanding, that all the things we may do today may be pleasing in Your eyes.

This, we pray in Jesus' name.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

PRESENT

Abaya	Aumentado
Abayon	Bagatsing
Abellanos	Banal
Abu	Barbers
Abueg	Barzaga
Acharon	Bataoil
Acop	Batocabe
Acosta	Bautista-Bandigan
Acosta-Alba	Belaro
Advincula	Belmonte (F.)
Agarao	Belmonte (J.C.)
Aggabao	Belmonte (R.)
Albano	Benitez
Alejano	Biazon
Almario	Billones
Almonte	Biron
Alvarez (F.)	Bolilia
Alvarez (P.)	Bondoc
Amante	Bordado
Amatong	Bravo (A.)
Andaya	Brosas
Angara-Castillo	Bulut-Begtang
Antonino	Calderon
Antonio	Calixto-Rubiano
Aquino-Magsaysay	Caminero
Aragones	Campos
Arcillas	Canama
Arenas	Casilao
Atienza	Castelo

Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (A.P.)	Pacquiao	Suansing (E.)
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Paduano	Suansing (H.)
Cayetano	Gonzalez	Palma	Suarez
Celeste	Hernandez	Pancho	Sy-Alvarado
Chavez	Herrera-Dy	Panganiban	Tambunting
Chipeco	Hofer	Panotes	Tan (A.)
Co	Jalosjos	Papandayan	Tan (M.)
Cojuangco	Javier	Pimentel	Tejada
Collantes	Kho	Pineda	Teves
Cortuna	Khonghun	Plaza	Tiangco
Cosalan	Labadlabad	Primicias-Agabas	Ting
Crisologo	Lacson	Radaza	Tinio
Cua	Lagman	Ramirez-Sato	Tolentino
Cuaresma	Lanete	Ramos	Treñas
Cueva	Laogan	Relampagos	Tugna
Dalipe	Lazatin	Revilla	Ty
Datol	Lee	Roa-Puno	Umali
Daza	Limkaichong	Robes	Unabia
De Jesus	Lobregat	Rocamora	Ungab
De Venecia	Lopez (B.)	Rodriguez (I.)	Unico
De Vera	Lopez (C.)	Rodriguez (M.)	Uy (J.)
Defensor	Lopez (M.L.)	Romualdez	Uy (R.)
Del Mar	Loyola	Romualdo	Uybarreta
Del Rosario	Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (H.)	Vargas
Deloso-Montalla	Maceda	Roque (R.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Dimaporo (A.)	Madrona	Sacdalan	Velarde
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Malapitan	Sahali	Velasco
Dy	Manalo	Salceda	Veloso
Elago	Mangaoang	Salimbangon	Vergara
Enverga	Mangudadatu (S.)	Salo	Villanueva
Eriguel	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sambar	Villaraza-Suarez
Ermita-Buhain	Marcos	Sandoval	Villarica
Escudero	Mariño	Santos-Recto	Villarín
Espino	Marquez	Sarmiento (C.)	Violago
Estrella	Martinez	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yap (A.)
Evardone	Matugas	Savellano	Yap (M.)
Fariñas	Mellana	Sema	Yu
Fernando	Mending	Siao	Zamora (R.)
Ferrer (J.)	Mendoza	Silverio	Zubiri
Ferrer (L.)	Mercado	Singson	
Flores	Mirasol		
Fortun	Montoro		
Fortuno	Nava		
Fuentebella	Nieto		
Garbin	Noel		
Garcia (G.)	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Garcia (J.E.)	Nogralas (K.A.)		
Garcia-Albano	Nolasco		
Garin (R.)	Núñez-Malanyaon		
Garin (S.)	Oaminal		
Gasataya	Ocampo		
Gatchalian	Olivarez		
Geron	Ong (E.)		
Go (A.C.)	Ong (H.)		
Go (M.)	Ortega (P.)		
Gomez	Ortega (V.N.)		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

The roll call shows that 249 Members responded to the call.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Andaya relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 249 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum. The Floor Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I

move that we approve Journal No. 9, dated August 9, 2017. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). 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. 6123, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE SCIENCE CITY OF UBAY”

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6124, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘BATANGAS CITY FOUNDATION DAY’ ”

By Representative Mariño
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 6125, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO INSTALL CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN SELECTED PORTIONS OF THE HOSPITAL AND PENALIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE VIDEO TAKEN BY THESE CAMERAS WITHOUT A COURT ORDER”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6126, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO AWARD GRANTS FOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ALZHEIMER’S PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6127, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO ENHANCE FINANCIAL AND RETIREMENT LITERACY FOR MID-LIFE AND OLDER FILIPINOS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6128, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE DEPENDENTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) AND BUREAU OF CORRECTION (BUCOR) WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6131, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Bill No. 6132, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CORN RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representatives Panganiban and Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6133, entitled:

“AN ACT TO RECLASSIFY A PORTION OF PUBLIC DOMAIN FROM TIMBERLAND/ FOREST LAND LOCATED IN BARANGAY RIZAL, SANGUILLERMO, ISABELA INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND FOR AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Dy and Panganiban
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6134, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING & REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF THE AGRICULTURE PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Panganiban
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 6135, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9335, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ATTRITION ACT OF 2005 BY INTRODUCING A PENALTY CLAUSE FOR ITS NON-IMPLEMENTATION”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 6137, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-SABLAYAN CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS ‘PUP-SABLAYAN CAMPUS’, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6138, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TRAVEL TAX EXEMPTION TO DEPENDENTS OF MARRIED OR SOLO PARENT OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3 AND 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995’, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Cua and Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 6139, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD AND CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONALS UNDER LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES TO FIVE (5) YEARS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 6140, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSITY IN QUEZON CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEZON CITY OR PAMANTASAN NG LUNGSOD NG QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6141, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE INTEGRATED NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6142, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO CONDONE PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO DETERMINE THE MONTHLY SALARY CREDITS, THE SCHEDULE AND RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE RATE OF PENALTY ON DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND UNPAID LOAN AMORTIZATIONS, THEREBY FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1171, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,

IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGATIONS OF ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH LODGED AGAINST COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC) CHAIR JOSE ANDRES D. BAUTISTA WORTH NEARLY PHP 1 BILLION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAYOFFS HE ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED FROM THE DIVINA LAW OFFICES, COUNSEL FOR ELECTION TECHNOLOGY PROVIDER SMARTMATIC, WHICH HAS BEEN SUPPLYING AUTOMATED ELECTION MACHINES TO THE COMELEC SINCE THE MAY 2010 NATIONAL ELECTIONS, AND DIVULGED TO THE PUBLIC BY HIS VERY OWN ESTRANGED WIFE PATRICIA PAZ 'TISH' BAUTISTA”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1172, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON COMELEC CHAIRMAN ANDRES BAUTISTA’S UNEXPLAINED WEALTH AND ITS POSSIBLE RELATION TO THE 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1173, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION TO INITIATE THE CONDUCT OF FORUM AND THE LIKES AS LEARNING APPROACH IN EDUCATING THE CITIZENS AND IN ENCOURAGING THEIR PARTICIPATION TOWARDS THE ADOPTION OF A REGIONAL SELF-GOVERNANCE THROUGH FEDERALISM”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Reps. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes and Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu for House Bill No. 6124;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 6035 and 6056;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 5524, 5675, 5750, 5828, 5996, 5999, 6009, 6028, and 6053;

Rep. Elenita Milagros “Eileen” Ermita-Buhain for House Bill No. 6124;

Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for House Bills No. 190, 3167, 4462, 4700, 5750, 5825, 5826, 5835, 5876, 5877, 5883, 5884, 5928, 5929, 5930, 5946, 5958, 5959, 5962, 5982, 6014, 6063, and 6067 and House Resolutions No. 737 and 1185;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 5478, 5710, 5728, 5730, 5731, 5924, 5994, 6066, and 6070 and House Resolutions No. 1121, 1148, 1150, and 1154;

Rep. Eric L. Olivarez for House Bills No. 449, 515, 691, 942, 2951, 3467, 4628, 4982, 5745, 5750, 5818, and 5792;

Rep. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 174, 512, 877, 2157, 3467, 3472, 4709, 5120, 5501, 5560, 5784, 5990, 6016, and 6024;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 5750 and 5828;

Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy for House Bills No. 5120, 5897, and 5898;

Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva for House Bills No. 5826, 5842, 5990, and 5999;

Reps. Raul A. Daza, Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano, Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II, and Ben P. Evardone for House Bill No. 344;

Reps. Eric M. Martinez and Dale “Along” R. Malapitan for House Bill No. 5679;

Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia for House Bills No. 5524 and 6124;

Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas for House Bill No. 6093;

Rep. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara for House Bills No. 3467, 4898, 4982, 5840, and 5884;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 170, 344, 449, 1698, 2917, 3351, 3467, 4898, and 5213 and House Resolution No. 1155;

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bills No. 269, 344, 894, 1811, 2235, 3375, 4709, 5127, 5920, 5925, and 6068;

Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba for House Bills No. 177, 2192, 2193, 2498, 2622, 2624, 2627, 2628, 2881, 4462, 4689, 4742, and 5549;

Rep. Juliette T. Uy for House Bill No. 5524;

Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr. for House Bill No. 142;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bills No. 5164 and 5523;

Reps. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla and Joel Mayo Z. Almario for House Bill No. 5549;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bill No. 5478;

Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go for House Resolution No. 198;

Rep. Ricardo “RJ” T. Belmonte Jr. for House Bill No. 4113;

Rep. Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano for House Bill No. 64;

Rep. Lorna C. Silverio for House Bills No. 2035, 2820, 2903, 4411, 4522, and 5213;

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for House Bill No. 4722;

Rep. Orestes T. Salon for House Bill No. 97;

Rep. Mylene J. Garcia-Albano for House Bills No. 691 and 5524;

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 3177, 5760, 5890, 5891, 5892, 5893, 5894, 5895, 5896, 5911, 5912, 5913, 5914, 5924, 5925, 5926, 5937, 5938, 5939, 5940, 5941, 5942, 5943, 5965, 5967, 5971, 5983, 5986, 5987, 5989, 5996, 5998, 5999, 6063, 6077, and 6119;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Bill No. 2286;

Rep. Roy M. Loyola for House Bill No. 1971;

Rep. Alfred D. Vargas for House Bills No. 5827, 5868, and 5958;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No. 3472 and 4174;

Reps. Richard C. Eusebio and Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro for House Bills No. 4106 and 4462;

Rep. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III for House Bill No. 4107;

Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario for House Bills No. 3100, 4462, and 4572;

Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bill No. 344;

Rep. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo for House Bill No. 3177;

Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza for House Bill No. 5523;

Reps. Peter “Sr. Pedro” M. Unabia and Mark Aeron H. Sambar for House Bill No. 3468;

Reps. Divina Grace C. Yu, Arnel U. Ty, Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, Robert Ace S. Barbers, Frederick W. Siao, Aileen C. Radaza, and Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy for House Bills No. 3468, 5164, and 5523;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bill No. 6112;

Rep. Arnel M. Cerafica for House Bills No. 5549 and 5811;

Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano for House Bills No. 1205, 3468, 5164, and 5523;

Reps. Carlito S. Marquez and Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer for House Bill No. 5524;

Reps. Florida “Rida” P. Robes, Gloria G. Labadlabad, Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba, and Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for House Bill No. 1598; and

Reps. Gloria G. Labadlabad, Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba and Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for House Bills No. 249 and 568.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 347), re H.B. No. 6160, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 7 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CAVITE, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY” recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 920

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Abaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 348), re H.B. No. 6161, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF HON. EULOGIO ‘AMANG’ ADONA RODRIGUEZ, SR.”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3196

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Duavit

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 349), re H.B. No. 6165, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE DEUS AMOR EST BROADCASTING, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4600

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Treñas and Defensor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 350), re H.B. No. 6166, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8168 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4145

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 351), re H.B. No. 6167, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO, DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO BROADCASTING NETWORK AND UM BROADCASTING NETWORK, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8170, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5632

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Nograles (K.A.) and Nograles (J.J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 352), re H.B. No. 6168, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PACIFIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7967 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE PACIFIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4342

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Salimbangon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 353), re H.B. No. 6169, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE

FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7962 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4343

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Salimbangon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 354), re H.B. No. 6170, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RMC BROADCASTING CORPORATION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8159, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE DXRA-RMC (RIZAL MEMORIAL COLLEGES) BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING STATION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4180

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Nograles (K.A.) and Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 355), re H.B. No. 6177, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE INCOME REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CREATION OF A MUNICIPALITY, THE DECLARATION OF HIGHLY URBANIZED STATUS IN THE CASE OF COMPONENT CITIES AND THE CREATION OF A PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 442 (a), 452 (a), 453 AND 461 (a), (b) AND (c) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 668, 1631 and 2994

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon, Yap (V.), Garcia (G.) and Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 356), re H.B. No. 6178, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘BATAAN FOUNDATION DAY’”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3718

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 357), re H.B. No. 6186, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS LEARNING SITE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, AS A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY – CAWAYAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1080

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer, Lanete and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5828

Continuation

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we consider some Unfinished Business. Under the Calendar of Unfinished Business, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 5828, as contained in Committee Report No. 295, submitted by the Committee on Economic Affairs, and for this purpose, may I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read the title the Bill.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Is

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

Please proceed.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5828, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PUBLIC SERVICE ACT,” AS AMENDED.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that it is in the period of sponsorship and debate. I move that the Chairperson of the Committee on Economic Affairs be recognized.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move for the suspension of the session for a few minutes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The session is suspended for a few minutes.

It was 4:15 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:20 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF H.B. NO. 5828

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 5828 under Committee Report No. 295.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The consideration of House Bill No. 5828 is hereby suspended.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6024
ON THIRD READING

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we

we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6024 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Cayetano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ronie" E. Abu.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6024, entitled: AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya
 Abayon
 Abellanos
 Abu
 Abueg
 Acharon
 Acop
 Acosta
 Acosta-Alba
 Advincula
 Agarao
 Aggabao
 Alejandro
 Almario
 Almonte
 Alvarez (F.)
 Alvarez (P.)
 Amante
 Amatong
 Andaya
 Angara-Castillo
 Antonino
 Antonio
 Aquino-Magsaysay
 Aragones
 Arcillas

Arenas
 Atienza
 Aumentado
 Bagatsing
 Banal
 Barbers
 Barzaga
 Bataoil
 Batocabe
 Bautista-Bandigan
 Belaro
 Belmonte (F.)
 Belmonte (J.C.)
 Belmonte (R.)
 Benitez
 Biazon
 Billones
 Biron
 Bolilia
 Bondoc
 Bordado
 Bravo (A.)
 Brosas
 Bulut-Begtang
 Calderon
 Calixto-Rubiano

Caminero
 Campos
 Canama
 Casilao
 Castelo
 Castro (F.L.)
 Castro (F.H.)
 Celeste
 Chavez
 Chipeco
 Co
 Cojuangco
 Collantes
 Cortuna
 Cosalan
 Crisologo
 Cua
 Cuaresma
 Cueva
 Dalipe
 Dato
 Daza
 De Jesus
 De Venecia
 De Vera
 Defensor
 Del Mar
 Del Rosario
 Deloso-Montalla
 Dimaporo (A.)
 Dimaporo (M.K.)
 Dy
 Elago
 Enverga
 Eriguel
 Ermita-Buhain
 Escudero
 Espino
 Estrella
 Evardone
 Fariñas
 Fernando
 Ferrer (J.)
 Ferrer (L.)
 Flores
 Fortun
 Fortunato
 Fuentebella
 Garbin
 Garcia (G.)
 Garcia (J.E.)
 Garcia-Albano
 Garin (R.)
 Garin (S.)
 Gasataya
 Geron

Go (A.C.)
 Go (M.)
 Gomez
 Gonzales (A.P.)
 Gonzales (A.D.)
 Gonzalez
 Hernandez
 Herrera-Dy
 Hofer
 Javier
 Kho
 Khonghun
 Labadlabad
 Lacson
 Lagman
 Lanete
 Laogan
 Lazatin
 Lee
 Limkaichong
 Lobregat
 Lopez (B.)
 Lopez (C.)
 Lopez (M.L.)
 Macapagal-Arroyo
 Maceda
 Madrona
 Malapitan
 Manalo
 Mangaoang
 Mangudadatu (S.)
 Mangudadatu (Z.)
 Marcos
 Mariño
 Marquez
 Martinez
 Matugas
 Mellana
 Mending
 Mendoza
 Mercado
 Mirasol
 Montoro
 Nava
 Nieto
 Noel
 Nograles (J.J.)
 Nograles (K.A.)
 Nolasco
 Nuñez-Malanyaon
 Oaminal
 Olivarez
 Ong (E.)
 Ong (H.)
 Ortega (P.)
 Ortega (V.N.)

Pacquiao	Silverio
Paduano	Singson
Palma	Suansing (E.)
Pancho	Suansing (H.)
Panganiban	Suarez
Panotes	Sy-Alvarado
Papandayan	Tambunting
Pimentel	Tan (A.)
Pineda	Tan (M.)
Plaza	Tejada
Primicias-Agabas	Teves
Radaza	Tiangco
Ramirez-Sato	Ting
Ramos	Tinio
Relampagos	Tugna
Revilla	Ty
Roa-Puno	Umali
Robes	Unabia
Rocamora	Ungab
Rodriguez (I.)	Unico
Rodriguez (M.)	Uy (J.)
Romualdez	Uy (R.)
Romualdo	Uybarreta
Roque (H.)	Vargas
Roque (R.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Sacdalan	Velarde
Sahali	Velasco
Salceda	Veloso
Salimbangon	Vergara
Salo	Villanueva
Sambar	Villaraza-Suarez
Sandoval	Villarica
Santos-Recto	Villarín
Sarmiento (C.)	Violago
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yap (A.)
Savellano	Yap (M.)
Sema	Yu
Siao	Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6024
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6024 is approved on Third Reading.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Leopoldo “Pol” N. Bataoil of the Second District of the province of Pangasinan. His guests are from the municipality of Mangatarem in the province of Pangasinan, the Association of Barangay Treasurers led by their President, Jane Pagarigan; Vice President Efreem Guillermo; together with their secretaries, assistant secretaries, treasurers and other officers and members.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The presence of our guests from Pangasinan is acknowledged. Please stand up so that we may warmly welcome you to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

Thank you.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 3986
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 3986 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 3986, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAYAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO DISTRICT OFFICE OF BALAYAN, BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Acharon
Abayon	Acop
Abellanosa	Acosta
Abu	Acosta-Alba
Abueg	Advincula

Agarao	Cosalan	Lagman	Relampagos
Aggabao	Crisologo	Lanete	Revilla
Alejano	Cua	Laogan	Roa-Puno
Almario	Cuaresma	Lazatin	Robes
Almonte	Cueva	Lee	Rocamora
Alvarez (F.)	Dalipe	Limkaichong	Rodriguez (I.)
Alvarez (P.)	Datol	Lobregat	Rodriguez (M.)
Amante	Daza	Lopez (B.)	Romualdez
Amatong	De Jesus	Lopez (C.)	Romualdo
Andaya	De Venecia	Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (H.)
Angara-Castillo	De Vera	Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (R.)
Antonino	Defensor	Maceda	Sacdalan
Antonio	Del Mar	Madrona	Sahali
Aquino-Magsaysay	Del Rosario	Malapitan	Salceda
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla	Manalo	Salimbangon
Arcillas	Dimaporo (A.)	Mangaoang	Salo
Arenas	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangudadatu (S.)	Sambar
Atienza	Dy	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sandoval
Aumentado	Elago	Marcos	Santos-Recto
Bagatsing	Enverga	Mariño	Sarmiento (C.)
Banal	Eriguel	Marquez	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Barbers	Ermita-Buhain	Martinez	Savellano
Barzaga	Escudero	Matugas	Sema
Bataoil	Espino	Mellana	Siao
Batocabe	Estrella	Mending	Silverio
Bautista-Bandigan	Evardone	Mendoza	Singson
Belaro	Fariñas	Mercado	Suansing (E.)
Belmonte (F.)	Fernando	Mirasol	Suansing (H.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (J.)	Montoro	Suarez
Belmonte (R.)	Ferrer (L.)	Nava	Sy-Alvarado
Benitez	Flores	Nieto	Tambunting
Biazon	Fortun	Noel	Tan (A.)
Billones	Fortuno	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tan (M.)
Biron	Fuentebella	Nogralas (K.A.)	Tejada
Bolilia	Garbin	Nolasco	Teves
Bondoc	Garcia (G.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tiangco
Bordado	Garcia (J.E.)	Oaminal	Ting
Bravo (A.)	Garcia-Albano	Olivarez	Tinio
Brosas	Garin (R.)	Ong (E.)	Tugna
Bulut-Begtang	Garin (S.)	Ong (H.)	Ty
Calderon	Gasataya	Ortega (P.)	Umali
Calixto-Rubiano	Geron	Ortega (V.N.)	Unabia
Caminero	Go (A.C.)	Pacquiao	Ungab
Campos	Go (M.)	Paduano	Unico
Canama	Gomez	Palma	Uy (J.)
Casilao	Gonzales (A.P.)	Pancho	Uy (R.)
Castelo	Gonzales (A.D.)	Panganiban	Uybarreta
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzalez	Panotes	Vargas
Castro (F.H.)	Hernandez	Papandayan	Vargas-Alfonso
Celeste	Herrera-Dy	Pimentel	Velarde
Chavez	Hofer	Pineda	Velasco
Chipeco	Javier	Plaza	Veloso
Co	Kho	Primicias-Agabas	Vergara
Cojuangco	Khonghun	Radaza	Villanueva
Collantes	Labadlabad	Ramirez-Sato	Villaraza-Suarez
Cortuna	Lacson	Ramos	Villarica

Villarin Yap (M.)
 Violago Yu
 Yap (A.) Zubiri

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

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

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H. B. NO. 3986 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 3986 is approved on Third Reading.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, may we be allowed to acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the guests of Reps. Vini Nola A. Ortega, Sandra Y. Eriguel, MD and Pablo C. Ortega, , namely the National Movement of Young Legislators, La Union Chapter, led by its officers, the Provincial Chairperson the Hon. Reginald Nang, Vice Chairperson Julie Ann Debadeb, Secretary Joanna Katrina Ledda, Assistant Secretary Jan Michael Viray, Treasurer Maria Rosario Eufrosina Nisce, Assistant Treasurer Alano Gascon, Auditor Carlo Castor Concepcion, Public Relations Officer Warlito Daus Jr., and the members of the Board of Directors: Francisco Paolo Ortega, Joel Nang-is, Ramil Sansano, Ester Cartas, Robert Jeffrey Nobleza, Ernesto Nera Jr., Edgar Sallatic, Vilea Capinpin, Olga Jane Panelo-Cua, together with their honorary members and associate members.

I so move, Mr. Speaker. Again, they are the guests of the Hon. Vini Nola Ortega, Hon. Sandra Eriguel and Hon. Pablo Ortega. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The presence of our guests is hereby acknowledged. Thank you for coming to the House of Representatives.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5828

Continuation

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 5828, as contained in Committee Report No. 295, on Second Reading, and that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Is

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5828, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACT," AS AMENDED.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that it is in the period of sponsorship and debate.

Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Sponsor, the Hon. Arthur C. Yap, Chairperson of the Committee on Economic Affairs, to continue to sponsor the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Sponsor, Rep. Arthur Yap is hereby recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Arlene D. Brosas from the Party-List Gabriela for her interpellation

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Representative Brosas is hereby recognized.

REP. BROSAS. Magandang hapon po, Mme. Speaker. Magandang hapon din po sa Sponsor ng House Bill No. 5828, Cong. Arthur Yap.

REP. YAP (A.). Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BROSAS. Maaari po bang makapagtanong ng ilang mga nais naming maipaliwanag kaugnay sa inyong House Bill No. 5828, Mme. Speaker, G. Isponsor?

REP. YAP (A.). Opo, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BROSAS. G. Isponsor, Mme. Speaker, iginigiit ng Sponsor ng panukalang batas na ito na magdudulot ng positibong resulta ang pag-open ng ekonomiya sa kompetisyon. Gusto natin ito palalimin at kuwestiyunin dahil sa aktwal na karanasan ay kabaliktaran ang naging resulta nito.

Pamilyar po ba ang G. Isponsor sa ilang pag-aaral kaugnay ng epekto ng pribatisasyon na itinago sa bansag na "open market competition" ng pampublikong utilidad

sa mga kababaihan at mga mamamayan? Mayroon po ba kayong mga alam na pag-aaral ng pribatisasyon mula sa ibang bansa ng pribatisasyon?

REP. YAP (A.). Wala po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BROSAS. Mme. Speaker, maraming pag-aaral ang nagsasabi na sa halip na bumaba ang presyo at tumaas ang kalidad ng serbisyo at accessibility bunga ng open market competition, lalo pang nagmahal ang presyo at sumadsad ang kalidad ng mga pampublikong utilidad at serbisyo. Halimbawa, sa pag-aaral ng isang Indian NGO, ang mga pampublikong utilidad na ipinaubaya ng gobyerno sa pribadong sektor sa Buenos Aires—pamilyar po ba kayo sa Buenos Aires—at iyong Public-Private Partnership sa water sector ang naging dahilan po, na ang iniresulta ng pagbubukas ng kompetisyon ay frequent price increases, poor service quality, failure to honor contractual commitments and financial problems. Iyon po ang nangyari sa Buenos Aires, Argentina.

REP. YAP (A.). Mme. Speaker, I am not conversant with the study pero siguro naman po, kung titingnan natin iyong naging experience po natin dito sa Pilipinas, lalo na po sa larangan ng tubig, hindi naman siguro na iyon din po ang dinaanan natin.

Sa experience po natin, Mme. Speaker, noong binubuksan natin iyong iba-ibang mga sektor to competition sa mga kompanya, o bagamat siyempre iba po ang hamon na mapaganda ang serbisyo, mapababa ang rates na sinisingil, bagamat ganoon po talaga, that is the characteristic of these utilities sector, the utilities have been marked by continuing improvements. Gumaganda naman po bagamat siyempre, lagi po naman mayroon pa rin kulang sa serbisyo.

REP. BROSAS. Mamaya po ay maaari kong pasukin iyong water and power privatization at isa po iyan sa mga itatanong natin, kung sino ba ang nagbebenipisyo sa high water and power rates. Nais ko pong magbigay pa ng ilang mga halimbawa ng ibang mga pag-aaral galing sa ibang bansa katulad ng Manila West—ah, sa atin po iyan Manila West—iyong sa Atlanta, USA po na ang naging resulta din ay higher water rates, deteriorating quality and failure to make new investments. Ganoon din po sa El Alto, Bolivia—refusal to extend potable water supply to the poor areas of the city, failure to fulfill contractual obligations. Sa France po, sa Baradje o Barajas ba iyon, there were public complaints against rising water prices, deterioration in water quality and the problem in water supply network.

So, mayroong mga pag-aaral kung saan pinatutunayan na ito po ay mga failed projects na pinasok, ano po. Sa atin po, sa Manila West sa Philippines, ang price hikes,

failure to extend water connections to poor areas, alam na alam po natin iyan. Sa ating mga resettlement areas ay walang connection ng tubig pero ang iba't ibang malalaking kompanya kagaya ng Ayala, Consunji, Pangilinan—lahat po iyan ay tuloy-tuloy ang ganansiya sa tubig pero ang pinakamahihirap nating mga urban poor areas ay hirap na hirap magpakabit ng tubig. Mayroon po silang malaking bahagi na sine-shell out of their pockets para lamang magkaroon ng tubig sa kanilang tahanan.

Hindi ko na po siguro iisa-isahin ang areas na iyan, ano po. Kaya ito po iyong pinapangambahan natin na baka naman hindi magresulta ito sa tamang serbisyo para sa mga tao at pakinabangan lamang ulit ng mga malalaking kompanya na may malalaking pangalan at sila ang gumaganansiya mula dito.

REP. YAP (A.). Mme. Speaker, baka nga po siguro panahon na para buksan pa po ang mga sektor na ito sa mas malawakang pamumuhunan ng lokal at puwede din ang foreign investors. Kasi kung titingnan po natin sa batas ang depinisyon ng public utilities, nasasaklaw ng depinisyon sa Constitution ang 60-40 operational prohibition. Pasok dito ang electric transmission, pasok din ang sinasabing water distribution pipeline at sewerage. Baka siguro panahon na ngayon para po sumama ang ating kagalang-galang na interpellator sa pakay natin na isaayos ang depinisyon para mas mabuksan pa po natin sa mas malawakang pamumuhunan ng mga negosyante. Sapagkat baka kulang pa po, Mme. Speaker, distinguished interpellator, ang investment sa mga sektor na ito, kaya nga po siguro, ganito na lang ang mga pagkukulang ng mga sektor na ito sa consumers, sa ating mga kababayang Filipino.

REP. BROSAS. Mme. Speaker, tinatangap ko po ang hamon na makipag-dialogue at makipag-usap kaugnay diyan dahil alam na alam natin ang kalagayan ng ating mga kababayang mahihirap, na puwedeng sabihin sa kanila kung ano talaga, eksakto, ang mga kinalaman ng mga malalaking kompanya na nag-i-invest dito. Ang isa pang halimbawa ng karanasan natin sa ilalim ng privatization ay ang Electric Power Industry Reform Act. Ito naman po ay paulit-ulit nang natanong sa inyo, ang RA 9136.

REP. YAP (A.). Opo, Mme. Speaker

REP. BROSAS. Ito po ay isang halimbawa kung saan noong June 8, 2001, mula kay Pangulong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo noon, nilagdaan niya ang batas na Republic Act No. 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001. The said enactment was the culmination of more than seven years of public hearings and floor deliberations on various versions of the said measure in Congress.

Ibig sabihin po, talagang pinag-usapan ito, ano po. Sabi dito, among other benefits, RA 9136 is the sign to bring down electricity rates and to improve the delivery of power supply to end-users by encouraging greater competition. Parang ito rin po iyong pinag-uusapan natin ngayon sa public utilities, na sinasabi ninyo na ibubukas para sa foreign ownership to have efficiency in the electricity industry.

The essence of these reforms is giving stakeholders a choice. Iyon po ang sinabi doon, subalit sa aktuwal na karanasan, nagmahal ang kuryente mula P4.87 per kilowatt-hour noong 2000, pumuntang P9.68 per kilowatt-hour noong 2015—ibig sabihin po, dumoble ang presyo ng kuryente sa sinasabing “open market competition” sa power sector.

Sa ngayon, ang singil ng kuryente sa bansa ay isa sa pinakamataas sa Asya at pang-lima sa buong mundo. Hindi rin totoo na may aktwal na kompetisyon dahil iilang malalaking players lang ang nakikinabang sa pribatisasyon ng power sector. Kung i-quote po natin ang IBON Foundation sa kanilang research, sinabi nito, “Generating capacity in this country of some 100 million Filipinos is in the hands of basically seven or eight major players. The concentration is particularly strong in the biggest three firms: the Cojuangco-owned San Miguel Power Corporation (SMPC)”—ito po ang may largest generating capacity after just two years in the power business—“the Lopez group, with the foreign company BGL as partner; and the Aboitiz group, with SN Power AS (Norway) and Pacific Hydro Limited (Australia) as partners.”

Ang sinasabing pagbubukas ng utilities sa privatization at foreign ownership ay hindi naman po talaga nakatulong sa ekonomiya sang-ayon dito sa EPIRA, at lalong-lalo na sa mga simpleng mamamayan sa bansang ito. Ang national industrialization na kailangan natin, ito po sana ang gusto nating itampok, Mme. Speaker, G. Isponsor. Iyong hindi nasasakal ang pag-unlad natin; iyong hindi hawak ng iilan lamang. Sa ganitong paraan, maitataguyod talaga natin ang interes ng ating mamamayan. Sa tingin namin dito sa House Bill na ito, ito po ay pag-atake sa protectionist provisions of the 1987 Constitution para magbigay daan nga sa free market policy. So, ano po ba ang pinoproteksiyunan ng Konstitusyon na malalabag dito, Mme. Speaker, G. Isponsor, sa inyong pagkakaunawa?

REP. YAP (A.). Walang violation sa Constitution, Mme. Speaker, kasi hindi naman po natin binabago. Any provision in the Constitution is going to stay, even the Public Service Act definition will continue to stay. Binibigyan lang po natin ng depinisyon ang public utilities. Mme. Speaker, kung ang punto po ng interpellator natin na hindi nakabuti ang deregulasyon, iyon nga siguro ang hamon sa ating lahat na bagamat binuksan na po natin ang pag-aari today where foreigners

can own public service corporations 100 percent, hindi naman natin binuksan ang management and control ng mga kompanyang ito sa mga namumuhunan. Kaya nga po siguro sinasabi natin na dapat buksan dahil ito lang ang patas na laban.

Ang tanong nga natin, ang mga negosyante, kung negosyante ka man, mamumuhunan ka ba sa isang kompanyang hindi mo puwedeng kontrolin, na hindi mo puwedeng i-manage? Nakakatakot iyon kasi siyempre, inilalagay po ninyo ang pera ninyo sa isang kompanyang hindi po ninyo makokontrol. Ito nga po ang sinasabi natin, baka siguro ganyan po ang estado ng power sector, ganyan po ang estado ng water distribution natin dahil hanggang ngayon, pasok pa ang mga ito sa sinasabing “public utility,” may control pa dito, may prohibition pa dito, nasa negative list pa ito na kailangang Pilipino lang o mga kompanyang 60-40 na Pilipino ang puwedeng mag-manage o mag-operate ng mga kompanyang ito. Baka nga siguro, Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na interpellator, baka panahon na po para buksan na natin ang mga kompanyang ito sa mga magagaling na puwedeng mamuhunan at mag-manage ng mga kompanyang ito.

Ang sagot po ay, hindi tayo matakot at hindi tayo bumalik sa pinanggalingan, at baka dapat umusad pa tayo. Ipagpatuloy natin ang reporma sa mga industriyang ito. Gaya nga ng sinabi ko na dati, nakita na po natin ang dramatic na pagbabago sa industriya, –for example, ng airlines. Nag-umpisa tayo dati, Mme. Speaker, sa panahon na isa lang ang ating airline company pero noong nadagdagan at nagkaroon tayo ng Cebu Pacific, Air Asia, Tiger Air at iba-iba pang airlines, bumaba po ang pasahe noong na-deregulate ang airline industry.

Noong inumpisahan po nating buksan ang telecommunications industry, gaya ng nasabi ko na dati, noong isa pa lang po ang ating telephone company – PLDT pa lang at iyon po ang panahon na puro tayo landline at may mga partyline pa, pero nang unti-unti nagbago ang industriya dahil po sa innovation sa technology at sa siyensya, at binuksan po natin ito, nag-umpisa tayo sa, siguro, dalawang kompanya lang po – ang Globe at Smart pero nang pumasok po ang Sun ay doon po tayo nagkaroon ng unli at ngayon kahit na wala na po iyong Sun at nabili ito nga po ng existing telco companies, iyong sinasabing unli na wala po dati ay nandito pa rin po iyong unli.

Pero umabot na po tayo sa isang plateau. Natamaan na po natin iyong ceiling natin sa local investments kaya nga po, siguro, panahon na rin na buksan ang sektor na ito, at magagawa po natin ito kung maisasaayos lang natin ang depinisyon kung ano ang public utilities, dahil ang mga public service corporations na dapat public service lang at hindi dapat gawing public utilities, hindi po sila mga natural monopolies. Sana ito na lang po ang ilagay

natin clearly sa definition ng public services at ng public utilities. So, iyon lang po ang mungkahi natin. Walang perfect po dito. Walang sinasabi na naabot na po natin o mayroon na po tayong sagot sa lahat ng utility problems natin o public services problem natin. Pero kung ang sagot natin ay hindi tayo masaya sa kalidad ng serbisyo, hindi tayo masaya sa rates at sa binabayaran natin, ang solusyon ay hindi po bumalik sa pinanggalingan natin, at ang solusyon po ay dapat umusad tayo at ipagpatuloy natin ang reporma sa industriya at dagdagan ng kompetisyon, dahil sa kahit anong negosyo, kapag nadagdagan ng kompetisyon, doon po may tiyansang gumanda ang kalidad ng serbisyo, at doon po may tiyansang bumaba ang rates na nacha-charge sa consuming public, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BROSAS. Yes, G. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker, tama po na bagamat hindi perpekto, ibabalik ko lang sa usapin ng ilang protectionist provisions. Sa totoo lang, may dahilan kung bakit mayroon tayong protectionist provisions sa Constitution, ito ay para maitaguyod natin ang pambansang patrimonya at maproteksiyunan ang mamamayan mula sa abuso ng pribadong sektor na ang tanging hangad ay magkaroon ng tubo. Iyon po ang ayaw nating mangyari, kaya nga maraming naghihirap. Sinabi natin kanina ang examples na totoo na ang power corporations ay lumalaki ng lumalaki ang tubo at ang resulta nito sa mamamayang Pilipino, pahirap nang pahirap ang pag-avail ng electricity ng mga mahihirap nating kababayan. Ganoon ang discrepancy, ang layo po.

Ang probisyon sa Saligang Batas ay nakabatay sa historical na kalagayan pagkatapos ng deka-dekadang kolonisasyon sa ating bansa hanggang sa rehimeng Marcos, na ang mga mananakop at ang cronies ay walang ginawa kung hindi abusuhin na gamitin ang ating likas na yaman at lakas paggawa, kaya po nakababahala sa amin na i-open ulit ang ating bayan sa mga dayuhan na nakasaad sa panukalang batas na ito katulad ng sinasabi ni G. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker.

Una, nais ko i-confirm sa G. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker, ang constitutional limitations. Halimbawa, maaari bang mabago ang probisyong, "No franchise, certificate or any form of authorization XXX of a public utility XXX shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by Congress when the common good requires"? Mababago po ba ang constitutional provision na ito at magiging bahagi ng ating proposed bill?

REP. YAP (A.). Ganoon pa rin po. Ibibigay natin sa Kongreso subject sa recommendations ng executive branch of government, sa NEDA po at Philippine Competition Commission, kung babaguhin ang trato sa negosyo at kung mananatili itong public service o public utility.

REP. BROSAS. Mananatili po ba iyong maximum limit of 50 years?

REP. YAP (A.). Maiiwan po iyon, iyong 50 years. Doon po sa mga ahensiyang dini-regulate na po natin sa batas or iyong mga ahensiyang binigyan na po ng Kongreso ng kapangyarihan na magbigay po ng prangkisa o ng authorization, iiwan po natin doon. Iyon naman po ang will of Congress, ibinigay naman po sa mga ahensiyang iyon.

Mabilis ko lang pong ibalik po doon sa issue na noong panahon nga po ng rehimeng Marcos, iyong sinasabi ninyo po, that was a different economic model at that point in time. Ito pong nangyayari ngayon ay binubuksan po natin, hindi po natin nili-limit. Binubuksan po natin, sapagkat nga po, ang pakay natin ay sana makapag-engganyo tayo ng mas maraming mamumuhunan dahil iyon nga po ang taya natin na kapag marami pong mamumuhunan, sa nakita na po nating nangyari po sa airline industry, sa telecom industry, gumaganda po iyong serbisyo. Siyempre, hindi po natin masabing perfect po, kagalang-galang na interpellator, Mme. Speaker, but mayroon fighting chance na mapaganda po iyong kalidad kapag marami ang mamumuhunan na dahil may open competition po sa sektor na iyon.

REP. BROSAS. Pangatlo po, nais ko pong itanong kung kasama pa rin dito, ano po, that public utility franchises should be granted only to citizens of the Philippines or to corporations with at least 60 percent of the capital owned by Philippine citizens?

REP. YAP (A.). Hindi po natin binabago iyan, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BROSAS. Beneficial ownership, 60 percent capital stock with voting rights.

REP. YAP (A.). Opo, we are keeping that.

REP. BROSAS. Nakabahagi pa rin siya?

REP. YAP (A.). Kasi po ngayon, Mme. Speaker, any public service corporation, kahit na po public utility, ay puwede na po na ang mag-may-ari niyan ay dayuhang negosyante o Pilipinong negosyante. Ang pinag-uusapan lang po dito ay iyong control. So, kahit na ngayon po, any public utility corporation can be owned 100 percent by a foreign group or a local group or a combination. Ang sinasabi lang po sa Constitution ay iyong operation at management po. If it is defined as a public utility po sa Constitution natin, kailangan po Pilipino po ang mag-control at mag-manage ng kompanyang iyon, or kung kompanya man, 60 percent po of the corporation ay kailangang Filipino.

REP. BROSAS. Actually, iyong 100 percent ownership na foreign, iyon nga po ang pinangangambahan namin. The removal of the constitutional limitations operates to amend the Constitution impliedly, and this runs counter as well to Article XVII of the Constitution which sets forth the procedure for amending or revising the Constitution.

REP. YAP (A.). Mme. Speaker, iyon po iyong nakasulat sa Saligang Batas po natin sa Article XII, Section 11, “No franchise, certificate, or any other form of authorization for the operation of a public utility shall be granted except to citizens of the Philippines or to corporations or associations organized under the laws of the Philippines at least sixty per centum of whose capital is owned by such citizens, x x x.” So, hindi po sinasabi naman na ...

REP. BROSAS. Hundred percent.

REP. YAP (A.). ... 100 percent ownership Ang sinasabi lang po, “No franchise, certificate, or any other form of authorization for the operation of a public utility,” Mme. Speaker. Operation po, hindi po pag-aari.

REP. BROSAS. Hindi pag-aari. Okay.

REP. YAP (A.). Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BROSAS. Malinaw po.

REP. YAP (A.). Opo.

REP. BROSAS. Kanina po, sinabi ninyo, iyong mga industriya, nag-o-open tayo nito para sa maraming investors, investments, na pumasok sa atin. Gusto ko lang pong i-halimbawa ito, na tingnan natin iyong sitwasyon sa ecozones kung saan iyong pagpapatuloy sa foreign investments sa bansa, nawalan ng kontrol ang gobyerno. Tinawag ko pong “kontrol” kasi, hindi ba, pumapasok sila sa ating bansa ng hindi naman din nagbigay ng matinong trabaho sa karamihan at naging subject lamang ang mga kababayan natin doon sa abuso. Lalung-lalo na po sa mga enklabo kung saan 15,000 to 20,000 ang kanilang trabahador o manggagawa pero may mga angal po sa atin ang ibinabayad kaugnay sa sahod at kaugnay sa proteksyon para sa kanilang sitwasyon or kundisyon ng paggawa. So, laganap iyong kontraktwalisasyon doon at mababang sahod sa loob ng mga ecozones at hanggang ngayon, Mme. Speaker, G. Isponsor, hindi klaro iyong accountability at regulasyon sa mga kompanya sa economic zones.

Sa pag-open natin ng pampublikong utilidad, tiyak kami na gray area ang accountability na naman ng mga contractors at private players. Baka

mag-iwas-pusoy na naman sa pagpapanagot sa mga ito. Iyon po ang isa sa mga pinangangambahan pa namin.

REP. YAP (A.). Mme. Speaker, ibang usapin po iyan sapagka’t iyan po ay nasa isyu ng labor. It is a labor issue, but we join the honorable interpellator when she raises her concern about issues of labor rights and labor standards, because this is not only an issue that is unique to sectors that had been opened up for foreign investments, but this is also a prevalent situation in domestic corporations. Sa isyu pong iyan, sasama po kami, Mme. Speaker, sa inyong pangamba at sasama po kami sa kung ano po ang puwede nating gawin to ensure that labor standards and labor rights are protected regardless of whether we are talking of local or foreign-controlled corporations po.

REP. BROSAS. Okay. Last point na lang po, G. Isponsor.

REP. YAP (A.). Opo.

REP. BROSAS. Sinabi natin na iyong pinag-uusapan nating Batas ay hindi perfect at pinapasa natin para lamang hindi maiwanan iyong Commonwealth Act na sinasabi ninyo na archaic ang coverage at definitions nito kung kaya’t babaguhin natin. Bakit po tayo gagawa ng batas na kagaya nito at the expense of our people?

Parang ganito po: babalik po tayo sa batayang pinagkunan ng protectionist power na binigay sa atin ng Saligang Batas. Papayag po ba tayo ulit na pasukin ang bahay natin ng isang estranghero, kakainin ang pagkain natin, makikitulog sa kama natin, at aagawin ang bahay natin? Ang mga estrangherong ito ay napatunayan na natin dati na wala nang ginawa kung hindi mang-abuso—abusuhin ang bahay natin at tayo mismong nakatira dito.

Kung kaya, ito pong last point, Mme. Speaker, malinaw po kaming tumututol sa GABRIELA Women’s Party sa panukalang amyendahan ang Public Service Act at ang pag-open sa pampublikong utilidad sa pribadong sektor at dayuhang pamumuhunan. Bangga po ito sa diwa ng 1987 Constitution at sa tingin namin, sa interes ng kalakhan ng mga mamamayan natin, lalong-lalo ng mga kababaihan.

Maraming salamat po.

REP. YAP (A.). Salamat po, Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na interpellator.

Uulitin lang po natin na nakikiusap rin po ang Isponsor na kung puwede sanang makita rin ng mga kasama natin sa GABRIELA, na tingnan naman po sana natin kung ano po ang magiging benepisyong sa punto de vista ng mga mamamayan, ng Filipino consumers.

We are now 103 million Filipinos. Huwag po nating tingnan ang mga sektor na ito from the point of view, sa punto de vista ng may may-ari.

If we are going to protect these sectors, Mme. Speaker, ang tanong ko nga po lagi, who are we protecting these for? Sino po ang pinoprotekta natin? Sino po— ang mga negosyante? Sino po—ang mga mamumuhunang mga Pilipino? Iilan lang naman po sila na may kakayanan na mamuhunan at paulit-ulit na po iyong mga kompanya at ng mga pamilyang iyon.

So, buksan po natin ang mga serbisyong ito. Umaasa po kami na, on the issue of consumer protection na hinahangad naman po natin, we are all on the same page for the protection of consumer rights.

Salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Salamat po, kagalang-galang na interpellator.

REP. BROSAS. Pahabol na lang, Mme. Speaker, one last na lang po. Nais po naming sabihin na mula sa lente po ng mga mahihirap tinitingnan namin ito at sa mga karanasan natin nang nakaraan, ang further na pag-open ng investments, ng investors, sa atin, ang mga niresulta nito at ang mga pag-aaral dito, kahit po sa labas ng bansa at hanggang dito sa ating bansa, alam po natin na hindi tayo nakinabang. Kaya napaka-valid po ng usapin na para sa mga mahihirap, sa ngalan po ng mga mahihirap, ay sinasabi natin na kung ito ay tunay na makakatulong sa kanila ay wala po tayong magiging problema, pero kung ito po ay talagang makakasangga at lalo pang magpapahirap sa ating mga mahihirap sa ngayon, hindi po tayo papayag sa ganoong panukala.

Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Maraming salamat po G. Isponsor.

REP. YAP (A.). Salamat po, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, the next Member who wishes to interpellate the Sponsor is the Lady from Party-List KABATAAN, the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago, and I move that we recognize her for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Honorable Elago is recognized.

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Magandang hapon sa ating distinguished Sponsor at sa lahat ng ating kapwa Mambabatas.

REP. YAP (A.). Magandang hapon.

REP. ELAGO. Ang aking concern po hinggil dito sa ating tinutulak na batas, ito ay hinggil sa pagbibigay

ng kahulugan, hindi ba? Sang-ayon sa inyo, malinaw na ang kahulugan ng public utilities, ay sa pamamagitan ng pag-aamyenda sa ating Commonwealth Law No. 146.

REP. YAP. Opo.

REP. ELAGO. Sinasabi ho dito, mula sa mga nakaraang mga diskusyon, mga talakayan hindi lamang sa mga komite kundi sa plenaryo na ito, ang pagtutulak o ang paglilimita ng kahulugan at ng coverage ng public utilities ay tatlo: unang-una, sa distribution ng electricity; ang pangalawa, sa transmission ng ating electricity; at pangatlo, hinggil sa water pipeline distribution system or sewerage pipeline system natin. Tama po ba, distinguished Sponsor?

REP. YAP (A.). Opo. Nasa enumeration po dito ang water pipeline distribution or sewerage pipeline distribution, electricity distribution and electricity transmission. Ito po ay nadesisyunan na rin po ng Korte Suprema in a long line of decisions po na these should be considered public utilities and more important than that, nagkaroon po ng technical study kung ano po ang mga negosyong puwede po nating sabihin na pumapasok po sa saklaw nitong public utility. So, hindi po tayo lang ang nagmamarunong dito, kagalang-galang na interpellator, Mme. Speaker. This has gone through studies of inter-agency committees, very learned institutions, at dumaa rin po sa eksperiyensa natin as a nation, as a country of consumers in the last 100 years.

So, basing on those experiences, ito po iyong dine-define po natin strictly as public utilities for now. Ngayon lang po ito dahil hindi po sinasabing kapag ating na-enumerate na, itinala po natin ang mga industriyang ito. Hindi po ibig sabihin na this is forever dahil mayroon po tayong criteria na ginagamit for the NEDA and for the Philippine Competition Commission to recommend to Congress kung dadagdagan pa po natin ito o hindi na po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, ang isa sa naging highlight ng presentasyon ng ating distinguished Sponsor, ay ang diumano ang posible at magiging positibo na impact ng increased competition by opening up our domestic economy to foreign competition ay hinggil sa Internet o sa komunikasyon partikular sa probisyon ng Internet service. Maaari po bang makapag-bahagi ang ating distinguished Iponsor ng partikular na positibo na impact ng deregulation at pagbubukas sa competition sa foreign players sa ating Internet service dito sa ating bayan, na alam natin na isa sa pinakamabagal at number two po tayo sa pinakamabagal sa buong mundo?

REP. YAP (A.). Napakaganda, siguro po, ng tanong

and I appreciate the question very much because the interpellator is representing the youth of our country.

Ang pinaka-kritikal na issue para sa mga kabataan at sa bansa natin ngayon ay siyempre iyong edukasyon po. If we are going to keep presently our telecom industries, na hindi po natin pinapayagan na mas marami po ang puwedeng mamuhunan dito, then siguro po education is going to be doomed when the world is moving at a very fast pace towards connectivity. Tayo po, maiiwan po tayo.

Pareho iyong pangamba po natin, Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na interpellator. Galing po ako sa isang distrito sa Kabisayaan na may maraming mga bulubundukin na mga barangay, at para matulungan po ang mga guro pati po ang mga estudyante doon para patuloy po ang educational enrichment nila, kailangan na kailangan po iyong connectivity. I come from a district that even has a sorry experience kung saan ang mga bata po ay naghahanap lang po ng connectivity at gusto pong makausap iyong ina or ama nila na nagtatrabaho po sa ibang bansa, at maghahanap po ng signal sa lansangan at masasagasaan po ng habal-habal, iyong motorsiklo nga po. So, these are the very sorry situations that we are confronted with, kaya nga po umaasa po tayo ngayon na kung bubuksan pa po natin ang mga industriyang ito, idadaan po sa maayos na pagde-define po ng public utilities, baka po mas marami tayong maakit na mga mamumuhunan, and we believe that increased competition po is going to make things better.

Ang hamon ninyo nga po, Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na interpellator, iyong tanong ninyo is, to cite a business and I had already said that the airline industry is a beneficiary of this. Also, in the telecom industry, noong nag-umpisa po iyong Globe and Smart, wala pong “unli” pero noong dumating po iyong Sun, a third competitor, nagkaroon po tayo ng “unli” and after the “unli” came, there were other providers at nagkaroon ng mga price war. Then, nag-consolidate lang po iyong industry ngayon kaya naging dalawa na lang po.

Tatanungin po natin bakit po iyong Telstra umurong? Umurong po iyong Telstra kaya nawala na nga po iyong ka-joint venture partner nila, iyong San Miguel Corporation. Walang nagawa iyong San Miguel po at ibinenta na lang nga po, binuwag na nila, nabuwag na iyong agreement nila ng Telstra kasi ang Telstra, hindi po sila papayag na mamuhunan ng bilyun-bilyon sa isang negosyong hindi po sila bibiyan ng karapatan na makontrol at ma-manage po iyong sektor na iyon, ang kumpanyang iyon.

Iyon lang nga po, Mme. Speaker, at kagalang-galang na interpellator, ang pangamba natin that if we continue to say or strictly define, strictly control, especially doon sa management po ng kompanya, wala pong mamumuhunan sa mga negosyong ito dahil kakain po ito ng bilyun-bilyong piso, baka bilyun-bilyong dolyar

pa nga po ng mga investment funds. People will not put their money if they cannot control the company.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, hinggil sa determinasyon ng cost, ibigay na natin kunwari sa Internet, kapag tayo ay nagbukas dito para sa mga foreign players na ito, who will determine the cost or what will be the parameters to determine the cost of such service?

REP. YAP (A.). Just because bibigyan po natin sila nang pagkakataon na makontrol po, hindi po pupuwedeng kahit na ano po ang gusto noong utility or public service corporation ay hindi po pupuwede because, siyempre, mayroon po tayong parameters diyan. The rate cannot be so low that it is confiscatory on the operator. Kung masyado naman pong mababa at hindi po siya makakabawi at malulugi lang po siya, violation rin po iyon ng constitutional provision natin na due process dahil ang mangyayari po doon, we will end up confiscating his investment. Hindi rin naman po pupuwedeng masyadong mataas that it becomes very oppressive to us, the consumers, you and me po.

Kaya mayroon po tayong pino-provide na weighted average cost of capital after tax po. Mayroon po tayong system na ginagamit na hindi naman ito hango sa some foreign jurisdiction na hindi po ginagamit at wala po tayong experience dito, dahil itong system po ng pagko-compute ngayon, ito po iyong ginagamit ng Energy Regulatory Commission sa ngayon, na ginagamit naman po natin ngayon.

Ang puno at dulo po, ang prinsipyo dito, mabawi lang po ng kompanyang namuhunan ang kanyang investment.

Kung hindi po natin gagalawin ang probisyon na ito, Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na interpellator ay babalik po tayo doon sa 12 percent rate of return na itinakda po ng Supreme Court sa *Republic of the Philippines vs. Meralco*. Kung ilalagay po natin sa 12 percent iyong hurdle rate, masyado pong mataas iyon. So, kailangan nga po natin palitan sapagkat po sa ibang mga utility corporations all over the world, mas mababa ang hurdle rate. Ang rate of return ay puwedeng bumababa po ng six percent, puwedeng seven percent. Kung puwede naman pong mabawi sa six o seven percent ang hurdle rate, bakit po natin iaakyat sa 12 percent? Kapag inakyat po natin iyon sa 12 percent, tayong dalawa at milyun-milyong mga consuming public, tayo po ang kawawa.

Kaya nga po itinatakda natin sa amendment natin, “weighted average cost of capital,” post-tax po, iyon po ang exact wording po natin, “maximum rate of return shall be equal to the post-tax weighted average cost of capital for the same or comparable businesses computed using established methodologies such as the

capital asset pricing model,” and so on and so forth. Nandito naman po, nakasulat. So, iyon lang po. Kung iiwan natin siya at hindi po natin siya bibigyan ng mas klarong depinisyon, babalik tayo sa 12 percent at kapag bumalik tayo sa 12 percent, iyon po ang nakatakda sa *Republic of the Philippines vs. Meralco*, that would be too high, Mme. Speaker, and what the interpellator fears is what is going to happen: we will have to charge our consumers very high rates.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, hinggil pa rin dito sa provision ng Internet service in particular, bilang ehemplo, ang ibig po sabihin ninyo ba ay tayo ay magpapapasok ng mas maraming kompetisyon, players, sa provision ng Internet service para maitulak pa sa pinakamababa ang presyo nito sa pamamagitan ng mga nasabi ninyong mga mekanismo para ma-ensure, matiyak na iyong presyo ay magiging accessible sa ating masa, sa mga consumer, sa pinakamaraming mga consumer? Ang ibig po ba sabihin ninyo ay magkakaroon na ng mas maliit na role na gagampanin ang ating estado hinggil sa provision ng Internet service na ito?

REP. YAP (A.). Hindi po, Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na interpellator. Gaya po ng sinabi, isinasaayos lang po natin ang depinisyon ng utilities at public services pero they still have to report to their regulatory agencies. Hindi po tinatanggal iyon. Pati po ang power ng Congress to grant franchises either directly or through the agencies, hindi po natin tinatanggal iyon. Hindi po mababawasan ang power ng estado, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Iyan po ay ating naitanong dahil sa kakapasa din na batas natin hinggil sa libreng pampublikong Internet access sa pampublikong lugar nito lamang, kasabay noong Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act. Isa po sa mga seksyon doon ay nagbibigay ng luwag hinggil sa public-private partnership sa provision ng services. Paano makakaapekto ang ganitong mga probisyon sa sinasabi ninyo na mayroon namang mahigpit na role pa rin ang ating gobyerno sa pagtatakda ng presyo at pag-ensure, pagtitiyak, ng kalidad ng naturang mga serbisyo?

REP. YAP (A.). Pagtutulungan po natin iyan, Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na interpellator, dahil bagamat hindi po natin tinatanggal sa saklaw ng poder at regulation ng mga government agencies, kailangan pong maging activists rin ang consumers. We ourselves have to demand for better service and better rates, and we have to challenge the government agencies to respond accordingly, that for public interest, we will be regulating the level of service and the rate that they will be charging.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, isa rin sa mga ikinababahala natin na mga concern ay maaari na ang pagbubukas ng ating domestic economy sa foreign competition ay magbukas pa sa ibayong mga problema. Kung baga, opening up the domestic economy to increased competition to lower down the prices, imbes na ganoon ang mangyari, baka ang magiging hitsura pa niyon ay opening up to trouble.

Sa isang pag-aaral ng IMF, sinasabi ho dito, instead of delivering growth, some policies on increased competition and the lesser role of the state have increased inequality, in turn jeopardizing durable expansion. Bukod pa diyan, surges of foreign capital inflows increased the chance of a financial crisis and such inflows worsen inequality in a crisis. So, bukod po sa mga ganitong mga warning ng mga malalaki nang institusyon katulad ng International Monetary Fund, paano po tayo makakasiguro o makakasigurado na ito ay hindi mangyayari sa ating mahal na bayan na Pilipinas?

REP. YAP (A.). Well, we are still providing the institutional protection. Hindi nga po natin sila tinatanggal sa saklaw ng regulasyon natin at masusing pagbantay, pero puwede rin po siguro tayo mabigyan ng assurance po sa ehemplo po ng ibang bansa. Sa Malaysia po, ang population po ng Malaysia ay walang 40 million, tayo po 103, pero ang telecom operators po natin ay dalawa lang po when it comes to connections for telecommunications. Sa Malaysia, a country of 30 million people, 27 operators po. Imagine, 30 million as against 103. Two operators in a 103 -million people country but 27 operators in Malaysia with 30 million, at kumikita naman po sila. Kumikita naman po sila kasi kung hindi, bakit po sila nagpapatuloy na mag-operate doon? At ang rates po sa Malaysia, maganda po at one of the fastest connections po all over the world. So, we take comfort and inspiration from that example.

I can go on and also cite the experience of Thailand because Thailand is closer to our population, but ganoon rin po, more than 10 operators naman po ang nandoon sa Thailand. So, nakikita natin na puwede naman pong dagdagan at ang resulta naman po ay better services kasi ang ultimate standard po, ang batayan po, hindi ba iyong speed? Tayo po, out of 22 countries, number 21 in Asia and in ASEAN, I think we are the slowest.

So, I assure the interpellator, Mme. Speaker, if we give this a chance, ang magiging beneficiary po is the sector that she is representing and the sector that is very close to my heart as well, Philippine agriculture. I actually believe that this is what is going to change and modernize Philippine agriculture, ang connectivity po.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, sa karanasan po ng Representasyon na

ito hinggil diyan sa sinasabi ninyo na connectivity, talaga po na layon iyan at aspirasyon ng marami sa ating mga kabataan. Maski nga sa loob ng ating mga pampublikong pamantasan at mga kolehiyo, sa ating mga SUCs, ang mga iskolar ng bayan ay handang magbayad ng Internet fee or connectivity fee na nagkakahalaga mula P100 hanggang sa P500 para lang diyan sa mas mabilis at reliable na Internet service. Ngunit sa kanilang karanasan, mayroon silang connectivity fee na binabayaran ngunit hindi naman nagko-connect. Mayroon signal and then hindi naman nagko-connect. Kung baga, nandiyan iyong mga policies natin hinggil sa regulasyon at ang ating panukala ngayon ay buksan iyong ating ekonomiya sa mas maraming players para ma-improve iyong service diumano. Nandiyan din ang deregulation, hindi ba? Ngunit hindi ba mas makakabuti kung mas magkaroon na lang ng istrikto na regulasyon hinggil sa probisyon ng mga serbisyong ito?

REP. YAP (A.). Mme. Speaker, matagal na po nating hinihingi iyan pero sa nakikita natin ay mukhang hindi pupuwedeng basta maiiwan po sa regulation. Mas mabuti po talaga kung mayroon pong mamumuhunan.

REP. ELAGO. Bakit po?

REP. YAP (A.). Sinubukan na po natin iyan. Nakikita rin po natin na may limitasyon po ang regulasyon. Kung wala naman pong player, wala naman pong mamumuhunan, hindi po natin mai-improve iyong kalidad po ng serbisyo. Wala po talagang incentive. Competition is the only incentive po.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, narinig na rin natin sa maraming privilege speeches ng ating mga kasamahan ang kanilang mga karanasan sa dalawang pinakamalaking players natin, hindi ba, sa telecom. Nandiyan iyong mga dropped calls. Hindi ba talagang very poor service iyan pero bakit hindi natin gawan ng paraan para mas palakihin iyong mga penalties ng mga players na ito, para magkaroon ng may kalidad na serbisyo na dapat po ay nararanasan at natatamasa ng ating mga kababayan.

REP. YAP (A.). May legacy investments po, Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na interpellator. Mahirap pong kumbinsihin ang mga existing corporations po ngayon na baguhin po iyong investment platform nila dahil hindi pa po nababayaran iyong lumang investments nila. Iyon po ang sinasabi na legacy investments. Kaya nga po siguro kung hihintayin pa po natin, Mme. Speaker, kahit na po hignipitan natin iyan, kung ipagpipilit po na mabayaran muna ang mga legacy investments nila, hindi po tayo aabot

doon sa cutting-edge technology dahil po ang sektor po ng telecommunications and wireless services ay nagbabago po. Grabe po ang state of innovation, change and reform. Kung hihintayin po nating mabayaran ang mga investments na iyon, baka hindi po dumating iyong inaasahan po nating pagbabago at pagpapaganda sa mga serbisyo sa mas nalalapit na panahon. We might have to wait for many, many more years, Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na interpellator.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, tayo po ay nahihirapan na maniwala doon sa napakagandang pangako ng mas mababang presyo at mas magandang serbisyo sa pamamagitan ng pagpapataas ng kompetisyon sa mga naturang serbisyo at utilities na ating pinag-uusapan dahil ang ginawa nito sa education system natin ay talagang kabaliktaran doon sa kanilang naipangako na magandang serbisyo at mas mababang presyo. Iyong Education Act of 1982 o Batas Pambansa Blg. 232 natin, nais ko pong basahin ang Section 42 na ito na hinggil doon sa deregulation ng presyo ng tuition at other school fees sa ating mga pamantasan. Imbes na sa pagbubukas ng kompetisyon ay mas mapababa ang presyo, ang ginawa nito ay mas dumoble iyong namumuhunan at nagnenegosyo sa edukasyon, 100 times na tumaas ang presyo ng tuition at other school fees sa mga pampublikong pamantasan at kolehiyo, at naging triple ang bilang ng mga private higher education institutions. Sa katunayan po, sa ating higher education landscape ngayon, 87 percent ang ating mga private HEIs o mga private higher education institutions, samantalang six percent lamang ang ating mga state universities and colleges. Five percent lamang ang mga local universities and colleges. Kung baga, talagang highly-lopsided and dominated by private institutions ang ating higher education landscape.

Sinasabi dito sa Section 42 na ito, at ito iyong kung baga sa mga advocates ng strict na regulation sana sa presyo ng tuition at other school fees, ito iyong pinagmumulan ng napakaraming rules and regulations na inilalabas ngayon ng ating Department of Education, ng Commission on Higher Education, na siyang ginagamit na dahilan para walang ampat, walang tigil ang pagsirit ng pagtaas po ng matrikula at other school fees sa ating mga paaralan. Let me quote the section:

Tuition and other school fees. Each private school shall determine its rate of tuition and other school fees or charges. The rates and charges adopted by schools pursuant to this provision should be collectible, and their application or use authorized, subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sports.

Iyan po iyong seksyon doon sa BP Blg. 232 na nagbukas doon sa walang ampat na pagtaas ng tuition and other school fees sa ating mga paaralan. Simula po ng panahon na iyon, talagang dumoble ang presyo ng mga matrikula.

Sa katunayan, sa ngayon, ang naging effect natin diyan, sa memorandum order ng CHED ay iyong CMO 3, Series of 2012, ang sinasabi lang doon ay magbibigay tayo ng mga policies at mga guidelines para doon sa reasonable na increase. Ngunit iyang reasonable na increase na iyan, basta po maipasa mo lang ang lahat ng mga requirements ay hindi na niyan nati-check kung makatarungan ba iyong increase o hindi. Basta pinapayagan na lang iyan na magtaas ng matrikula at other school fees. So, ganoon po ang nagawa ng deregulation sa edukasyon, hindi ba? Kahit pa nandiyan ang ating Commission on Higher Education.

Mayroon pa po iyan at naging bahagi ako noon, iyong National Multisectoral Board on Tuition Fee and Other School Fees. Sa kabila ng pagtutol ng iba't ibang mga sektor, nandiyan ang mga estudyante dahil hindi nakaya ng mga magulang ang walang ampat na pagtaas ng presyo ng edukasyon. Nandiyan din ang mga teachers, na dapat po mayroon from the chunk of that increase that will go to the increase in their benefits and salaries pero hindi rin naman iyan napupunta. Again, dahil doon sa lack of or iyong strict monitoring talaga and evaluation of this approval on increases.

Sa kabila ng pagtutol nila, wala lang po iyong effect, wala iyong pagbaba, dahil ang sinasabi lang doon sa memorandum order na iyon, basta nakapag-comply ka dito sa mga requirements na ito para sa increase ay papayagan ka na magtaas ng presyo. So, imbes na makapagpababa ng presyo ng tuition at other school fees, iyon ang nangyari sa edukasyon, kung saan ang nagawa pa ay kabaligtaran, natulak pa na magtaas ng presyo ang mga private HEIs natin dahil nga daw sila ay naghahabol doon sa kalidad na kailangan naman ay bayaran noong mga estudyante na pinili na mag-aral sa mga partikular na paaralan kung saan sila nais mag-enroll.

Ano po ang ating katiyakan na ito ay hindi mangyayari dito sa mga serbisyo na hindi kasama doon sa napasailalim noon na mga public utilities?

REP. YAP (A.). Mme. Speaker, in the area of education, this continues to be a 60-40 regime, as enunciated by the Constitution. Whether ownership or management or operation or control, 60-40 pa rin po ito, under Filipino corporations or Filipinos.

I feel, Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na interpellator, very justified naman po iyong mga punto ninyo about the quality and the rates, the tuition fees and the charges, but this is better addressed doon po sa regulatory agencies that are in-charge of education. Baka dapat doon po natin dalhin ang mga punto na iyan, those issues. Actually,

will all due respect, baka gusto ko ngang i-reverse iyong argument, na baka kaya ho ganoon ho iyong kalidad ay kasi hindi po natin binubuksan. We are one of the few countries in the world that does not allow foreign ownership and management of our educational institutions. Are we afraid that if we allow foreigners to own them, they will be able to brainwash our youth when the operation and control will still remain in the regulation of Philippine agencies? So, baka gusto ko ngang baligtarin. Dapat ho ba tayong matakot at umurong at isuko po natin kung ano po iyong mga gains natin sa mga sektor na ito o dapat po nating ipagpatuloy ang reporma o pagbubukas po ng sektor na ito?

So, although, Mme. Speaker, I am one with the interpellator doon po sa issues na iyon, we should bring those issues to the regulatory agencies, which the redefinition in this Bill will also allow, Mme. Speaker. Hindi po natin tinatanggal sa regulatory agencies ang kontrol po ng sektor na iyon. Kung saan po siya bumabagsak sa anong regulatory agency, hindi po natin tinatanggal siya sa kontrol po at superbisyon ng agency na iyon.

REP. ELAGO. Ngunit, Mme. Speaker, ngayon pa lang sa ating mga local players, diyan sa education ay hindi na natin istriktong nababantayan, napapagkomply sa ating mga patakaran, sa ating mga batas, paano pa kaya kung mas marami pa tayong players?

So, hinggil dito, na sinabi ninyo rin na magkakaroon naman ng mga pag-aaral kung may mga kailangan tayong baguhin, kung mayroon tayong kailangang paghigpitan, at kung may mga kailangang developments, lalong-lalo na sa mga particular na implementing rules and regulations ng naturang panukalang-batas na ito, sinabi po ninyo dito na ang PCC natin o ang Philippine Competition Commission ang siyang may mandato na magsagawa ng regular na pag-aaral...

REP. YAP (A.). Opo.

REP. ELAGO. ...at kung ang deregulasyon ba ay kinakailangan sa isang partikular na sektor at kung ano man iyong kanilang recommendation sa Congress. Gaano po kadalas ang pagiging regular ng mga pag-aaral na ito sang-ayon sa inyong mga usapan sa inyong Komite?

REP. YAP (A.). Hindi naman po sila minamanduhan ng minimum or maximum. So, kung kinakailangan po na dapat po nilang isagawa ito, isasagawa po nila ito.

REP. ELAGO. Hinggil sa deregulasyon pa rin ng edukasyon, nasabi natin iyon dahil nga doon sa pagkabahala na iyong parehong patakaran ng—in this competition, unless your goal or the responsibility of the State, maaari din niya gawin iyon sa napakaraming mga

services na natanggal natin doon sa definition ng public utilities at hindi po ninyo matatanggal po, ano, iyong mga ganoong mga takot kaya talagang nanghihingi kami ng linaw hinggil doon sa patakaran ng pagbabantay, ng monitoring ng evaluation. Kasi, ang sabi ninyo kanina, dapat iyong mga concerns ko at ng sektor hinggil doon sa deregulation ng education ay napaparating sa mga regulatory agencies.

Taon-taon, buwan-buwan, ayan, kung may susulpot na mga ganoong isyu, talagang pinaparating natin, ngunit binalik at binabalik po sa atin na wala namang ngipin. Kung sa higher education, nandiyan ang CHED natin, ang Commission on Higher Education, dahil binabalikan nila iyong batas na nagde-deregulate, na may karapatan ang mga eskuwelahan na magdikta kung magkano ang sa tingin nilang dapat na presyo ng kanilang tuition, kung kinakailangan na mag-doble, triple, 50 times pa na mas mataas iyong kanilang school fees ay gagawin nila dahil parte iyon ng kanilang karapatan sang-ayon doon sa batas, at nandiyan na rin iyong kanilang ginagamit na rason na academic freedom, di ba?

Kaya naman, ang nais lang natin na masigurado dito sa kada reporma, sa mga patakaran na ating isusulong hindi lang sa loob ng Kongreso kundi maski sa labas, ang titiyakin natin ay ang interes ng publiko at hindi ang interes ng dayuhan, at hindi rin ang interes ng negosyo para sa kita.

REP. YAP (A.). Yes, Mme. Speaker. Tama po.

REP. ELAGO. Dahil sa inyo na rin nanggagaling ang mga napakahalaga na pamantayan kung ano ba iyong public utilities. Nandiyan ang pagpapangalan, ang classification sa isang person, business at service bilang public utility. Unang-una, the person performs a public service, the business or service regularly supplies and directly transmits and distributes to the public through a network a commodity or service of public consequence; the business or service necessary to the public and, if a natural monopoly, needs to be regulated when the common good so requires. Pang-apat, the business or service is necessary for the maintenance of life and occupation of residents. Fifth, the business or service is obligated to provide adequate service to the public on demand.

Napakarami po doon sa inyong mga tinapyas sa ating Commonwealth Law ay, sa tingin ko, napasailalim at kasama dapat sa mga pamantayan na ito, lalong-lalo na iyon sa telecommunications natin, doon sa transportation. Babantayan natin ito. Ang Representasyon na ito ay nagbibigay ng kanyang pagtataya ng buong-buo na commitment sa pagbabantay sa kahit na ano pa na mga pursuits ...

REP. YAP (A.). Yes, tama po iyon.

REP. ELAGO. ... para gawin ang mga negosyo, ang mga serbisyo. Nawa ay ang ating distinguished Sponsor ay kasama natin hinggil dito. People over profit...

REP. YAP (A.). Tama po iyon.

REP. ELAGO. ...and planet also over profit, di ba? Hindi dapat iyong kita, iyong goal na kumita, magnegosyo, ang siyang nagpapatakbo sa ating ekonomiya, kundi ang siyang nagpapatakbo at nakakaapekto at kumakain doon sa pang-araw-araw na paghihirap ng ating mga mamamayan.

REP. YAP (A.). Mme. Speaker, tama po iyon. That is the reason this Bill is setting aside the definition for the rate of return, so that maybe, the sorry example of schools that will just impose rates indiscriminately to the prejudice of our students will be avoided. Sumasama po tayo sa kagalang-galang po na interpellator sa pagbibigay po natin ng commitment na bantayan rin po sa mga ahensiya, sa regulatory agencies, ang mga kompanyang nasasailalim po nito, sa area po ng pag-offer po ng kalidad na serbisyo at sa pagpataw po ng rates sa ating consuming public. So, together with the honorable interpellator, we also give our commitment to do the same.

REP. ELAGO. I have no further questions, Mme. Speaker.

Thank you, and good afternoon.

REP. YAP (A.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Marami pong salamat.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B NO. 5828

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 5828.

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

The consideration of House Bill No. 5828 is hereby suspended.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5550 ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5550 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5550, entitled: AN ACT SEPARATING THE CAMALOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MALAGNAT EXTENSION IN BARANGAY MALAGNAT, MUNICIPALITY OF PINUKPUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE CAMALOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MALAGNAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Arenas	Campos	Go (A.C.)
Abayon	Atienza	Canama	Go (M.)
Abellanos	Aumentado	Casilao	Gomez
Abu	Bagatsing	Castelo	Gonzales (A.P.)
Abueg	Banal	Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (A.D.)
Acharon	Barbers	Castro (F.H.)	Gonzalez
Acop	Barzaga	Celeste	Hernandez
Acosta	Bataoil	Chavez	Herrera-Dy
Acosta-Alba	Batocabe	Chipeco	Hofer
Advincula	Bautista-Bandigan	Co	Javier
Agarao	Belaro	Cojuangco	Kho
Aggabao	Belmonte (F.)	Collantes	Khonghun
Albano	Belmonte (J.C.)	Cortuna	Labadlabad
Alejano	Belmonte (R.)	Cosalan	Lacson
Almario	Benitez	Crisologo	Lagman
Almonte	Biazon	Cua	Lanete
Alvarez (F.)	Billones	Cuaresma	Laogan
Alvarez (P.)	Biron	Cueva	Lazatin
Amante	Bolilia	Dalipe	Lee
Amatong	Bondoc	Datol	Limkaichong
Andaya	Bordado	Daza	Lobregat
Angara-Castillo	Bravo (A.)	De Jesus	Lopez (B.)
Antonino	Brosas	De Venecia	Lopez (C.)
Antonio	Bulut-Begtang	De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)
Aquino-Magsaysay	Calderon	Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo
Aragones	Calixto-Rubiano	Del Mar	Maceda
Arcillas	Caminero	Del Rosario	Madrona
		Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan
		Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang
		Duavit	Mangudadatu (S.)
		Dy	Mangudadatu (Z.)
		Elago	Marcos
		Enverga	Mariño
		Eriguel	Marquez
		Ermita-Buhain	Martinez
		Escudero	Matugas
		Espino	Mellana
		Estrella	Mending
		Evardone	Mendoza
		Fariñas	Mercado
		Fernando	Mirasol
		Ferrer (J.)	Montoro
		Ferrer (L.)	Nava
		Flores	Nieto
		Fortun	Noel
		Fortuno	Nogralas (J.J.)
		Fuentebella	Nogralas (K.A.)
		Garbin	Nolasco
		Garcia (G.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon
		Garcia (J.E.)	Oaminal
		Garcia-Albano	Olivarez
		Garin (R.)	Ong (E.)
		Garin (S.)	Ong (H.)
		Gasataya	Ortega (P.)
		Geron	Ortega (V.N.)

Pacquiao	Singson
Paduano	Suansing (E.)
Palma	Suansing (H.)
Pancho	Suarez
Panganiban	Sy-Alvarado
Panotes	Tambunting
Papandayan	Tan (A.)
Pimentel	Tan (M.)
Pineda	Tejada
Plaza	Teves
Primicias-Agabas	Tiangco
Radaza	Ting
Ramirez-Sato	Tinio
Ramos	Tugna
Relampagos	Ty
Revilla	Umali
Roa-Puno	Unabia
Robes	Ungab
Rocamora	Unico
Rodriguez (I.)	Uy (J.)
Rodriguez (M.)	Uy (R.)
Romualdez	Uybarreta
Romualdo	Vargas
Roque (H.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Roque (R.)	Velarde
Sacdalan	Velasco
Sahali	Veloso
Salceda	Vergara
Salimbangon	Villanueva
Salo	Villaraza-Suarez
Sambar	Villarica
Sandoval	Villarin
Santos-Recto	Violago
Sarmiento (C.)	Yap (A.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yap (M.)
Savellano	Yu
Sema	Zarate
Siao	Zubiri
Silverio	

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5550
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano).
With 243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 5550 is approved on Third
Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5953
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move
that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5953
and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the
measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
the measure, printed copies of which were distributed
to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill
No. 5953, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE
IN THE CITY OF SIPALAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS
OCCIDENTALAND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the
roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules
of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of
the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure
as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:*

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Antonino	Bondoc
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Brosas	Garcia-Albano	Olivarez	Siao
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Cosalan	Lacson	Ramos	Unabia
Crisologo	Lagman	Relampagos	Ungab
Cua	Lanete	Revilla	Unico
Cuaresma	Laogan	Roa-Puno	Uy (J.)
Cueva	Lazatin	Robes	Uy (R.)
Dalipe	Lee	Rocamora	Uybarreta
Datol	Limkaichong	Rodriguez (I.)	Vargas
Daza	Lobregat	Rodriguez (M.)	Vargas-Alfonso
De Jesus	Lopez (B.)	Romualdez	Velarde
De Venecia	Lopez (C.)	Romualdo	Velasco
De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (H.)	Veloso
Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (R.)	Vergara
Del Mar	Maceda	Sacdalan	Villanueva
Del Rosario	Madrona	Sahali	Villaraza-Suarez
Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan	Salceda	Villarica
Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo	Salimbangon	Villarín
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang	Salo	Violago
Duavit	Mangudadatu (S.)	Sambar	Yap (A.)
Dy	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sandoval	Yap (M.)
Elago	Marcos	Santos-Recto	Yu
Enverga	Mariño	Sarmiento (C.)	Zarate
Eriguel	Marquez	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Zubiri
Ermita-Buhain	Martinez	Savellano	
Escudero	Matugas		
Espino	Mellana	<i>Negative</i>	
Estrella	Mending		
Evardone	Mendoza	None	
Fariñas	Mercado		
Fernando	Mirasol	<i>Abstention</i>	
Ferrer (J.)	Montoro		
Ferrer (L.)	Nava	None	
Flores	Nieto		
Fortun	Noel		
Fortuno	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Fuentebella	Nogralas (K.A.)		
Garbin	Nolasco		
Garcia (G.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5953
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano).
With 243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no

abstention, House Bill No. 5953 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6030
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6030 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6030, entitled: AN ACT INTEGRATING THE CEBU CITY MOUNTAIN EXTENSION CAMPUS AS A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9744, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF CEBU AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Acosta-Alba
Abayon	Advincula
Abellanos	Agarao
Abu	Aggabao
Abueg	Albano
Acharon	Alejano
Acop	Almario
Acosta	Almonte

Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bagatsing
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Celeste
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva

Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Javier
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lazatin

Lee	Rocamora	Yu	Zubiri
Limkaichong	Rodriguez (I.)	Zarate	
Lobregat	Rodriguez (M.)		
Lopez (B.)	Romualdez	<i>Negative</i>	
Lopez (C.)	Romualdo		
Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (H.)	None	
Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (R.)		
Maceda	Sacdalan	<i>Abstention</i>	
Madrona	Sahali		
Malapitan	Salceda	None	
Manalo	Salimbangon		
Mangaoang	Salo		APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6030
Mangudadatu (S.)	Sambar		ON THIRD READING
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sandoval		
Marcos	Santos-Recto		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With
Mariño	Sarmiento (C.)		243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention,
Marquez	Sarmiento (E.M.)		House Bill No. 6030 is approved on Third Reading.
Martinez	Savellano		The Floor Leader is recognized.
Matugas	Sema		
Mellana	Siao		NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6099
Mending	Silverio		ON THIRD READING
Mendoza	Singson		
Mercado	Suansing (E.)		REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move
Mirasol	Suansing (H.)		that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No.
Montoro	Suarez		6099 and direct the Secretary General to read the title
Nava	Sy-Alvarado		of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.
Nieto	Tambunting		I so move.
Noel	Tan (A.)		
Nogralles (J.J.)	Tan (M.)		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Is
Nogralles (K.A.)	Tejada		there any objection? (<i>Silence</i>) The Chair hears none;
Nolasco	Teves		the motion is approved.
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tiangco		
Oaminal	Ting		<i>Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of</i>
Olivarez	Tinio		<i>the measure, printed copies of which were distributed</i>
Ong (E.)	Tugna		<i>to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section</i>
Ong (H.)	Ty		<i>58, Rule X of the House Rules.</i>
Ortega (P.)	Umali		
Ortega (V.N.)	Unabia		THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No.
Pacquiao	Ungab		6099, entitled: AN ACT SEPARATING THE MAYOR
Paduano	Unico		BARTOLOME SERUT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL
Palma	Uy (J.)		AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL – MUSIMUT ANNEX
Pancho	Uy (R.)		IN BARANGAY MUSIMUT, MUNICIPALITY
Panganiban	Uybarreta		OF KABUGAO, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM
Panotes	Vargas		THE MAYOR BARTOLOME SERUT NATIONAL
Papandayan	Vargas-Alfonso		AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL,
Pimentel	Velarde		CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
Pineda	Velasco		NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS
Plaza	Veloso		MUSIMUT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
Primicias-Agabas	Vergara		APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.
Radaza	Villanueva		
Ramirez-Sato	Villaraza-Suarez		<i>The Chair directed the Secretary General to call</i>
Ramos	Villarica		<i>the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the</i>
Relampagos	Villarín		<i>Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The</i>
Revilla	Violago		<i>result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid</i>
Roa-Puno	Yap (A.)		<i>measure as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August</i>
Robes	Yap (M.)		<i>14, 2017:</i>

Affirmative

Abaya	Campos	Gasataya	Ortega (P.)
Abayon	Canama	Geron	Ortega (V.N.)
Abellanosa	Casilao	Go (A.C.)	Pacquiao
Abu	Castelo	Go (M.)	Paduano
Abueg	Castro (F.L.)	Gomez	Palma
Acharon	Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.P.)	Pancho
Acop	Celeste	Gonzales (A.D.)	Panganiban
Acosta	Chavez	Gonzalez	Panotes
Acosta-Alba	Chipeco	Hernandez	Papandayan
Advincula	Co	Herrera-Dy	Pimentel
Agarao	Cojuangco	Hofer	Pineda
Aggabao	Collantes	Javier	Plaza
Albano	Cortuna	Kho	Primicias-Agabas
Alejano	Cosalan	Khonghun	Radaza
Almario	Crisologo	Labadlabad	Ramirez-Sato
Almonte	Cua	Lacson	Ramos
Alvarez (F.)	Cuaresma	Lagman	Relampagos
Alvarez (P.)	Cueva	Lanete	Revilla
Amante	Dalipe	Laogan	Roa-Puno
Amatong	Datol	Lazatin	Robes
Andaya	Daza	Lee	Rocamora
Angara-Castillo	De Jesus	Limkaichong	Rodriguez (I.)
Antonino	De Venecia	Lobregat	Rodriguez (M.)
Antonio	De Vera	Lopez (B.)	Romualdez
Aquino-Magsaysay	Defensor	Lopez (C.)	Romualdo
Aragones	Del Mar	Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (H.)
Arcillas	Del Rosario	Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (R.)
Arenas	Deloso-Montalla	Maceda	Sacdalan
Atienza	Dimaporo (A.)	Madrona	Sahali
Aumentado	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Malapitan	Salceda
Bagatsing	Duavit	Manalo	Salimbangon
Banal	Dy	Mangaoang	Salo
Barbers	Elago	Mangudadatu (S.)	Sambar
Barzaga	Enverga	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sandoval
Bataoil	Eriguel	Marcos	Santos-Recto
Batocabe	Ermita-Buhain	Mariño	Sarmiento (C.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Escudero	Marquez	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Belaro	Espino	Martinez	Savellano
Belmonte (F.)	Estrella	Matugas	Sema
Belmonte (J.C.)	Evardone	Mellana	Siao
Belmonte (R.)	Fariñas	Mending	Silverio
Benitez	Fernando	Mendoza	Singson
Biazon	Ferrer (J.)	Mercado	Suansing (E.)
Billones	Ferrer (L.)	Mirasol	Suansing (H.)
Biron	Flores	Montoro	Suarez
Bolilia	Fortun	Nava	Sy-Alvarado
Bondoc	Fortuno	Nieto	Tambunting
Bordado	Fuentebella	Noel	Tan (A.)
Bravo (A.)	Garbin	Nogralles (J.J.)	Tan (M.)
Brosas	Garcia (G.)	Nogralles (K.A.)	Tejada
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (J.E.)	Nolasco	Teves
Calderon	Garcia-Albano	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tiangco
Calixto-Rubiano	Garin (R.)	Oaminal	Ting
Caminero	Garin (S.)	Olivarez	Tinio
		Ong (E.)	Tugna
		Ong (H.)	Ty

Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Veloso

Negative

None

Abstention

None

Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yu
Zarate
Zubiri

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanos
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bagatsing
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Celeste
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Estrella
Evardone

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6099
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6099 is approved on Third Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6103
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6103 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting. I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6103, entitled: ANACT SEPARATING THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – GUINA-ANG ANNEX IN BARANGAY GUINA-ANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GUINA-ANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Fariñas	Mercado	Suansing (E.)	Uy (R.)
Fernando	Mirasol	Suansing (H.)	Uybarreta
Ferrer (J.)	Montoro	Suarez	Vargas
Ferrer (L.)	Nava	Sy-Alvarado	Vargas-Alfonso
Flores	Nieto	Tambunting	Velarde
Fortun	Noel	Tan (A.)	Velasco
Fortuno	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tan (M.)	Veloso
Fuentebella	Nogralas (K.A.)	Tejada	Vergara
Garbin	Nolasco	Teves	Villanueva
Garcia (G.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tiangco	Villaraza-Suarez
Garcia (J.E.)	Oaminal	Ting	Villarica
Garcia-Albano	Olivarez	Tinio	Villarin
Garin (R.)	Ong (E.)	Tugna	Violago
Garin (S.)	Ong (H.)	Ty	Yap (A.)
Gasataya	Ortega (P.)	Umali	Yap (M.)
Geron	Ortega (V.N.)	Unabia	Yu
Go (A.C.)	Pacquiao	Ungab	Zarate
Go (M.)	Paduano	Unico	Zubiri
Gomez	Palma	Uy (J.)	
Gonzales (A.P.)	Pancho		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Panganiban	<i>Negative</i>	
Gonzalez	Panotes		
Hernandez	Papandayan	None	
Herrera-Dy	Pimentel		
Hofer	Pineda	<i>Abstention</i>	
Javier	Plaza		
Kho	Primicias-Agabas	None	
Khonghun	Radaza		
Labadlabad	Ramirez-Sato		
Lacson	Ramos		
Lagman	Relampagos		
Lanete	Revilla		
Laogan	Roa-Puno		
Lazatin	Robes		
Lee	Rocamora		
Limkaichong	Rodriguez (I.)		
Lobregat	Rodriguez (M.)		
Lopez (B.)	Romualdez		
Lopez (C.)	Romualdo		
Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (H.)		
Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (R.)		
Maceda	Sacdalán		
Madrona	Sahali		
Malapitan	Salceda		
Manalo	Salimbangon		
Mangaoang	Salo		
Mangudadatu (S.)	Sambar		
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sandoval		
Marcos	Santos-Recto		
Mariño	Sarmiento (C.)		
Marquez	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Martinez	Savellano		
Matugas	Sema		
Mellana	Siao		
Mending	Silverio		
Mendoza	Singson		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6103
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6103 is approved on Third Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6031
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6031 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6031, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE

INTEGRATION OF THE MAASIN CITY COLLEGE INTO THE SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY (SLSU).

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Billones	Elago	Marcos
Abayon	Biron	Enverga	Mariño
Abellanosa	Bolilia	Eriguel	Marquez
Abu	Bondoc	Ermita-Buhain	Martinez
Abueg	Bordado	Escudero	Matugas
Acharon	Bravo (A.)	Espino	Mellana
Acop	Brosas	Estrella	Mending
Acosta	Bulut-Begtang	Evardone	Mendoza
Acosta-Alba	Calderon	Fariñas	Mercado
Advincula	Calixto-Rubiano	Fernando	Mirasol
Agarao	Caminero	Ferrer (J.)	Montoro
Aggabao	Campos	Ferrer (L.)	Nava
Albano	Canama	Flores	Nieto
Alejano	Casilao	Fortun	Noel
Almario	Castelo	Fortuno	Nogralas (J.J.)
Almonte	Castro (F.L.)	Fuentebella	Nogralas (K.A.)
Alvarez (F.)	Castro (F.H.)	Garbin	Nolasco
Alvarez (P.)	Celeste	Garcia (G.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Amante	Chavez	Garcia (J.E.)	Oaminal
Amatong	Chipeco	Garcia-Albano	Olivarez
Andaya	Co	Garin (R.)	Ong (E.)
Angara-Castillo	Cojuangco	Garin (S.)	Ong (H.)
Antonino	Collantes	Gasataya	Ortega (P.)
Antonio	Cortuna	Geron	Ortega (V.N.)
Aquino-Magsaysay	Cosalan	Go (A.C.)	Pacquiao
Aragones	Crisologo	Go (M.)	Paduano
Arcillas	Cua	Gomez	Palma
Arenas	Cuaresma	Gonzales (A.P.)	Pancho
Atienza	Cueva	Gonzales (A.D.)	Panganiban
Aumentado	Dalipe	Gonzalez	Panotes
Bagatsing	Datol	Hernandez	Papandayan
Banal	Daza	Herrera-Dy	Pimentel
Barbers	De Jesus	Hofer	Pineda
Barzaga	De Venecia	Javier	Plaza
Bataoil	De Vera	Kho	Primicias-Agabas
Batocabe	Defensor	Khonghun	Radaza
Bautista-Bandigan	Del Mar	Labadlabad	Ramirez-Sato
Belaro	Del Rosario	Lacson	Ramos
Belmonte (F.)	Deloso-Montalla	Lagman	Relampagos
Belmonte (J.C.)	Dimaporo (A.)	Lanete	Revilla
Belmonte (R.)	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Laogan	Roa-Puno
Benitez	Duavit	Lazatin	Robes
Biazon	Dy	Lee	Rocamora
		Limkaichong	Rodriguez (I.)
		Lobregat	Rodriguez (M.)
		Lopez (B.)	Romualdez
		Lopez (C.)	Romualdo
		Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (H.)
		Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (R.)
		Maceda	Sacdalan
		Madrona	Sahali
		Malapitan	Salceda
		Manalo	Salimbangon
		Mangaoang	Salo
		Mangudadatu (S.)	Sambar
		Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sandoval

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

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6031
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6031 is approved on Third Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6065
 ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6065 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed

to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6065, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY (NSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, AS THE BILIRAN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY (BILSU) AND REMOVING THE PROHIBITION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9718, ENTITLED: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE NAVAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE BILIRAN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BILIRAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya Arcillas
 Abayon Arenas
 Abellanosa Atienza
 Abu Aumentado
 Abueg Bagatsing
 Acharon Banal
 Acop Barbers
 Acosta Barzaga
 Acosta-Alba Bataoil
 Advincula Batocabe
 Agarao Bautista-Bandigan
 Aggabao Belaro
 Albano Belmonte (F.)
 Alejandro Belmonte (J.C.)
 Almario Belmonte (R.)
 Almonte Benitez
 Alvarez (F.) Biazon
 Alvarez (P.) Billones
 Amante Biron
 Amatong Bolilia
 Andaya Bondoc
 Angara-Castillo Bordado
 Antonino Bravo (A.)
 Antonio Brosas
 Aquino-Magsaysay Bulut-Begtang
 Aragonés Calderon

Calixto-Rubiano	Gasataya	Ortega (P.)	Silverio
Caminero	Geron	Ortega (V.N.)	Singson
Campos	Go (A.C.)	Pacquiao	Suansing (E.)
Canama	Go (M.)	Paduano	Suansing (H.)
Casilao	Gomez	Palma	Suarez
Castelo	Gonzales (A.P.)	Pancho	Sy-Alvarado
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Panganiban	Tambunting
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzalez	Panotes	Tan (A.)
Celeste	Hernandez	Papandayan	Tan (M.)
Chavez	Herrera-Dy	Pimentel	Tejada
Chipeco	Hofer	Pineda	Teves
Co	Javier	Plaza	Tiangco
Cojuangco	Kho	Primicias-Agabas	Ting
Collantes	Khonghun	Radaza	Tinio
Cortuna	Labadlabad	Ramirez-Sato	Tugna
Cosalan	Lacson	Ramos	Ty
Crisologo	Lagman	Relampagos	Umali
Cua	Lanete	Revilla	Unabia
Cuaresma	Laogan	Roa-Puno	Ungab
Cueva	Lazatin	Robes	Unico
Dalipe	Lee	Rocamora	Uy (J.)
Datol	Limkaichong	Rodriguez (I.)	Uy (R.)
Daza	Lobregat	Rodriguez (M.)	Uybarreta
De Jesus	Lopez (B.)	Romualdez	Vargas
De Venecia	Lopez (C.)	Romualdo	Vargas-Alfonso
De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (H.)	Velarde
Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (R.)	Velasco
Del Mar	Maceda	Sacdalan	Veloso
Del Rosario	Madrona	Sahali	Vergara
Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan	Salceda	Villanueva
Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo	Salimbangon	Villaraza-Suarez
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang	Salo	Villarica
Duavit	Mangudadatu (S.)	Sambar	Villarín
Dy	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sandoval	Violago
Elago	Marcos	Santos-Recto	Yap (A.)
Enverga	Mariño	Sarmiento (C.)	Yap (M.)
Eriguel	Marquez	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yu
Ermita-Buhain	Martinez	Savellano	Zarate
Escudero	Matugas	Sema	Zubiri
Espino	Mellana	Siao	
Estrella	Mending		
Evardone	Mendoza	<i>Negative</i>	
Fariñas	Mercado		
Fernando	Mirasol	None	
Ferrer (J.)	Montoro		
Ferrer (L.)	Nava	<i>Abstention</i>	
Flores	Nieto		
Fortun	Noel	None	
Fortuno	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Fuentebella	Nogralas (K.A.)		
Garbin	Nolasco		
Garcia (G.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon		
Garcia (J.E.)	Oaminal		
Garcia-Albano	Olivarez		
Garin (R.)	Ong (E.)		
Garin (S.)	Ong (H.)		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6065
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6065 is approved on Third Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6081
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6081 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6081, entitled: AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF MANLABANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MANLABANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CAIBIRAN, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, TO CAIBIRAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Antonio	Bondoc	Garbin
Abayon	Aquino-Magsaysay	Bordado	Garcia (G.)
Abellanosa	Aragones	Bravo (A.)	Garcia (J.E.)
Abu	Arcillas	Brosas	Garcia-Albano
Abueg	Arenas	Bulut-Begtang	Garin (R.)
Acharon	Atienza	Calderon	Garin (S.)
Acop	Aumentado	Calixto-Rubiano	Gasataya
Acosta	Bagatsing	Caminero	Geron
Acosta-Alba	Banal	Campos	Go (A.C.)
Advincula	Barbers	Canama	Go (M.)
Agarao	Barzaga	Casilao	Gomez
Aggabao	Bataoil	Castelo	Gonzales (A.P.)
Albano	Batocabe	Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (A.D.)
Alejano	Bautista-Bandigan	Castro (F.H.)	Gonzalez
Almario	Belaro	Celeste	Hernandez
Almonte	Belmonte (F.)	Chavez	Herrera-Dy
Alvarez (F.)	Belmonte (J.C.)	Chipeco	Hofer
Alvarez (P.)	Belmonte (R.)	Co	Javier
Amante	Benitez	Cojuangco	Kho
Amatong	Biazon	Collantes	Khonghun
Andaya	Billones	Cortuna	Labadlabad
Angara-Castillo	Biron	Cosalan	Lacson
Antonino	Bolilia	Crisologo	Lagman
		Cua	Lanete
		Cuaresma	Laogan
		Cueva	Lazatin
		Dalipe	Lee
		Datol	Limkaichong
		Daza	Lobregat
		De Jesus	Lopez (B.)
		De Venecia	Lopez (C.)
		De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)
		Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo
		Del Mar	Maceda
		Del Rosario	Madrona
		Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan
		Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang
		Duavit	Mangudadatu (S.)
		Dy	Mangudadatu (Z.)
		Elago	Marcos
		Enverga	Mariño
		Eriguel	Marquez
		Ermita-Buhain	Martinez
		Escudero	Matugas
		Espino	Mellana
		Estrella	Mending
		Evardone	Mendoza
		Fariñas	Mercado
		Fernando	Mirasol
		Ferrer (J.)	Montoro
		Ferrer (L.)	Nava
		Flores	Nieto
		Fortun	Noel
		Fortuno	Nograles (J.J.)
		Fuentebella	Nograles (K.A.)

Nolasco
 Nuñez-Malanyaon
 Oaminal
 Olivarez
 Ong (E.)
 Ong (H.)
 Ortega (P.)
 Ortega (V.N.)
 Pacquiao
 Paduano
 Palma
 Pancho
 Panganiban
 Panotes
 Papandayan
 Pimentel
 Pineda
 Plaza
 Primicias-Agabas
 Radaza
 Ramirez-Sato
 Ramos
 Relampagos
 Revilla
 Roa-Puno
 Robes
 Rocamora
 Rodriguez (I.)
 Rodriguez (M.)
 Romualdez
 Romualdo
 Roque (H.)
 Roque (R.)
 Sacdalan
 Sahali
 Salceda
 Salimbangon
 Salo
 Sambar
 Sandoval
 Santos-Recto
 Sarmiento (C.)
 Sarmiento (E.M.)

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6081
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With

Savellano
 Sema
 Siao
 Silverio
 Singson
 Suansing (E.)
 Suansing (H.)
 Suarez
 Sy-Alvarado
 Tambunting
 Tan (A.)
 Tan (M.)
 Tejada
 Teves
 Tiangco
 Ting
 Tinio
 Tugna
 Ty
 Umali
 Unabia
 Ungab
 Unico
 Uy (J.)
 Uy (R.)
 Uybarreta
 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velarde
 Velasco
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Villarica
 Villarin
 Violago
 Yap (A.)
 Yap (M.)
 Yu
 Zarate
 Zubiri

243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention,
 House Bill No. 6081 is approved on Third Reading.
 The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6084
 ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6084 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6084, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Amante
Abayon	Amatong
Abellanos	Andaya
Abu	Angara-Castillo
Abueg	Antonino
Acharon	Antonio
Acop	Aquino-Magsaysay
Acosta	Aragones
Acosta-Alba	Arcillas
Advincula	Arenas
Agarao	Atienza
Aggabao	Aumentado
Albano	Bagatsing
Alejano	Banal
Almario	Barbers
Almonte	Barzaga
Alvarez (F.)	Bataoil
Alvarez (P.)	Batocabe

Bautista-Bandigan	Estrella	Mending	Sambar
Belaro	Evardone	Mendoza	Sandoval
Belmonte (F.)	Fariñas	Mercado	Santos-Recto
Belmonte (J.C.)	Fernando	Mirasol	Sarmiento (C.)
Belmonte (R.)	Ferrer (J.)	Montoro	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Benitez	Ferrer (L.)	Nava	Savellano
Biazon	Flores	Nieto	Sema
Billones	Fortun	Noel	Siao
Biron	Fortuno	Nogralles (J.J.)	Silverio
Bolilia	Fuentebella	Nogralles (K.A.)	Singson
Bondoc	Garbin	Nolasco	Suansing (E.)
Bordado	Garcia (G.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Suansing (H.)
Bravo (A.)	Garcia (J.E.)	Oaminal	Suarez
Brosas	Garcia-Albano	Olivarez	Sy-Alvarado
Bulut-Begtang	Garin (R.)	Ong (E.)	Tambunting
Calderon	Garin (S.)	Ong (H.)	Tan (A.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Gasataya	Ortega (P.)	Tan (M.)
Caminero	Geron	Ortega (V.N.)	Tejada
Campos	Go (A.C.)	Pacquiao	Teves
Canama	Go (M.)	Paduano	Tiangco
Casilao	Gomez	Palma	Ting
Castelo	Gonzales (A.P.)	Pancho	Tinio
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Panganiban	Tugna
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzalez	Panotes	Ty
Celeste	Hernandez	Papandayan	Umali
Chavez	Herrera-Dy	Pimentel	Unabia
Chipeco	Hofer	Pineda	Ungab
Co	Javier	Plaza	Unico
Cojuangco	Kho	Primicias-Agabas	Uy (J.)
Collantes	Khonghun	Radaza	Uy (R.)
Cortuna	Labadlabad	Ramirez-Sato	Uybarreta
Cosalan	Lacson	Ramos	Vargas
Crisologo	Lagman	Relampagos	Vargas-Alfonso
Cua	Lanete	Revilla	Velarde
Cuaresma	Laogan	Roa-Puno	Velasco
Cueva	Lazatin	Robes	Veloso
Dalipe	Lee	Rocamora	Vergara
Datol	Limkaichong	Rodriguez (I.)	Villanueva
Daza	Lobregat	Rodriguez (M.)	Villaraza-Suarez
De Jesus	Lopez (B.)	Romualdez	Villarica
De Venecia	Lopez (C.)	Romualdo	Villarin
De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (H.)	Violago
Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (R.)	Yap (A.)
Del Mar	Maceda	Sacdalan	Yap (M.)
Del Rosario	Madrona	Sahali	Yu
Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan	Salceda	Zarate
Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo	Salimbangon	Zubiri
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang	Salo	
Duavit	Mangudadatu (S.)		
Dy	Mangudadatu (Z.)	<i>Negative</i>	
Elago	Marcos		
Enverga	Mariño	None	
Eriguel	Marquez		
Ermita-Buhain	Martinez	<i>Abstention</i>	
Escudero	Matugas		
Espino	Mellana	None	

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6084
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano).
With 243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 6084 is approved on Third
Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6100
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move
that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No.
6100 and direct the Secretary General to read the
title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal
voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
the measure, printed copies of which were distributed
to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill
No. 6100, entitled: AN ACT SEPARATING
THE GOVERNOR BENJAMIN LEGUIAB, SR.
MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SACPIL
ANNEX IN BARANGAY SACPIL, MUNICIPALITY
OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM
THE GOVERNOR BENJAMIN LEGUIAB,
SR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN
AS SACPIL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the
Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The
result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid
measure as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August
14, 2017:*

Affirmative

Abaya	Acop
Abayon	Acosta
Abellanos	Acosta-Alba
Abu	Advincula
Abueg	Agarao
Acharon	Aggabao

Albano	Crisologo
Alejano	Cua
Almario	Cuaresma
Almonte	Cueva
Alvarez (F.)	Dalipe
Alvarez (P.)	Datol
Amante	Daza
Amatong	De Jesus
Andaya	De Venecia
Angara-Castillo	De Vera
Antonino	Defensor
Antonio	Del Mar
Aquino-Magsaysay	Del Rosario
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla
Arcillas	Dimaporo (A.)
Arenas	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Atienza	Duavit
Aumentado	Dy
Bagatsing	Elago
Banal	Enverga
Barbers	Eriguel
Barzaga	Ermita-Buhain
Bataoil	Escudero
Batocabe	Espino
Bautista-Bandigan	Estrella
Belaro	Evardone
Belmonte (F.)	Fariñas
Belmonte (J.C.)	Fernando
Belmonte (R.)	Ferrer (J.)
Benitez	Ferrer (L.)
Biazon	Flores
Billones	Fortun
Biron	Fortuno
Bolilia	Fuentebella
Bondoc	Garbin
Bordado	Garcia (G.)
Bravo (A.)	Garcia (J.E.)
Brosas	Garcia-Albano
Bulut-Begtang	Garin (R.)
Calderon	Garin (S.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Gasataya
Caminero	Geron
Campos	Go (A.C.)
Canama	Go (M.)
Casilao	Gomez
Castelo	Gonzales (A.P.)
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (A.D.)
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzalez
Celeste	Hernandez
Chavez	Herrera-Dy
Chipeco	Hofer
Co	Javier
Cojuangco	Kho
Collantes	Khonghun
Cortuna	Labadlabad
Cosalan	Lacson

Lagman	Relampagos	Villarin	Yu
Lanete	Revilla	Violago	Zarate
Laogan	Roa-Puno	Yap (A.)	Zubiri
Lazatin	Robes	Yap (M.)	
Lee	Rocamora		
Limkaichong	Rodriguez (I.)	<i>Negative</i>	
Lobregat	Rodriguez (M.)		
Lopez (B.)	Romualdez	None	
Lopez (C.)	Romualdo		
Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (H.)	<i>Abstention</i>	
Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (R.)		
Maceda	Sacdalan	None	
Madrona	Sahali		
Malapitan	Salceda		
Manalo	Salimbangon		
Mangaoang	Salo		
Mangudatu (S.)	Sambar		
Mangudatu (Z.)	Sandoval		
Marcos	Santos-Recto		
Mariño	Sarmiento (C.)		
Marquez	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Martinez	Savellano		
Matugas	Sema		
Mellana	Siao		
Mending	Silverio		
Mendoza	Singson		
Mercado	Suansing (E.)		
Mirasol	Suansing (H.)		
Montoro	Suarez		
Nava	Sy-Alvarado		
Nieto	Tambunting		
Noel	Tan (A.)		
Nogralles (J.J.)	Tan (M.)		
Nogralles (K.A.)	Tejada		
Nolasco	Teves		
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tiangco		
Oaminal	Ting		
Olivarez	Tinio		
Ong (E.)	Tugna		
Ong (H.)	Ty		
Ortega (P.)	Umali		
Ortega (V.N.)	Unabia		
Pacquiao	Ungab		
Paduano	Unico		
Palma	Uy (J.)		
Pancho	Uy (R.)		
Panganiban	Uybarreta		
Panotes	Vargas		
Papandayan	Vargas-Alfonso		
Pimentel	Velarde		
Pineda	Velasco		
Plaza	Veloso		
Primicias-Agabas	Vergara		
Radaza	Villanueva		
Ramirez-Sato	Villaraza-Suarez		
Ramos	Villarica		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6100
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano).
With 243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 6100 is approved on Third
Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6101
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move
that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No.
6101 and direct the Secretary General to read the
title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal
voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
the measure, printed copies of which were distributed
to the Members on August 9, 2017, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill
No. 6101, entitled: AN ACT SEPARATING THE
MATAGUISI COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL – CACALAGGAN ANNEX IN
BARANGAY CACALAGGAN, MUNICIPALITY
OF PUDTOL, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM
THE MATAGUISI COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
TO BE KNOWN AS TAWIT NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the*

Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure as follows, per Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Brosas	Flores	Nieto
Abayon	Bulut-Begtang	Fortun	Noel
Abellanosa	Calderon	Fortuno	Nogralas (J.J.)
Abu	Calixto-Rubiano	Fuentebella	Nogralas (K.A.)
Abueg	Caminero	Garbin	Nolasco
Acharon	Campos	Garcia (G.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Acop	Canama	Garcia (J.E.)	Oaminal
Acosta	Casilao	Garcia-Albano	Olivarez
Acosta-Alba	Castelo	Garin (R.)	Ong (E.)
Advincula	Castro (F.L.)	Garin (S.)	Ong (H.)
Agarao	Castro (F.H.)	Gasataya	Ortega (P.)
Aggabao	Celeste	Geron	Ortega (V.N.)
Albano	Chavez	Go (A.C.)	Pacquiao
Alejano	Chipeco	Go (M.)	Paduano
Almario	Co	Gomez	Palma
Almonte	Cojuangco	Gonzales (A.P.)	Pancho
Alvarez (F.)	Collantes	Gonzales (A.D.)	Panganiban
Alvarez (P.)	Cortuna	Gonzalez	Panotes
Amante	Cosalan	Hernandez	Papandayan
Amatong	Crisologo	Herrera-Dy	Pimentel
Andaya	Cua	Hofer	Pineda
Angara-Castillo	Cuaresma	Javier	Plaza
Antonino	Cueva	Kho	Primicias-Agabas
Antonio	Dalipe	Khonghun	Radaza
Aquino-Magsaysay	Datol	Labadlabad	Ramirez-Sato
Aragones	Daza	Lacson	Ramos
Arcillas	De Jesus	Lagman	Relampagos
Arenas	De Venecia	Lanete	Revilla
Atienza	De Vera	Laogan	Roa-Puno
Aumentado	Defensor	Lazatin	Robes
Bagatsing	Del Mar	Lee	Rocamora
Banal	Del Rosario	Limkaichong	Rodriguez (I.)
Barbers	Deloso-Montalla	Lobregat	Rodriguez (M.)
Barzaga	Dimaporo (A.)	Lopez (B.)	Romualdez
Bataoil	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Lopez (C.)	Romualdo
Batocabe	Duavit	Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (H.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Dy	Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque (R.)
Belaro	Elago	Maceda	Sacdalan
Belmonte (F.)	Enverga	Madrona	Sahali
Belmonte (J.C.)	Eriguel	Malapitan	Salceda
Belmonte (R.)	Ermita-Buhain	Manalo	Salimbangon
Benitez	Escudero	Mangaoang	Salo
Biazon	Espino	Mangudadatu (S.)	Sambar
Billones	Estrella	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sandoval
Biron	Evardone	Marcos	Santos-Recto
Bolilia	Fariñas	Mariño	Sarmiento (C.)
Bondoc	Fernando	Marquez	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Bordado	Ferrer (J.)	Martinez	Savellano
Bravo (A.)	Ferrer (L.)	Matugas	Sema
		Mellana	Siao
		Mending	Silverio
		Mendoza	Singson
		Mercado	Suansing (E.)
		Mirasol	Suansing (H.)
		Montoro	Suarez
		Nava	Sy-Alvarado

Tambunting	Vargas
Tan (A.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Tan (M.)	Velarde
Tejada	Velasco
Teves	Veloso
Tiangco	Vergara
Ting	Villanueva
Tinio	Villaraza-Suarez
Tugna	Villarica
Ty	Villarin
Umali	Violago
Unabia	Yap (A.)
Ungab	Yap (M.)
Unico	Yu
Uy (J.)	Zarate
Uy (R.)	Zubiri
Uybarreta	

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6101 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 243 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6101 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Dep. Majority Floor is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE BICAM. CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO. 5670 AND S.B. NO. 1465

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5670 and Senate Bill No. 1465, on the Free Irrigation to Small Farmers Act of 2017: Reps., Jose T. Panganiban Jr. CPA, LLB; Arthur C. Yap, Noel L. Villanueva; Sharon S. Garin; Henry S. Oaminal; Jericho Jonas B. Nograles; and Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we transmit to the Senate the Bills that we have approved on Third Reading.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, may we be allowed to acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the guests of the House of Representatives from the organization named Pampanga River Coastal Communities, with Robert Sunga, Reynaldi Basco, Reynaldo Velasco, Anabelle Calara, Efre Mandap, Rafael Nabung, Honoria dela Cruz, Guillermo Limson, Simeon Malaras, Don Tumaliuan, and Eduardo Sabado. They are the guests of the Hon. Tomasito "Tom" S. Villarin of AKBAYAN Party-List.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The presence of our guests are hereby acknowledged and we welcome you to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, today being a Monday and pursuant to our Rules, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from Party-List AKBAYAN, the Hon. Tom Villarin, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Honorable Villarin is hereby recognized. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VILLARIN

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Dep. Majority Floor Leader.

Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague, our fisherfolk from Pampanga who are now in the gallery, a pleasant evening to all.

Mme. Speaker, last July 12, of 2017, I had the opportunity of visiting the river towns of Sasman and its neighboring municipality of Minalin, both in the booming province of Pampanga. I was there as a

guest of the municipal fisherfolk organizations that are members of our AKBAYAN Party-List. They toured me to what was once a thriving fishing community but now, had turned into a “fishless community” because the river waters had receded because of siltation. The main contributor to the siltation is the lahar coming from Mt. Pinatubo that has flowed to the rivers and tributaries affecting six towns, namely Lubao, Guagua, Sasmuan, Minalin, Macabebe, and Masantol. All these towns are surrounded by fishponds and bodies of water conducive to fisheries production, comprising 36 barangays with some 486,898 residents.

Mme. Speaker, of the total regional fisheries production in 2015 in Region III, Pampanga contributed 57 percent of the total output, with aquaculture sharing 99 percent of the province’s fisheries production. The province remains among the top producer of sugpo, contributing 39 percent of total national production, followed by tilapia contributing 35 percent of the national total, and second in terms of national mud crab production. Other aquatic species produced are the suahe, hipong puti, Vannamei shrimps, and blue swimming crab, among others. The fishpond areas cover a total of 11,678 hectares with some 1,634 hectares devoted to aquaculture farms, and the rest are the traditional fishing grounds to some 24,594 registered fisherfolks. My point, Mme. Speaker and dear colleagues, habang nakalubog sa putik ang mga ilog-pangisdaan sa Pampanga, nakalubog din sa putik ang kabuhayan at kinabukasan ng ating mga mangingisda at ng kanilang mga pamilya.

After the Mt. Pinatubo eruption, the Mt. Pinatubo Commission was created by virtue of RA 7637, allowing the government to use P10 billion to undertake rehabilitation for the next 10 years. After meager and winded operations during a one-year extension, the Mt. Pinatubo Commission was dissolved by EO 269 at the same time when the Estrada administration took its exit. The verdict: there were no reports of significant accomplishments. There were no plans for continued operations. There were no updates apart from bits and pieces of news from the media which, at that time, seemed to have nothing good to say about the Commission’s multibillion-peso operations.

The fisherfolk in the Pampanga River Basin had to endure five years of siltation on their fishing grounds until 2006, during the time that their cabalen and our colleague, former Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, issued EO 510, creating the DENR River Basin Control Office, and identifying the Pampanga River basin as one of the priority target areas for water supply and flood control projects worth about half a billion pesos, initially. However, in 2011, the National Water Resources Board submitted a study supported by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, noting that the following problems still persist in the Pampanga

River basin: first, the flooding and sedimentation are still prevalent; saltwater intruded the freshwater supplies, leading to the degradation of said water-related environments.

It seems, Mme. Speaker, dear colleagues, that the 2011 JICA-supported report was short of saying that efforts post-2006 interventions proved insufficient.

The JICA study, however, did some recommendations to revive the river basin and rationalize the use of water resources, not only the allocation, distribution, flood control but importantly, including watershed management, flood management, fisheries development, agricultural development and the preservation of the environmental river flow.

Some of these elements were presented during the previous administration under the Pampanga River Basin Flood Control Master Plan of the DPWH. In fact, this plan was presented to Gov. Baby Pineda back in March 2016, but nothing about dredging the heavily-silted rivers and tributaries flowing down Pampanga Bay and Manila Bay was identified in this plan. Local folks are saying that the Aquino administration had misgivings about providing funds to the legislative district of former Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. I do not want to speculate on such reasoning.

Mme. Speaker, in the past, various engineering interventions were done by the national government through the DPWH, one of which was the extension of the Pasig-Potrero River. This river is one of the major rivers conveying lahar flows from the foot of Mt. Pinatubo, going downstream and leading to the municipality of Sasmuan, that has contributed greatly to the heavy siltation of the Pasac-Guagua-Batasan River. Likewise, the confluence of rivers and tributaries coming from the north by the Upper Guagua River, from the northwest by the Upper Dalan Bapor River, contributes to the siltation of the said Pasac-Guagua-Batasan River. The silted river system is located at the heart of Sasmuan traversing from the town proper, passing the exit point crossing Minalin-Sasmuan with its tributary, the San Gabriel-Maniango-Bulac-Dawe Rivers and the Calise River, both from Macabebe, tributaries from Masantol, Lubao south of Pampanga Bay, and finally exiting to Manila Bay.

Please note, Mme. Speaker, that there are existing studies and recommendations to address this looming threat to close to half a million inhabitants of these coastal towns who depend on fishing as their livelihood. There is also the Supreme Court continuing mandamus to clean up Manila Bay that can be invoked as legal ground for this intervention. Mme. Speaker, what our fisherfolk want is for the national government to intervene in averting this catastrophe by desilting said rivers and tributaries—nothing more.

Please note also that while the current administration

takes pride in its ambitious “Build, Build, Build” infrastructure campaign, Pampanga fisherfolk are only clamoring that the dredging of their rivers and tributaries along the Pasing-Guagua-Batasan River, as well as to the mouth of Pampanga Bay and Manila Bay, be done immediately. Our Department of Public Works and Highways had done this before by deploying at least two river dredgers, but that was 10 years ago.

Mme. Speaker, dear colleagues, how much longer will we make our fisherfolk of the six Pampanga towns wait? How much longer will we let them scavenge through the mud and wade in the floodwaters only to earn a decent living? My answer is clear: No more. What the people want and need is clear and simple: Let the rivers flow and make it alive again.

Naniniwala po ang AKBAYAN na sa muling pagdaloy ng mga ilog makikita ng ating mga kababayan sa Pampanga ang pagkilos ng ating pamahalaan, ang pagtugon ng kanilang mga Kinatawan, at ang kanilang pag-ahon sa kahirapan tungo sa isang masaganang kinabukasan.

My dear colleagues, Mme. Speaker, this is only a simple request from our fisherfolk: Let them have their livelihood back by dredging their river systems and tributaries.

Magandang gabi po at maraming salamat.
(*Applause*)

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, there being no interpellators, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Villarín to the Committee on Rules.

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

The speech of the Honorable Villarín is referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, the next Gentleman who would like to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Leo Rafael M. Cueva from the Second District of Negros Occidental. I move that we recognize him to avail of the same.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Honorable Cueva is recognized.

The Gentleman may please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CUEVA

REP. CUEVA. Mme. Speaker, esteemed colleagues, guests, I rise today to talk about the abolition of the Negros Island Region (NIR). An air of sadness has

pervaded in the Negros Island since last week after news broke out that President Duterte has signed, on August 7, 2017, Executive Order No. 38, revoking Executive Order No. 183 that created the Negros Island Region as the 18th Administrative Region of the Philippines on May 29, 2015.

The NIR or Region XVIII was composed of the provinces of Negros Occidental and Oriental Negros. It is dismissed as a small, insignificant region because it has only two provinces. However, what most people do not know is that the NIR is the region with the most number of cities. It has 19 cities, including the highly-urbanized city of Bacolod, the capital of Negros Occidental, and Dumaguete City, the capital of Oriental Negros. It has 38 municipalities and 1,219 barangays spread out in its 10 congressional districts. Negros is the fourth largest island in the country with a land area of 13,351 square kilometers, equivalent to 22 percent of the Visayas islands' total land area. It has a population of close to five million people equivalent to about one-fourth of the total population of the Visayas. Its annual income is over P4 billion and with an Internal Revenue Allotment of about P15 billion. In effect, the creation of the Negros Island Region has resulted in an equitable distribution of population, land area, income and IRA among the affected regions, including Regions VI and VII.

Let me make it clear that the people of Negros Island will respect the President's decision and abide by the executive order. We also accept that this is God's will and believe that He has better plans for Negros.

Contrary to what some people make it appear, the creation of the Negros Island Region was not a political move, as the dream for “One Island, One Region” has been nurtured by the Negrenses for about 25 years already starting in the 1980s. The NIR was a realization of the dream of millions of Negrenses of uniting the twin Negros provinces: to pursue an integrated, island-wide development planning and to accelerate socio-economic progress; to envision together what we believe is best for the island and for our future generations.

After having experienced a devastating economic crisis that was coupled with a bloody war between the government and the communist insurgents in Negros in the 1980s, a catch-up plan for development was in place. The NIR was supposed to be the vehicle that will speed up the island's socio-economic transformation, thereby reducing our poverty rates. For about two years that the NIR was in operation, our people from both sides of the island had the opportunity to know each other and to become close friends, while working together to come up with development plans and programs that will benefit our communities in the fields of tourism development and promotion, environmental and natural resources management,

disaster risk reduction and management, agricultural modernization and food security, and peace and order, especially the campaign against illegal drugs and terrorism, among others.

We have adopted our regional vision that:

By 2040, we will be globally competitive, with diversified economy, for a healthy, empowered and God-centered Negrense, in an ecologically balanced, peaceful and resilient community, with a dynamic, responsive and accountable governance resulting in an enhanced quality of life for all.

Further, we have also drafted our Regional Development Plan (RDP) for 2017 to 2022 that is in line with the Philippine Development Plan for the same period, and consistent with the President's Socio-Economic Agenda. The NIR's RDP highlights Negros Island's unique role in achieving the national development goals and objectives as the sugar bowl of the country, and the recognized leader in organic agriculture and renewable energy, with its large solar power plants in Negros Occidental and geothermal production fields in Negros Oriental. Though short-lived and having operated without a separate budget other than that which is within Region VI for Negros Occidental and Region VII for Oriental Negros, the NIR, with over 30 regional line agencies and attached bureaus which already set up their offices in Bacolod City and Dumaguete City respectively, had already accomplished so much, even beyond the expectations of their respective department secretaries. Their annual reports would show that they had accomplished more than what they have set out to do, with the full support of the local government units. They have served the people of Negros Island very well, and for that we thank the women and men behind the NIR regional line agencies for their dedication and hard work, and for their commitment to serve a budding region despite limited resources.

It is not true that we are asking for P18 billion for the setting-up of our regional offices for the NIR. In fact, we have an offer for the donation of 500 hectares of government land to be our regional center site located in the middle of the two provinces, both just over 2.5 hour's drive from the two provincial capital cities of Bacolod and Dumaguete. For the office buildings, at least three private companies have expressed their sincere intent to construct the structures at the regional center site on a public-private partnership, with the regional agencies later using their existing rental budgets on a "rent-to-own" scheme.

As early as last year, we have been already forewarned about the eventual abolition of the NIR and

that is why we have launched a campaign to convince the President to do otherwise. Though we have seen it coming, we were actually hoping that we could have, at least, been given the chance to present our point of view to the President and his Cabinet and to let them see that the NIR's cause is more significant than just reducing it to a figure on the budget. Our colleagues in this august Body and our supporters in the Senate have also filed their respective bills and resolutions to make the NIR a permanent region. However, this is a long and tedious process and we do not know if we can still see its realization in our lifetime.

Be that as it may, we would like to believe that the President's men have a macro perspective of the national situation that required them to abort our two provinces' promising union that has waited for over two decades to be solemnized. This setback, definitely, will not deter us from pursuing our dreams for a greater Negros Island. Negros Occidental Gov. Alfredo Marañon Jr., who has intensely worked for a unified Negros, and Oriental Negros Gov. Roel Degamo, are both supporting the petition of the business sector for the creation of a "Negros Island Special Area for Development" that aims to pick up where the NIR left off by coordinating and integrating efforts to address the common concerns of both Negros provinces.

Meanwhile, as the President pushes for the shift to a federal form of government, we are requesting that Negros Island be appointed as one federal state, or at least to assign the whole island as one federal state and not divide it again into two separate parts. Despite the unfortunate and untimely ending to an otherwise happy and perfect union, we were glad to have shown the NIR as a good model for federalism, as an empowered region trying to determine the course of its development as it contributes to the achievement of the national goals.

Lastly, let me thank, in behalf of the people of Negros Island, all the people who have joined us in this short-lived journey as one region, most especially the regional directors and staff of the 30 national government departments and attached agencies, as well as their Secretaries, for believing in our cause and incessantly supporting us in pushing for our plans, programs and projects to be included in the national priorities. We sympathize with the thousands of people that will be adversely affected by the NIR abolition, the newly-hired regional employees, mostly job order personnel, who lost their jobs and will soon be added to the statistics of the unemployed in the country. We hope that they would be properly assisted in the transition so that their families will not go hungry. We also thank our mother regions, Western Visayas for Negros Occidental and Central Visayas for Oriental Negros, for welcoming us back with wide open arms, ever willing to take us under their wings yet again.

Life goes on for all of us in Negros Island. We hold on to our faith that when God closes a door, He opens a window. Given the resilience of the Negrenses, I have no doubt that we will again surmount the challenges and difficulties that lie ahead, as we actively participate in charting our own destiny. With the blessings of God Almighty, Negros Island will rise again. As we said during the crisis in the 1980s, and we say it now, "Hope shines in Negros. We are getting there!"

Thank you, Mme. Speaker, and good evening to all. (*Applause*)

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, having no interpellators, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Cueva to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The speech of the Honorable Cueva is referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

The Privilege Hour is terminated.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

Continuation

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we reconsider my previous motion and reopen the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, the next Gentleman who would like to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao from the Party-List ANAKPAWIS. I move that we recognize him to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Honorable Casilao is hereby recognized.

The Gentleman will please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

REP. CASILAO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Ang topic ko po sa privilege speech ngayon, Mme. Speaker, ay ang ika-9 po ng Agosto na idineklara ng ating kasalukuyang batas bilang compliance sa United Nations declaration that August is the month of the indigenous people. Ang Agosto 9, sa ilalim ng ating kasalukuyang batas ay kinikilala bilang "Araw ng mga Katutubong Mamamayan."

Hindi po ako magbabanggit doon sa kalagayan kung saan, kung ano na ang pagsisikap ng ating mga katutubong mamamayan para sila ay igalang, sila ay mabuhay na kapantay ng ating iba't ibang mga tribo, especially ng settlers bilang mga pambansang minority, ngunit mas bibigyang-diin ko po ang mga nagpapatuloy nilang pakikibaka para sa tunay na kasarinlan.

Itong pakikibakang ito ay nagbunsod para umabot sa punto na ang mga katutubong mamamayan bagamat sila ay salat sa mga materyal na usapin, iyong karapatan nila para igiit na sila ay makapag-avail sa usapin ng karapatan nila sa edukasyon, ay sila mismo ang nagsumikap para makamit ito.

In fact, Mme. Speaker, mula noong iba't-ibang mga komunidad ng ating mga katutubo ay nagsumikap na maka-access hindi lamang sa usapin ng government funds para magpatayo ng mga pampublikong paaralan sa kanilang mga komunidad, iyong mga organisado at may mga organisasyon ng ating mga katutubong mamamayan ay nagsumikap din na magtayo ng mga pampribadong paaralan sa tulong ng mga sektor tulad ng taong simbahan. In fact, Mme. Speaker, 213 indigenous people's schools, alternative schools were created or established in Mindanao alone. These 213 private educational primary, secondary schools within indigenous people's communities have all, in fact, passed the requirements required by the Department of Education.

Their curriculum is under the scrutiny and approval of the Department of Education. Unfortunately, Mme. Speaker, almost half of these schools, Lumad schools na tawag natin sa kanila na hindi sa direktang itinayo, o hindi direktang itinayo ng ating Department of Education kundi sa pribadong pagsisikap, Mme. Speaker, are currently unoperational. In fact, Mme. Speaker, 200 students coming from two provinces in Sultan Kudarat, in Compostela and Davao del Norte, and two schools in Caraga, 200 students of them coming from those provinces I mentioned are currently housed in UP Diliman because their schools are unoperational sa mga maraming kadahilanan po. Mayroon iba kinampohan ng mga paramilitar na grupo o ng ating mga mismong kasundaluhan. Binansagan sila na mga paaralan ng NPA. Mme. Speaker, wala po sa atin ang naghahangad na pagkaitan ang ating mga kabataan, ma-Lumad man, Kristiyano o Bangsamoro, para pagkaitan sila ng kanilang karapatan at ng ating karapatan para edukasyon.

Worst, Mme. Speaker, in Bukidnon Province, after General Año announced that he will be giving a reward to those NPA who will be captured or physically neutralized ay mayroong P100,000 reward. A day after, Mme. Speaker, incidentally and suspiciously, a certain Alde a.k.a. Kumander “Butsoy” Salusad publicly surrendered together with his men, armed men accompanying him and local government officials and military officials who had a symbolic gathering representing that Kumander Butsoy Salusad, introducing himself as a commander of New People’s Army who wanted to surrender and availed of the program offered by the government. Mme. Speaker, allow me to mention some names: Abundio Mantugohon, January 11, 2012; Datu Jimmy Liguyon, March 5, 2012; Datu Erning Mantugohon, October 10, 2012; Mabini “Toto” Manobia and Zaldy Ambayot, October 17, 2013.

Lastly, a pregnant woman, Makenet Gayoran, July 30, fell victims of a.k.a. Commander Butsoy Salusad, in a counterinsurgency operation acting as a paramilitary group supporting the 8th Infantry Battalion in its counterinsurgency operation in Bukidnon Province, Mme. Speaker. In fact, Commander Butsoy o Alde Salusad is a known leader not of an NPA unit or group, but of a New Indigenous People’s Army for Reform or NIPAR another name for Alamara, which I have been repeatedly citing and criticizing, and condemning for their atrocious activities in the region where I come from.

Mme. Speaker, I cannot understand the current direction of this government. There is an ongoing peace negotiation, but the peace negotiation collapsed and is currently suspended, then an all-out war was declared, martial law was declared and now, the termination of peace talks is in the offing. Worst, our government through the Defense Department is offering 100,000 for each NPA captured or death.

May I ask now, Mme. Speaker, or should I be asking this in the current deliberations on the Department of National Defense: Where will the Department of National Defense get this 100 billion despite their current National Expenditure Program? Sabihin na natin, Mme. Speaker, 4,000 NPA fighters, according to the AFP, for the sake of argument, huhulihin nilang lahat o mapatay nila ang 4,000 na NPA, that will cost them P4 billion, Mme. Speaker. Now, malaking bagay na po at malaking pera na po iyan. Kaya nga, Mme. Speaker, there is an information also of this Representation that those Lumad children encamped in UP Diliman are also under threat not only from intelligence units or harassments, but there was an information that the government agencies will be going there, not to listen

to their plight, but to verify or validate if they are really Lumad students and what areas in Mindanao they came from, so that the government can facilitate to transport them back to their communities. Ang tanong po diyan, Mme. Speaker, hindi po iyan ang kasagutan.

If the government is really serious in addressing the problems, particularly on the education field of our Lumad children, then, Mme. Speaker, it is on the premise that they should be allowed to operate and government support should be there. Instead of demonizing or vilifying the schools, government support to them should be the primordial consideration, Mme. Speaker.

Iyon lang po at magandang gabi. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, having no interpellators, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Casilao to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The speech of Hon. Casilao is referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

The Privilege Hour is terminated.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at four o’clock in the afternoon.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until four o’clock in the afternoon of August 15, 2017.

It was 6:49 p.m.