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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). 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. Garin, S.). Please remain standing for the Invocation to be led by ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative, the Hon. France L. Castro.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mga kasama, damhin po natin ang presensiya ng Diyos na lumikha sa mga oras na ito.

Panginoon, salamat pong muli sa bigay Mong buhay, sa aming kalakasan at kalusugan. Salamat muli sa araw na ito at muling magkakatipon-tipon ang mga Kinatawan ng aming bayan, muling gagampan ng tungkuling mandato ng taong-bayan.

Panalangin naming magkaroon ng sapat na lakas at talino upang magampanan namin ang aming tungkulin at responsibilidad bilang mga Mambabatas, na anumang mapag-usapan sa araw na ito ay tunay ngang magiging makabuluhan at makatutulong sa ating mga mamamayang Pilipino tungo sa paglaban sa kahirapan at makamtan ang tunay na kapayapaan na nakabatay sa panlipunang hustisya.

Panalangin naming ang lahat ng ito sa Inyong harapan, sa pangalang ng Lumikha ng may gawa ng lahat.

Amen.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

ROLL CALL

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). 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. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

PRESENT

Abaya	Banal
Abayon	Bataoil
Abu	Bautista-Bandigan
Abueg	Belaro
Acharon	Belmonte (F.)
Acop	Belmonte (J.C.)
Acosta	Belmonte (R.)
Acosta-Alba	Benitez
Advincula	Bertiz
Agarao	Biazon
Aggabao	Billones
Aglipay-Villar	Biron
Albano	Bolilia
Alejano	Bondoc
Almario	Bordado
Almonte	Bravo (A.)
Alonte	Bravo (M.V.)
Alvarez (P.)	Brosas
Amatong	Bulut-Begtang
Aragones	Cagas
Arcillas	Calixto-Rubiano
Arenas	Caminero
Atienza	Campos
Bagatsing	Canama

Casilao	Go (M.)	Papandayan	Suarez
Castelo	Gomez	Pichay	Tambunting
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzaga	Pimentel	Tan (A.)
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda	Tan (S.)
Cayetano	Gonzalez	Plaza	Teves
Celeste	Gullas	Primicias-Agabas	Tiangco
Cerafica	Hernandez	Quimbo	Tinio
Cerilles	Herrera-Dy	Radaza	Tolentino
Chavez	Hofer	Ramos	Treñas
Chipeco	Jalosjos	Roa-Puno	Tugna
Co	Kho	Rodriguez (I.)	Ty
Cojuangco	Khonghun	Rodriguez (M.)	Umali
Cortes	Labadlabad	Roman	Ungab
Cortuna	Lagman	Romualdez	Unico
Crisologo	Lanete	Romualdo	Uy (R.)
Cua	Laogan	Roque (H.)	Vargas
Cuaresma	Lazatin	Roque (R.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Cueva	Leachon	Sacdalan	Velarde
Dalipe	Lee	Sagarbarria	Velasco
Datol	Lobregat	Sahali	Velasco-Catera
Daza	Lopez (B.)	Salimbangon	Veloso
De Jesus	Lopez (M.L.)	Salo	Vergara
De Venecia	Loyola	Sambar	Villanueva
De Vera	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sandoval	Villaraza-Suarez
Defensor	Maceda	Santos-Recto	Villarica
Del Mar	Madrona	Sarmiento (C.)	Villarin
Del Rosario	Malapitan	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Violago
Deloso-Montalla	Manalo	Savellano	Yap (M.)
Dimaporo (A.)	Mangaoang	Siao	Yu
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Silverio	Zamora (M.C.)
Durano	Marcoleta	Singson	Zamora (R.)
Elago	Marcos	Suansing (E.)	Zarate
Enverga	Mariño	Suansing (H.)	Zubiri
Erice	Marquez		
Eriguel	Martinez		
Ermita-Buhain	Matugas		
Escudero	Mellana		
Espino	Mercado		
Estrella	Mirasol		
Evardone	Montoro		
Fariñas	Nava		
Fernando	Nieto		
Ferrer (J.)	Noel		
Ferrer (L.)	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Ferriol-Pascual	Nuñez-Malanyaon		
Fortun	Oaminal		
Fortuno	Ocampo		
Garbin	Olivarez		
Garcia (G.)	Ong (E.)		
Garcia (J.E.)	Ong (H.)		
Garcia-Albano	Ortega (P.)		
Garin (S.)	Pacquiao		
Gasataya	Paduano		
Gatchalian	Palma		
Geron	Pancho		
Go (A.C.)	Panotes		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 226 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 226 Members present, a quorum is hereby declared.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENEZIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of guests in the gallery.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please proceed.

REP. DE VENEZIA. We would like to acknowledge the presence of guests of Cong. Francisco G. Datol Jr. and Cong. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please rise.

REP. DE VENECIA. They are OSCA head Truman Amurao; Focal Person Diana Cunanan; the OSCA coordinators from different barangays, namely Angie Guia, Alberto Villanueva, Estrella Antonio, Renato Mataga, Nestor Pascual, Atilano Ayson, Antonio Rivera and Clever Mallari. They are members of the Concepcion Tarlac Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I also move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Jeffrey D. Khonghun.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please rise when your names are called.

REP. DE VENECIA. They are the barangay captains of the municipality of Castillejos in Zambales: ABC President of Barangay San Pablo, Ceferino Roldan; Renaldo F. Corpuz of Barangay San Agustin; Dennis F. Mapalo of Barangay Del Pilar; Romeo Calimlim Jr. of Barangay Nagbunga; Jovito Pascual of Barangay Magsaysay; Ronnie Alterado of Barangay Nagbayan; Marcos Alfonso of Barangay San Juan; Daniel Gonong of Barangay Sta. Maria; and Yam S. Dadural of Barangay San Nicolas.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. DE VENECIA. Finally, Mme. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Cristal L. Bagatsing, and she is Ms. Ayasofya Vittoria Aguirre, Figure Skater, Gold Medalist, Annual Skate Japan 2017.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, before we approve the Journal, I move that we recognize the Hon. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao of ANAKPAWIS Party-List for a manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Casilao is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. CASILAO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

My manifestation refers to the votes recorded in Journal No. 14, Wednesday, August 23, 2017, page 9, on House Bill No. 6152, entitled: AN ACT

INCREASING THE NORMAL WORK HOURS PER DAY UNDER A COMPRESSED WORK WEEK SCHEME, AMENDING ARTICLES 83, 87 AND 91 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Mme. Speaker, my vote was recorded in the affirmative, but I was in the Committee on Appropriations deliberation at that time. Let it be clear that this Representation votes in the negative for the reason that it is a great—isang malaking pag-atras sa tagumpay ng uring manggagawa noong 1900. Likewise, Mme. Speaker, let it be known also that this Representation filed a withdrawal of coauthorship of this Bill as the position of this Representation is in the opposition.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Emmi A. De Jesus. Before that, Mme. Speaker, I move that we correct the Journal upon the manifestation of the Honorable Casilao.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Honorable De Jesus of GABRIELA Party-List for a manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable De Jesus is recognized. Please proceed.

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

This is corollary to the manifestation of my colleague from the Makabayan bloc because on page 9 of Journal No. 14, my name was mentioned as voting in the affirmative on House Bill No. 6152 when, in fact, I even have the explanation of my “No” vote to House Bill No. 6152 or the Compressed Work Week Bill, which I will be submitting today.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we amend the Journal as manifested by the Honorable De Jesus.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago of the KABATAAN Party-List for her manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Representative Elago is recognized.

REP. ELAGO. Likewise, this Representation would like my vote to be corrected on House Bill No. 6152 from an affirmative vote to a negative vote.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we amend the Journal pursuant to the manifestation of the Honorable Elago.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Antonio L. Tinio of the ACT TEACHERS Party-List for a manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Tinio is recognized.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. On page 11 of the Journal under consideration, my name was listed under the affirmative votes on House Bill No. 6152. I ask that it be corrected to a negative vote.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we amend the Journal upon the manifestation of the Honorable Tinio.

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

REP. GULLAS. Lastly, Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate of BAYAN MUNA Party-List for a manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Zarate is recognized.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please proceed.

REP. ZARATE. May I also request the correction of the entry in Journal No. 14 on page 11 where my vote was reflected as being in the affirmative on House Bill 6152, to change that to a negative vote, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we amend the Journal as manifested by the Honorable Zarate.

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

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 14, AS CORRECTED

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 14 dated August 23, 2017, as amended.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). 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, Communication and Committee Report, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6229, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION

FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) TO COMMUTE VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORT AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK DURING WEEKDAY RUSH HOURS”

By Representative Ong (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6230, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARIA CLARA, MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6231, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CANJUOM, MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6232, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PANAN-AWAN, MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6233, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING A SPECIALLY MARKED LANE IN MAJOR THOROUGHFARES IN METRO MANILA EXCLUSIVELY DEDICATED FOR HEAVY VEHICLES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 6234, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAYS BINASBAS, MANGLOY, IMELDA, INACAYAN, BELMONTE, ANDAP, MELALE, DATU AMPUNAN, DATU DAVAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAAK IN THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gonzaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6235, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING FOOD WASTE THROUGH FOOD DONATION AND FOOD WASTE RECYCLING”

By Representative Garin (S.)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 6236, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD CREATED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794 AND TRANSFERRING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794”

By Representatives Fariñas and Alvarez (P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6237, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE GOOD SAMARITANS WHO PROVIDE REASONABLE ASSISTANCE IN AN EMERGENCY BY PROTECTING THEM FROM LIABILITY”

By Representative Lee
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 6238, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS IN THE REGISTRATION OF LAND TITLES UNDER SECTIONS 118, 119, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS AGAINST ENCUMBRANCE OR ALIENATION ON FREE PATENTS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 44 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141 OR THE PUBLIC LAND ACT, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Salon and Lee
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6240, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS, A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC

ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991' ”

By Representative Benitez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1213, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT A NATIONWIDE IN-CITY HOUSING PROGRAM”

By Representative Benitez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1214, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING KIM MANGROBANG AND CLAIRE ADORNA FOR WINNING THE GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS RESPECTIVELY IN THE WOMEN’S TRIATHLON EVENT AT THE 2017 SEA GAMES IN MALAYSIA”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1215, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARY JOY TABAL FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S MARATHON EVENT AT THE 2017 SEA GAMES IN MALAYSIA”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1216, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING NIKKO BRYAN HUELGAS AND JOHN CHICANO FOR WINNING THE GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS RESPECTIVELY IN THE MEN’S TRIATHLON EVENT AT THE 2017 SEA GAMES IN MALAYSIA”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1217, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AND INQUIRE,

IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE APPROPRIATENESS AND CURRENTNESS OF OUR CIVIL ENGINEERING CURRICULUM, WITH PARTICULAR INTENTION TO EARTHQUAKE DESIGN, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE ITS NEED TO BE UPDATED IN RESPONSE TO RECENT STRONGER EARTHQUAKES THAT HIT PARTS OF THE WORLD AND IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT OUR BUILDING DESIGNS, HENCEFORTH, WILL BE ABLE TO FACTOR-IN AND ARE ABLE TO WITHSTAND EARTHQUAKES AND MAGNITUDES GREATER THAN 7 ON THE RICHTER SCALE”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1218, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION FOR PLACING FIRST IN THE RECENT EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS CONTEST (IMC) HELD IN SINGAPORE LAST AUGUST 4-7”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1219, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING FILIPINA MARATHONER MARY JOY TABAL FOR WINNING THE FIRST GOLD MEDAL FOR THE COUNTRY IN THE 29TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN (SEA) GAMES IN MALAYSIA”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1220, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RECENT AVIAN INFLUENZA VIRUS (BIRD FLU) OUTBREAK IN THE COUNTRY AND THE READINESS OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS THE SAID OUTBREAK WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INTRODUCING MEASURES TO BUILD THE COUNTRY’S CAPACITY TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF THIS THREAT ON PUBLIC HEALTH”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1221, entitled:

“RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2017”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1222, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION FURTHER REITERATING THE CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE SURGE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS AND/OR SUMMARY EXECUTIONS OF SUSPECTED VIOLATORS OF LAWS ON ILLEGAL DRUGS AND OTHER SUSPECTED CRIMINALS, AND, IN RELATION THERETO, CALLING FOR A REVIEW OF THE BUDGET OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE”

By Representatives Baguilat, Villarín and Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1223, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PILOT ON-SITE MEDIUM RISE BUILDING SOCIALIZED HOUSING IN DOÑA IMELDA, QUEZON CITY”

By Representative Benitez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. Eric L. Olivarez for House Bills No. 5799, 6025, and 6026;

Rep. Lorna C. Silverio for House Bills No. 2047 and 6064 and House Resolution No. 1198;

Rep. Ansaruddin A.M. A. Adiong for House Bills No. 3468, 5164, and 5523;

Rep. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 327, 1033, 1852, 2860, 3052, 4052, 5483, 5880, and 6016;

Rep. Ramon V.A. “Rav” Rocamora for House Bills No. 1303 and 4253;

Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado for House Bills No. 2963, 4253, 5946, and 6019;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaró Jr. for House Bills No. 2625, 4344, 4703, 5792, 5824, 6017, 6079, and 6097 and House Resolution No. 1168;

Rep. Gary C. Alejano for House Bill No. 5945;

Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon for House Bills No. 2716 and 5004;

Rep. Winston “Winnie” Castelo for House Bills No. 474 and 5549;

Rep. Ricardo “RJ” T. Belmonte Jr. for House Bills No. 1616, 3467, 4904, 6039, and 6042;

Rep. Henry S. Oaminal for House Bill No. 2286 and House Resolution No. 16;

Rep. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara for House Bills No. 4344 and 5828;

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 5886, 5887, 5889, 5898, 5923, 5962, 6056, 6069, 6118, 6122, 6146, 6147, 6150, 6162, 6163, 6164, and 6228;

Reps. Deogracias B. Ramos Jr. and Eric M. Martinez for House Bill No. 6025;

Rep. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano for House Bills No. 56 and 4208;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Bill No. 2716;

Rep. Milagrosa “Mila” T. Tan for House Bills No. 344 and 6026;

Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for House Bills No. 5322, 5449, 5450, 5478, 5483, 5818, 5866, and 6092 and House Resolution No. 924;

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bills No. 2592, 6075, and 6092 and House Resolution No. 1147;

Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano for House Bill No. 6139;

Rep. Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos for House Bills No. 2625, 4344, 4672, and 4703;

Rep. Benjamin C. Agarao Jr. for House Bill No. 516;

Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes for House Bill No. 3467;

Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy for House Bills No. 56, 2625, 4344, 4703, and 5213;

Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno for House Bills No. 180 and 4344;

Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario for House Bills No. 3468 and 5828;

Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda for House Bills No. 180, 2625, 4115, 4116, 4344, 4672, 4703, 5213, 5900, 5985, and 6029;

Reps. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan and Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga for House Bill No. 6069;

Reps. Suharto T. Mangudadatu and Raul A. Daza for House Bills No. 6025 and 6026;

Rep. Ben P. Evardone for House Bills No. 2716, 6025, and 6026;

Rep. Franz E. Alvarez for House Bill No. 5934;

Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr. for House Bills No. 4344 and 4703;

Reps. Napoleon S. Dy and Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bills No. 2625, 4344, and 4703;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 5549 and 6152;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 4882, 4959, 4962, 5309, 5310, 5311, and 5319;

Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez for House Bill No. 3821;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bill No. 5054;

Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento for House Bills No. 4115, 5213, 5900, 5985, 6025, and 6029;

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva for House Bill No. 5023;

Rep. Juliette T. Uy for House Bill No. 344;

Reps. Arcadio H. Gorriceta, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and Ruby M. Sahali for House Bill No. 5549;

Rep. Geraldine B. Roman for House Bills No. 2625, 3468, 4344, 4703, 5164, 5213, 5523, and 6221;

Rep. Gavini “Apol” C. Pancho for House Bills No. 4982 and 5675;

Rep. Rosenda Ann Ocampo for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 2625, 4344, 4703, and 6025;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bill No. 3548;

Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia for House Bill No. 4052;

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta for House Bill No. 6221;

Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora for House Bill No. 4982;

Rep. Rene L. Relampagos for House Bills No. 80, 621, 760, 2286, 2498, 2622, 2624, 2625, 3468, 4344, 4501, 4703, 5164, 5523, and 5524; and

Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel for House Bills No. 344 and 4383.

WITHDRAWAL OF COAUTHORSHIP

Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao on House Bill No. 6152; and

Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus on House Bill No. 6221.

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated 18 August 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-047 dated 11 August 2017; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-048 dated 7 August 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 363), re H.B. No. 6215, entitled:

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

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Nograles (K.A.), Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Zamora (M.C.), Javier, Leachon, Olivarez, Sandoval, Garin (R.), Salceda, Biazon, Dimaporo (M.K.), Duavit, Lanete, Dy, Cojuangco, Del Mar, Vargas, Lobregat, Go (A.C.), Nuñez-Malanyaon, Villafuerte, Jalosjos, Amante, Cuaresma, Antonino and Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6073
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6073 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. Garin, S.). 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 23, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6073, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FINAL FORESTLAND BOUNDARY OF THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya
Abayon
Abu
Abueg

Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba

Advincula	Cueva	Lazatin	Romualdo
Agarao	Dalipe	Leachon	Roque (H.)
Aggabao	Datol	Lee	Roque (R.)
Aglipay-Villar	Daza	Limkaichong	Sacdalán
Albano	De Jesus	Lobregat	Sagarbarria
Alejano	De Venecia	Lopez (B.)	Sahali
Almonte	De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)	Salceda
Alonte	Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo	Salo
Alvarez (P.)	Del Mar	Maceda	Sambar
Amatong	Del Rosario	Madrona	Sandoval
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan	Santos-Recto
Arcillas	Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo	Sarmiento (C.)
Arenas	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Atienza	Durano	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Savellano
Bagatsing	Elago	Marcoleta	Siao
Banal	Enverga	Marcos	Silverio
Bataoil	Erice	Mariño	Singson
Bautista-Bandigan	Eriguel	Marquez	Suansing (E.)
Belaro	Ermita-Buhain	Martinez	Suansing (H.)
Belmonte (F.)	Escudero	Matugas	Suarez
Belmonte (J.C.)	Espino	Mellana	Tambunting
Belmonte (R.)	Estrella	Mercado	Tan (A.)
Benitez	Eusebio	Mirasol	Tan (S.)
Bertiz	Evardone	Montoro	Teves
Biazon	Fariñas	Nava	Tiangco
Billones	Fernando	Nieto	Ting
Biron	Ferrer (J.)	Noel	Tinio
Bolilia	Ferriol-Pascual	Nogralés (J.J.)	Tolentino
Bondoc	Flores	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna
Bordado	Fortun	Oaminal	Tupas
Bravo (A.)	Fortuno	Olivarez	Ty
Bravo (M.V.)	Garbin	Ong (E.)	Umali
Brosas	Garcia (G.)	Ong (H.)	Ungab
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (P.)	Unico
Cagas	Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao	Uy (R.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Gasataya	Paduano	Uybarreta
Caminero	Geron	Palma	Vargas
Campos	Go (A.C.)	Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso
Canama	Go (M.)	Panotes	Velarde
Casilao	Gomez	Papandayan	Velasco
Castelo	Gonzaga	Pichay	Velasco-Catera
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pimentel	Veloso
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzalez	Pineda	Vergara
Cayetano	Gullas	Plaza	Villanueva
Celeste	Hernandez	Primicias-Agabas	Villaraza-Suarez
Ceramica	Herrera-Dy	Quimbo	Villarica
Cerilles	Hofer	Radaza	Villarín
Chavez	Jalosjos	Ramos	Violago
Chipeco	Javier	Relampagos	Yap (A.)
Co	Kho	Roa-Puno	Yap (M.)
Cojuangco	Khonghun	Rocamora	Yu
Cortes	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (I.)	Zamora (M.C.)
Crisologo	Lagman	Rodriguez (M.)	Zarate
Cua	Lanete	Roman	Zubiri
Cuaresma	Laogan	Romualdez	

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6073
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 227 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6073 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Jose “Lito” L. Atienza Jr. for a manifestation. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Atienza is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

We have a very simple but very essential correction to the Journal of August 22, Journal No. 13, where the SOGIE Bill was discussed lengthily on the floor and this Representation participated in the interpellation. One of the major concessions or clear answers that we got from the Sponsor, Congresswoman Roman, when we questioned the wisdom or practicality of forcing all sexes to use common facilities like toilets and other comfort rooms, was that Congresswoman Roman readily cleared that the Bill will not allow it, for which we thanked her.

Then, Congressman Go rose, during the period of individual amendments, to put that particular intention of Congresswoman Roman, who is the principal Sponsor of the measure, within the Bill itself, proposing a specific amendment where there is a very unclear intention whether to allow men to enter the women’s room or to allow women to use the men’s room. He was reacting, and he clearly said, “I am reacting and I am proposing this on the basis of what I heard from the interpellation by Congressman Atienza of Congresswoman Roman, to which she admitted and she accepted the fact that that is not the intention of the Bill.” When Congressman Go was proposing his personal amendment, it was rejected on the floor and that is the very reason the bill was held pending because Congressman Go rightfully was insisting, “Why is it wrong for me to put it in the law that this Bill will not have common comfort rooms for men and women?” Doon po natapos iyong pag-uusap sapagkat hindi pumayag iyong Sponsor, kabaligtaran doon sa kanyang pagpayag noong ako ang nag-i-interpellate sa kanya.

So, I want that reflected, that Congressman Go insisted, to be faithful—so that we will have an accurate recording of the proceedings that we are performing in consideration of this very highly contentious Bill which is called the Anti-Discrimination Bill. We would like the Journal to reflect that particular point. Congressman Go proposed an amendment, and ito po iyon, very clearly saying that “my amendment was based on the interpellation that I heard and I listened to, with Congresswoman Roman agreeing that that is not the intention of the proposed Bill.” Bakit hindi po naman papayag? Ang sabi nga ni Congressman Go, “Baka naman hindi tayo nagsasabi ng totoo sa ating interpellation, in the clarification and answer.”

So, I would like to put on record that the Sponsor rejected the proposed personal amendment of Congressman Go and that precisely caused the suspension of the consideration of that particular Bill. Without that, it is unclear. Nakalagay lang po dito, “Congressman Go proposed an amendment.” Wala na pong sinabi. Dapat sabihin natin na iyan ay tinanggihan ng Sponsor at doon po nagkaroon ng hindi pagkakasundo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Congressman Atienza.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

RECONSIDERATION OF
APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, we are in full agreement with the Honorable Atienza but we would just like to state that the details he is looking for are in the records, in the transcript, and oftentimes are not reflected in the Journal. To accommodate the Honorable Atienza, I now move that we reconsider the approval of Journal No. 13 dated August 22.

REP. ATIENZA. Two sentences, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I now move to amend Journal No. 13 dated August 22 to reflect the events of that day, as found in the Journal, in detail.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL, AS AMENDED

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I now move to approve, as amended, Journal No. 13 dated August 22.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of guests in the gallery. In the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Greg G. Gasataya of the Lone District of Bacolod City. They are the barangay kagawads of the different barangays in the city of Bacolod led by Jayson Alarcon and Ermelo Alintano.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Garin, S.). Please stand as you are recognized. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, likewise in the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Sabiniano S. Canama.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Garin, S.). Please rise.

REP. GULLAS. They are Teodoro Lomod, from Carmen Samahang Nayon Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Carmen, Bohol; Justine Lynn Limocon of LAMAC, Pinamungahan, Cebu; and Abner Repollo also of LAMAC, Pinamungahan, Cebu.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Garin, S.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. GULLAS. Lastly, Mme. Speaker, we have the guests of the honorable Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu. They are the barangay officials of the municipality of San Luis, Second District of Batangas, headed by ABC President Crisostomo Marasigan and former Councilor Aries De Gracia.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Garin, S.). Please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we approve bills on Third Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5675
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5675 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5675, entitled: AN ACT ALLOWING THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTH RECORDS AND PRESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE.

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. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Aragones
Abayon	Arcillas
Abu	Arenas
Abueg	Atienza
Acharon	Bagatsing
Acop	Banal
Acosta	Bataoil
Acosta-Alba	Bautista-Bandigan
Adiong	Belaro
Advincula	Belmonte (F.)
Agarao	Belmonte (J.C.)
Aggabao	Belmonte (R.)
Aglipay-Villar	Benitez
Albano	Bertiz
Alejano	Biazon
Almonte	Billones
Alonte	Biron
Alvarez (P.)	Bolilia
Amatong	Bondoc

Bordado	Flores	Oaminal	Siao
Bravo (A.)	Fortun	Olivarez	Silverio
Bravo (M.V.)	Fortuno	Ong (E.)	Singson
Brosas	Garbin	Ong (H.)	Suansing (E.)
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (G.)	Ortega (P.)	Suansing (H.)
Cagas	Garcia (J.E.)	Pacquiao	Suarez
Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia-Albano	Paduano	Tambunting
Caminero	Gasataya	Palma	Tan (A.)
Campos	Geron	Pancho	Tan (S.)
Canama	Go (A.C.)	Panotes	Teves
Casilao	Go (M.)	Papandayan	Tiangco
Castelo	Gomez	Pichay	Ting
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzaga	Pimentel	Tinio
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda	Tolentino
Cayetano	Gonzalez	Plaza	Tugna
Celeste	Gullas	Primicias-Agabas	Tupas
Cerafica	Hernandez	Quimbo	Ty
Cerilles	Herrera-Dy	Radaza	Umali
Chavez	Hofer	Ramos	Ungab
Chipeco	Jalosjos	Relampagos	Unico
Co	Javier	Roa-Puno	Uy (R.)
Cojuangco	Kho	Rocamora	Uybarreta
Cortes	Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)	Vargas
Cosalan	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Crisologo	Lagman	Roman	Velarde
Cua	Lanete	Romualdez	Velasco
Cuaresma	Laogan	Romualdo	Velasco-Catera
Cueva	Lazatin	Roque (H.)	Veloso
Dalipe	Leachon	Roque (R.)	Vergara
Datol	Lee	Sacdalan	Villanueva
Daza	Limkaichong	Sagarbarria	Villaraza-Suarez
De Jesus	Lobregat	Sahali	Villarica
De Venecia	Lopez (B.)	Salceda	Villarin
De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)	Salo	Violago
Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar	Yap (A.)
Del Mar	Maceda	Sandoval	Yap (M.)
Del Rosario	Madrona	Santos-Recto	Yu
Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)	Zamora (M.C.)
Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Zarate
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang	Savellano	Zubiri
Durano	Mangudadatu (Z.)		
Dy	Marcoleta	<i>Negative</i>	
Elago	Marcos		
Enverga	Mariño	None	
Erice	Marquez		
Eriguel	Martinez	<i>Abstention</i>	
Ermita-Buhain	Matugas		
Escudero	Mellana	None	
Espino	Mercado		
Estrella	Mirasol		
Eusebio	Montoro		
Evardone	Nava		
Fariñas	Nieto		
Fernando	Noel		
Ferrer (J.)	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Ferriol-Pascual	Nuñez-Malanyaon		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5675
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 230
affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention,
House Bill No. 5675 is approved on Third Reading.
The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6112
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6112 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6112, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF SAFETY MONITORING DEVICES IN PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

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. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Arcillas	Brosas	Garbin
Abayon	Arenas	Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (G.)
Abu	Atienza	Cagas	Garcia (J.E.)
Abueg	Bagatsing	Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia-Albano
Acharon	Banal	Caminero	Gasataya
Acop	Bataoil	Campos	Geron
Acosta	Bautista-Bandigan	Canama	Go (A.C.)
Acosta-Alba	Belaro	Casilao	Go (M.)
Adiong	Belmonte (F.)	Castelo	Gomez
Advincula	Belmonte (J.C.)	Castro (F.L.)	Gonzaga
Agarao	Belmonte (R.)	Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.D.)
Aggabao	Benitez	Cayetano	Gonzalez
Aglipay-Villar	Bertiz	Celeste	Gullas
Albano	Biazon	Cerafica	Hernandez
Alejano	Billones	Cerilles	Herrera-Dy
Almario	Biron	Chavez	Hofer
Almonte	Bolilia	Chipeco	Jalosjos
Alonte	Bondoc	Co	Javier
Alvarez (P.)	Bordado	Cojuangco	Kho
Amatong	Bravo (A.)	Cortes	Khonghun
Aragones	Bravo (M.V.)	Cosalan	Labadlabad
		Crisologo	Lagman
		Cua	Lanete
		Cuaresma	Laogan
		Cueva	Lazatin
		Dalipe	Leachon
		Datol	Lee
		Daza	Limkaichong
		De Jesus	Lobregat
		De Venecia	Lopez (B.)
		De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)
		Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo
		Del Mar	Maceda
		Del Rosario	Madrona
		Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan
		Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang
		Durano	Mangudadatu (Z.)
		Dy	Marcoleta
		Elago	Marcos
		Enverga	Mariño
		Erice	Marquez
		Eriguel	Martinez
		Ermita-Buhain	Matugas
		Escudero	Mellana
		Espino	Mercado
		Estrella	Mirasol
		Eusebio	Montoro
		Evardone	Nava
		Fariñas	Nieto
		Fernando	Noel
		Ferrer (J.)	Nogralas (J.J.)
		Ferriol-Pascual	Núñez-Malanyaon
		Flores	Oaminal
		Fortun	Olivarez
		Fortuno	Ong (E.)

Ong (H.)
 Ortega (P.)
 Pacquiao
 Paduano
 Palma
 Pancho
 Panotes
 Papandayan
 Pichay
 Pimentel
 Pineda
 Plaza
 Primicias-Agabas
 Quimbo
 Radaza
 Ramos
 Relampagos
 Roa-Puno
 Rocamora
 Rodriguez (I.)
 Rodriguez (M.)
 Roman
 Romualdez
 Romualdo
 Roque (H.)
 Roque (R.)
 Sacdalan
 Sagarbarria
 Sahali
 Salceda
 Salo
 Sambar
 Sandoval
 Santos-Recto
 Sarmiento (C.)
 Sarmiento (E.M.)
 Savellano
 Siao
 Silverio

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6165
 ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6165 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Arcillas
Abayon	Arenas
Abu	Atienza
Abueg	Bagatsing
Acharon	Banal
Acop	Bataoil
Acosta	Bautista-Bandigan
Acosta-Alba	Belaro
Adiong	Belmonte (F.)
Advincula	Belmonte (J.C.)
Agarao	Belmonte (R.)
Aggabao	Benitez
Aglipay-Villar	Bertiz
Albano	Biazon
Alejano	Billones
Almario	Biron
Almonte	Bolilia
Alonte	Bondoc
Alvarez (P.)	Bordado
Amatong	Bravo (A.)
Aragones	Bravo (M.V.)

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6112
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 231 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6112 is approved on Third Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

Brosas	Garbin	Ong (H.)	Singson
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (G.)	Ortega (P.)	Suansing (E.)
Cagas	Garcia (J.E.)	Pacquiao	Suansing (H.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia-Albano	Paduano	Suarez
Caminero	Gasataya	Palma	Tambunting
Campos	Geron	Pancho	Tan (A.)
Canama	Go (A.C.)	Panotes	Tan (S.)
Casilao	Go (M.)	Papandayan	Teves
Castelo	Gomez	Pichay	Tiangco
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzaga	Pimentel	Ting
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda	Tinio
Cayetano	Gonzalez	Plaza	Tolentino
Celeste	Gullas	Primicias-Agabas	Tugna
Ceramica	Hernandez	Quimbo	Tupas
Cerilles	Herrera-Dy	Radaza	Ty
Chavez	Hofer	Ramos	Umali
Chipeco	Jalosjos	Relampagos	Ungab
Co	Javier	Roa-Puno	Unico
Cojuangco	Kho	Rocamora	Uy (R.)
Cortes	Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)	Uybarreta
Cosalan	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	Vargas
Crisologo	Lagman	Roman	Vargas-Alfonso
Cua	Lanete	Romualdez	Velarde
Cuaresma	Laogan	Romualdo	Velasco
Cueva	Lazatin	Roque (H.)	Velasco-Catera
Dalipe	Leachon	Roque (R.)	Veloso
Datol	Lee	Sacdalan	Vergara
Daza	Limkaichong	Sagarbarria	Villanueva
De Jesus	Lobregat	Sahali	Villaraza-Suarez
De Venecia	Lopez (B.)	Salceda	Villarica
De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)	Salo	Villarin
Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar	Violago
Del Mar	Maceda	Sandoval	Yap (A.)
Del Rosario	Madrona	Santos-Recto	Yap (M.)
Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)	Yu
Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Zamora (M.C.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang	Savellano	Zarate
Durano	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao	Zubiri
Dy	Marcoleta	Silverio	
Elago	Marcos		
Enverga	Mariño	<i>Negative</i>	
Erice	Marquez		
Eriguel	Martinez	None	
Ermita-Buhain	Matugas		
Escudero	Mellana	<i>Abstention</i>	
Espino	Mercado		
Estrella	Mirasol	None	
Eusebio	Montoro		
Evardone	Nava		
Fariñas	Nieto		
Fernando	Noel		
Ferrer (J.)	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Ferriol-Pascual	Núñez-Malanyaon		
Flores	Oaminal		
Fortun	Olivarez		
Fortuno	Ong (E.)		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6165
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.).
With 231 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 6165 is approved on Third
Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6166
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6166 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.”

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. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Alonte	Biazon	Evardone
Abayon	Alvarez (P.)	Billones	Fariñas
Abu	Amatong	Biron	Fernando
Abueg	Aragones	Bolilia	Ferrer (J.)
Acharon	Arcillas	Bondoc	Ferriol-Pascual
Acop	Arenas	Bordado	Flores
Acosta	Atienza	Bravo (A.)	Fortun
Acosta-Alba	Bagatsing	Bravo (M.V.)	Fortuno
Adiong	Banal	Brosas	Garbin
Advincula	Bataoil	Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (G.)
Agarao	Bautista-Bandigan	Cagas	Garcia (J.E.)
Aggabao	Belaro	Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia-Albano
Aglipay-Villar	Belmonte (F.)	Caminero	Gasataya
Albano	Belmonte (J.C.)	Campos	Geron
Alejano	Belmonte (R.)	Canama	Go (A.C.)
Almario	Benitez	Casilao	Go (M.)
Almonte	Bertiz	Castelo	Gomez
		Castro (F.L.)	Gonzaga
		Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.D.)
		Cayetano	Gonzalez
		Celeste	Gullas
		Cerafica	Hernandez
		Cerilles	Herrera-Dy
		Chavez	Hofer
		Chipeco	Jalosjos
		Co	Javier
		Cojuangco	Kho
		Cortes	Khonghun
		Cosalan	Labadlabad
		Crisologo	Lagman
		Cua	Lanete
		Cuaresma	Laogan
		Cueva	Lazatin
		Dalipe	Leachon
		Datol	Lee
		Daza	Limkaichong
		De Jesus	Lobregat
		De Venecia	Lopez (B.)
		De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)
		Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo
		Del Mar	Maceda
		Del Rosario	Madrona
		Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan
		Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang
		Durano	Mangudadatu (Z.)
		Dy	Marcoleta
		Elago	Marcos
		Enverga	Mariño
		Erice	Marquez
		Eriguel	Martinez
		Ermita-Buhain	Matugas
		Escudero	Mellana
		Espino	Mercado
		Estrella	Mirasol
		Eusebio	Montoro

Nava	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Nieto	Savellano
Noel	Siao
Nogralles (J.J.)	Silverio
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Singson
Oaminal	Suansing (E.)
Olivarez	Suansing (H.)
Ong (E.)	Suarez
Ong (H.)	Tambunting
Ortega (P.)	Tan (A.)
Pacquiao	Tan (S.)
Paduano	Teves
Palma	Tiangco
Pancho	Ting
Panotes	Tinio
Papandayan	Tolentino
Pichay	Tugna
Pimentel	Tupas
Pineda	Ty
Plaza	Umali
Primicias-Agabas	Ungab
Quimbo	Unico
Radaza	Uy (R.)
Ramos	Uybarreta
Relampagos	Vargas
Roa-Puno	Vargas-Alfonso
Rocamora	Velarde
Rodriguez (I.)	Velasco
Rodriguez (M.)	Velasco-Catera
Roman	Veloso
Romualdez	Vergara
Romualdo	Villanueva
Roque (H.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Roque (R.)	Villarica
Sacdalan	Villarin
Sagarbarria	Violago
Sahali	Yap (A.)
Salceda	Yap (M.)
Salo	Yu
Sambar	Zamora (M.C.)
Sandoval	Zarate
Santos-Recto	Zubiri
Sarmiento (C.)	

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6166
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 231

affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention,
House Bill No. 6166 is approved on Third Reading.
The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6167
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that
we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6167
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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No.
6167, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER
TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE
GRANTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO,
DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE
OF UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO BROADCASTING
NETWORK AND UMBROADCASTING 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.”

*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. 15, dated August
29, 2017:*

Affirmative

Abaya	Aggabao
Abayon	Aglipay-Villar
Abu	Albano
Abueg	Alejano
Acharon	Almario
Acop	Almonte
Acosta	Alonte
Acosta-Alba	Alvarez (P.)
Adiong	Amatong
Advincula	Aragones
Agarao	Arcillas

Arenas	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang	Salceda
Atienza	Durano	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Salo
Bagatsing	Dy	Marcoleta	Sambar
Banal	Elago	Marcos	Sandoval
Bataoil	Enverga	Mariño	Santos-Recto
Bautista-Bandigan	Erice	Marquez	Sarmiento (C.)
Belaro	Eriguel	Martinez	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Belmonte (F.)	Ermita-Buhain	Matugas	Savellano
Belmonte (J.C.)	Escudero	Mellana	Siao
Belmonte (R.)	Espino	Mercado	Silverio
Benitez	Estrella	Mirasol	Singson
Bertiz	Eusebio	Montoro	Suansing (E.)
Biazon	Evardone	Nava	Suansing (H.)
Billones	Fariñas	Nieto	Suarez
Biron	Fernando	Noel	Tambunting
Bolilia	Ferrer (J.)	Nogralles (J.J.)	Tan (A.)
Bondoc	Ferriol-Pascual	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tan (S.)
Bordado	Flores	Oaminal	Teves
Bravo (A.)	Fortun	Olivarez	Tiangco
Bravo (M.V.)	Fortuno	Ong (E.)	Ting
Brosas	Garbin	Ong (H.)	Tinio
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (G.)	Ortega (P.)	Tolentino
Cagas	Garcia (J.E.)	Pacquiao	Tugna
Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia-Albano	Paduano	Tupas
Caminero	Gasataya	Palma	Ty
Campos	Geron	Pancho	Umali
Canama	Go (A.C.)	Panotes	Ungab
Casilao	Go (M.)	Papandayan	Unico
Castelo	Gomez	Pichay	Uy (R.)
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzaga	Pimentel	Uybarreta
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda	Vargas
Cayetano	Gonzalez	Plaza	Vargas-Alfonso
Celeste	Gullas	Primicias-Agabas	Velarde
Cerafica	Hernandez	Quimbo	Velasco
Cerilles	Herrera-Dy	Radaza	Velasco-Catera
Chavez	Hofer	Ramos	Veloso
Chipeco	Jalosjos	Relampagos	Vergara
Co	Javier	Roa-Puno	Villanueva
Cojuangco	Kho	Rocamora	Villaraza-Suarez
Cortes	Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)	Villarica
Cosalan	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	Villarín
Crisologo	Lagman	Roman	Violago
Cua	Lanete	Romualdez	Yap (A.)
Cuaresma	Laogan	Romualdo	Yap (M.)
Cueva	Lazatin	Roque (H.)	Yu
Dalipe	Leachon	Roque (R.)	Zamora (M.C.)
Datol	Lee	Sacdalan	Zarate
Daza	Limkaichong	Sagarbarria	Zubiri
De Jesus	Lobregat	Sahali	
De Venecia	Lopez (B.)		<i>Negative</i>
De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)		
Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo	None	
Del Mar	Maceda		
Del Rosario	Madrona		<i>Abstention</i>
Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan		
Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo	None	

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6167
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 231 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6167 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6168
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6168 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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 WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Advincula
Abayon	Agarao
Abu	Aggabao
Abueg	Aglipay-Villar
Acharon	Albano
Acop	Alejano
Acosta	Almario
Acosta-Alba	Almonte
Adiong	Alonte

Alvarez (P.)	Del Mar
Amatong	Del Rosario
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla
Arcillas	Dimaporo (A.)
Arenas	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Atienza	Durano
Bagatsing	Dy
Banal	Elago
Bataoil	Enverga
Bautista-Bandigan	Erice
Belaro	Eriguel
Belmonte (F.)	Ermita-Buhain
Belmonte (J.C.)	Escudero
Belmonte (R.)	Espino
Benitez	Estrella
Bertiz	Eusebio
Biazon	Evardone
Billones	Fariñas
Biron	Fernando
Bolilia	Ferrer (J.)
Bondoc	Ferriol-Pascual
Bordado	Flores
Bravo (A.)	Fortun
Bravo (M.V.)	Fortuno
Brosas	Garbin
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (G.)
Cagas	Garcia (J.E.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia-Albano
Caminero	Gasataya
Campos	Geron
Canama	Go (A.C.)
Casilao	Go (M.)
Castelo	Gomez
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzaga
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.D.)
Cayetano	Gonzalez
Celeste	Gullas
Cerafica	Hernandez
Cerilles	Herrera-Dy
Chavez	Hofer
Chipeco	Jalosjos
Co	Javier
Cojuangco	Kho
Cortes	Khonghun
Cosalan	Labadlabad
Crisologo	Lagman
Cua	Lanete
Cuaresma	Laogan
Cueva	Lazatin
Dalipe	Leachon
Datol	Lee
Daza	Limkaichong
De Jesus	Lobregat
De Venecia	Lopez (B.)
De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)
Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo

Maceda	Sagarbarria	<i>Abstention</i>	
Madrona	Sahali		
Malapitan	Salceda	None	
Manalo	Salo		
Mangaoang	Sambar		APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6168
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sandoval		ON THIRD READING
Marcoleta	Santos-Recto		
Marcos	Sarmiento (C.)		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 231
Mariño	Sarmiento (E.M.)		affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention,
Marquez	Savellano		House Bill No. 6168 is approved on Third Reading.
Martinez	Siao		The Floor Leader is recognized.
Matugas	Silverio		
Mellana	Singson		NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6169
Mercado	Suansing (E.)		ON THIRD READING
Mirasol	Suansing (H.)		
Montoro	Suarez		REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that
Nava	Tambunting		we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6169
Nieto	Tan (A.)		and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the
Noel	Tan (S.)		measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.
Nogralas (J.J.)	Teves		I so move.
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tiangco		
Oaminal	Ting		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Is
Olivarez	Tinio		there any objection? (<i>Silence</i>) The Chair hears none;
Ong (E.)	Tolentino		the motion is approved.
Ong (H.)	Tugna		
Ortega (P.)	Tupas		<i>Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of</i>
Pacquiao	Ty		<i>the measure, printed copies of which were distributed</i>
Paduano	Umali		<i>to the Members on August 24, 2017, pursuant to Section</i>
Palma	Ungab		<i>58, Rule X of the House Rules.</i>
Pancho	Unico		
Panotes	Uy (R.)		THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill
Papandayan	Uybarreta		No. 6169, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR
Pichay	Vargas		ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE
Pimentel	Vargas-Alfonso		FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE
Pineda	Velarde		BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER
Plaza	Velasco		REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7962, ENTITLED “AN ACT
Primicias-Agabas	Velasco-Catera		GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE BROADCASTING
Quimbo	Veloso		CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT,
Radaza	Vergara		INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO
Ramos	Villanueva		AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS
Relampagos	Villaraza-Suarez		WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER
Roa-Puno	Villarica		PURPOSES.”
Rocamora	Villarin		
Rodriguez (I.)	Violago		<i>The Chair directed the Secretary General to call</i>
Rodriguez (M.)	Yap (A.)		<i>the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the</i>
Roman	Yap (M.)		<i>Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The</i>
Romualdez	Yu		<i>result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid</i>
Romualdo	Zamora (M.C.)		<i>measure is as follows, per Journal No. 15, dated August</i>
Roque (H.)	Zarate		<i>29, 2017:</i>
Roque (R.)	Zubiri		
Sacdalan		<i>Affirmative</i>	
		Abaya	Acharon
<i>Negative</i>		Abayon	Acop
		Abu	Acosta
None		Abueg	Acosta-Alba

Adiong	Cua	Lanete	Romualdez
Advincula	Cuaresma	Laogan	Romualdo
Agarao	Cueva	Lazatin	Roque (H.)
Aggabao	Dalipe	Leachon	Roque (R.)
Aglipay-Villar	Datol	Lee	Sacdalan
Albano	Daza	Limkaichong	Sagarbarria
Alejano	De Jesus	Lobregat	Sahali
Almario	De Venecia	Lopez (B.)	Salceda
Almonte	De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)	Salo
Alonte	Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar
Alvarez (P.)	Del Mar	Maceda	Sandoval
Amatong	Del Rosario	Madrona	Santos-Recto
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)
Arcillas	Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Arenas	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang	Savellano
Atienza	Durano	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao
Bagatsing	Dy	Marcoleta	Silverio
Banal	Elago	Marcos	Singson
Bataoil	Enverga	Mariño	Suansing (E.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Erice	Marquez	Suansing (H.)
Belaro	Eriguel	Martinez	Suarez
Belmonte (F.)	Ermita-Buhain	Matugas	Tambunting
Belmonte (J.C.)	Escudero	Mellana	Tan (A.)
Belmonte (R.)	Espino	Mercado	Tan (M.)
Benitez	Estrella	Mirasol	Tan (S.)
Bertiz	Eusebio	Montoro	Teves
Biazon	Evardone	Nava	Tiangco
Billones	Fariñas	Nieto	Ting
Biron	Fernando	Noel	Tinio
Bolilia	Ferrer (J.)	Nogales (J.J.)	Tolentino
Bondoc	Ferriol-Pascual	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna
Bordado	Flores	Oaminal	Tupas
Bravo (A.)	Fortun	Olivarez	Ty
Bravo (M.V.)	Fortuno	Ong (E.)	Umali
Brosas	Garbin	Ong (H.)	Ungab
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (G.)	Ortega (P.)	Unico
Cagas	Garcia (J.E.)	Pacquiao	Uy (R.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia-Albano	Paduano	Uybarreta
Caminero	Gasataya	Palma	Vargas
Campos	Geron	Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso
Canama	Go (A.C.)	Panotes	Velarde
Casilao	Go (M.)	Papandayan	Velasco
Castelo	Gomez	Pichay	Velasco-Catera
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzaga	Pimentel	Veloso
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda	Vergara
Cayetano	Gonzalez	Plaza	Villanueva
Celeste	Gullas	Primicias-Agabas	Villaraza-Suarez
Ceramica	Hernandez	Quimbo	Villarica
Cerilles	Herrera-Dy	Radaza	Villarín
Chavez	Hofer	Ramos	Violago
Chipeco	Jalosjos	Relampagos	Yap (A.)
Co	Javier	Roa-Puno	Yap (M.)
Cojuangco	Kho	Rocamora	Yu
Cortes	Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)	Zamora (M.C.)
Cosalan	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	Zarate
Crisologo	Lagman	Roman	Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6169
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.).
With 232 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 6169 is approved on Third
Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6170
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move
that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No.
6170 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill
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 AFRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT,
ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A
COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING
STATION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the
Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The
result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid
measure is as follows, per Journal No. 15, dated August
29, 2017:*

Affirmative

Abaya	Cayetano
Abayon	Celeste
Abu	Cerafica
Abueg	Cerilles
Acharon	Chavez
Acop	Chipeco
Acosta	Co
Acosta-Alba	Cojuangco
Adiong	Cortes
Advincula	Cosalan
Agarao	Crisologo
Aggabao	Cua
Aglipay-Villar	Cuaresma
Albano	Cueva
Alejano	Dalipe
Almario	Datol
Almonte	Daza
Alonte	De Jesus
Alvarez (P.)	De Venecia
Amatong	De Vera
Angara-Castillo	Defensor
Aragones	Del Mar
Arcillas	Del Rosario
Arenas	Deloso-Montalla
Atienza	Dimaporo (A.)
Bagatsing	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Banal	Durano
Bataoil	Dy
Bautista-Bandigan	Elago
Belaro	Enverga
Belmonte (F.)	Erice
Belmonte (J.C.)	Eriguel
Belmonte (R.)	Ermita-Buhain
Benitez	Escudero
Bertiz	Espino
Biazon	Estrella
Billones	Eusebio
Biron	Evardone
Bolilia	Fariñas
Bondoc	Fernando
Bordado	Ferrer (J.)
Bravo (A.)	Ferriol-Pascual
Bravo (M.V.)	Flores
Brosas	Fortun
Bulut-Begtang	Fortuno
Cagas	Garbin
Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia (G.)
Caminero	Garcia (J.E.)
Campos	Garcia-Albano
Canama	Garin (R.)
Casilao	Gasataya
Castelo	Geron
Castro (F.L.)	Go (A.C.)
Castro (F.H.)	Go (M.)

Gomez	Pichay	Velasco-Catera	Violago
Gonzaga	Pimentel	Veloso	Yap (A.)
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda	Vergara	Yap (M.)
Gonzalez	Plaza	Villanueva	Yu
Gullas	Primicias-Agabas	Villaraza-Suarez	Zamora (M.C.)
Hernandez	Quimbo	Villarica	Zarate
Herrera-Dy	Radaza	Villarin	Zubiri
Hofer	Ramos		
Jalosjos	Relampagos	<i>Negative</i>	
Javier	Roa-Puno		
Kho	Rocamora	None	
Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)		
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	<i>Abstention</i>	
Lagman	Roman		
Lanete	Romualdez	None	
Laogan	Romualdo		
Lazatin	Roque (H.)		
Leachon	Roque (R.)		
Lee	Sacdalan		
Limkaichong	Sagarbarria		
Lobregat	Sahali		
Lopez (B.)	Salceda		
Lopez (M.L.)	Salo		
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar		
Maceda	Sandoval		
Madrona	Santos-Recto		
Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)		
Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Mangaoang	Savellano		
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao		
Marcoleta	Silverio		
Marcos	Singson		
Mariño	Suansing (E.)		
Marquez	Suansing (H.)		
Martinez	Suarez		
Matugas	Tambunting		
Mellana	Tan (A.)		
Mercado	Tan (M.)		
Mirasol	Tan (S.)		
Montoro	Teves		
Nava	Tiangco		
Nieto	Ting		
Noel	Tinio		
Nogralles (J.J.)	Tolentino		
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna		
Oaminal	Tupas		
Olivarez	Ty		
Ong (E.)	Umali		
Ong (H.)	Ungab		
Ortega (P.)	Unico		
Pacquiao	Uy (R.)		
Paduano	Uybarreta		
Palma	Vargas		
Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso		
Panotes	Velarde		
Papandayan	Velasco		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6170
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 234 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6170 is approved on Third Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6160
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENEZIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6160 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Cayetano	Gomez	Pichay
Abayon	Celeste	Gonzaga	Pimentel
Abu	Cerafica	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda
Abueg	Cerilles	Gonzalez	Plaza
Acharon	Chavez	Gullas	Primicias-Agabas
Acop	Chipeco	Hernandez	Quimbo
Acosta	Co	Herrera-Dy	Radaza
Acosta-Alba	Cojuangco	Hofer	Ramos
Adiong	Cortes	Jalosjos	Relampagos
Advincula	Cosalan	Javier	Roa-Puno
Agarao	Crisologo	Kho	Rocamora
Aggabao	Cua	Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)
Aglipay-Villar	Cuaresma	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)
Albano	Cueva	Lagman	Roman
Alejano	Dalipe	Lanete	Romualdez
Almario	Datol	Laogan	Romualdo
Almonte	Daza	Lazatin	Roque (H.)
Alonte	De Jesus	Leachon	Roque (R.)
Alvarez (P.)	De Venecia	Lee	Sacdalán
Amatong	De Vera	Limkaichong	Sagarbarria
Angara-Castillo	Defensor	Lobregat	Sahali
Aragones	Del Mar	Lopez (B.)	Salceda
Arcillas	Del Rosario	Lopez (M.L.)	Salo
Arenas	Deloso-Montalla	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar
Atienza	Dimaporo (A.)	Maceda	Sandoval
Bagatsing	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Madrona	Santos-Recto
Banal	Durano	Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)
Bataoil	Dy	Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Elago	Mangaoang	Savellano
Belaro	Enverga	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao
Belmonte (F.)	Erice	Marcoleta	Silverio
Belmonte (J.C.)	Eriguel	Marcos	Singson
Belmonte (R.)	Ermita-Buhain	Mariño	Suansing (E.)
Benitez	Escudero	Marquez	Suansing (H.)
Bertiz	Espino	Martinez	Suarez
Biazon	Estrella	Matugas	Tambunting
Billones	Eusebio	Mellana	Tan (A.)
Biron	Evardone	Mercado	Tan (M.)
Bolilia	Fariñas	Mirasol	Tan (S.)
Bondoc	Fernando	Montoro	Teves
Bordado	Ferrer (J.)	Nava	Tiangco
Bravo (A.)	Ferriol-Pascual	Nieto	Ting
Bravo (M.V.)	Flores	Noel	Tinio
Brosas	Fortun	Nogralés (J.J.)	Tolentino
Bulut-Begtang	Fortuno	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna
Cagas	Garbin	Oaminal	Tupas
Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia (G.)	Olivarez	Ty
Caminero	Garcia (J.E.)	Ong (E.)	Umali
Campos	Garcia-Albano	Ong (H.)	Ungab
Canama	Garin (R.)	Ortega (P.)	Unico
Casilao	Gasataya	Pacquiao	Uy (R.)
Castelo	Geron	Paduano	Uybarreta
Castro (F.L.)	Go (A.C.)	Palma	Vargas
Castro (F.H.)	Go (M.)	Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso
		Panotes	Velarde
		Papandayan	Velasco

Velasco-Catera	Violago	<i>Affirmative</i>	
Veloso	Yap (A.)		
Vergara	Yap (M.)	Abaya	Cayetano
Villanueva	Yu	Abayon	Celeste
Villaraza-Suarez	Zamora (M.C.)	Abu	Cerafica
Villarica	Zarate	Abueg	Cerilles
Villarín	Zubiri	Acharon	Chavez
		Acop	Chipeco
<i>Negative</i>		Acosta	Co
		Acosta-Alba	Cojuangco
None		Adiong	Cortes
		Advincula	Cosalan
<i>Abstention</i>		Agarao	Crisologo
		Aggabao	Cua
None		Aglipay-Villar	Cuaresma
		Albano	Cueva
		Alejano	Dalipe
		Almario	Datol
		Almonte	Daza
		Alonte	De Jesus
		Alvarez (P.)	De Venecia
		Amatong	De Vera
		Angara-Castillo	Defensor
		Aragones	Del Mar
		Arcillas	Del Rosario
		Arenas	Deloso-Montalla
		Atienza	Dimaporo (A.)
		Bagatsing	Dimaporo (M.K.)
		Banal	Durano
		Bataoil	Dy
		Bautista-Bandigan	Elago
		Belaro	Enverga
		Belmonte (F.)	Erice
		Belmonte (J.C.)	Eriguel
		Belmonte (R.)	Ermita-Buhain
		Benitez	Escudero
		Bertiz	Espino
		Biazon	Estrella
		Billones	Eusebio
		Biron	Evardone
		Bolilia	Fariñas
		Bondoc	Fernando
		Bordado	Ferrer (J.)
		Bravo (A.)	Ferriol-Pascual
		Bravo (M.V.)	Flores
		Brosas	Fortun
		Bulut-Begtang	Fortuno
		Cagas	Garbin
		Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia (G.)
		Caminero	Garcia (J.E.)
		Campos	Garcia-Albano
		Canama	Garin (R.)
		Casilao	Gasataya
		Castelo	Geron
		Castro (F.L.)	Go (A.C.)
		Castro (F.H.)	Go (M.)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6160
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 234 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6160 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6203
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6203 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6203, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE SORSOGON STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III STATE UNIVERSITY 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. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Gomez	Pichay	Velasco-Catera	Violago
Gonzaga	Pimentel	Veloso	Yap (A.)
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda	Vergara	Yap (M.)
Gonzalez	Plaza	Villanueva	Yu
Gullas	Primicias-Agabas	Villaraza-Suarez	Zamora (M.C.)
Hernandez	Quimbo	Villarica	Zarate
Herrera-Dy	Radaza	Villarin	Zubiri
Hofer	Ramos		
Jalosjos	Relampagos	<i>Negative</i>	
Javier	Roa-Puno		
Kho	Rocamora	None	
Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)		
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	<i>Abstention</i>	
Lagman	Roman		
Lanete	Romualdez	None	
Laogan	Romualdo		
Lazatin	Roque (H.)		
Leachon	Roque (R.)		
Lee	Sacdalán		
Limkaichong	Sagarbarria		
Lobregat	Sahali		
Lopez (B.)	Salceda		
Lopez (M.L.)	Salo		
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar		
Maceda	Sandoval		
Madrona	Santos-Recto		
Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)		
Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Mangaoang	Savellano		
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao		
Marcoleta	Silverio		
Marcos	Singson		
Mariño	Suansing (E.)		
Marquez	Suansing (H.)		
Martínez	Suarez		
Matugas	Tambunting		
Mellana	Tan (A.)		
Mercado	Tan (M.)		
Mirasol	Tan (S.)		
Montoro	Teves		
Nava	Tiangco		
Nieto	Ting		
Noel	Tinio		
Nogralés (J.J.)	Tolentino		
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna		
Oaminal	Tupas		
Olivarez	Ty		
Ong (E.)	Umali		
Ong (H.)	Ungab		
Ortega (P.)	Unico		
Pacquiao	Uy (R.)		
Paduano	Uybarreta		
Palma	Vargas		
Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso		
Panotes	Velarde		
Papandayan	Velasco		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6203
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 234 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6203 is approved on Third Reading. The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6178
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENEZIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6178 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.”

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. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Cayetano	Gomez	Pichay
Abayon	Celeste	Gonzaga	Pimentel
Abu	Cerafica	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda
Abueg	Cerilles	Gonzalez	Plaza
Acharon	Chavez	Gullas	Primicias-Agabas
Acop	Chipeco	Hernandez	Quimbo
Acosta	Co	Herrera-Dy	Radaza
Acosta-Alba	Cojuangco	Hofer	Ramos
Adiong	Cortes	Jalosjos	Relampagos
Advincula	Cosalan	Javier	Roa-Puno
Agarao	Crisologo	Kho	Rocamora
Aggabao	Cua	Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)
Aglipay-Villar	Cuaresma	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)
Albano	Cueva	Lagman	Roman
Alejano	Dalipe	Lanete	Romualdez
Almario	Datol	Laogan	Romualdo
Almonte	Daza	Lazatin	Roque (H.)
Alonte	De Jesus	Leachon	Roque (R.)
Alvarez (P.)	De Venecia	Lee	Sacdalan
Amatong	De Vera	Limkaichong	Sagarbarria
Angara-Castillo	Defensor	Lobregat	Sahali
Aragones	Del Mar	Lopez (B.)	Salceda
Arcillas	Del Rosario	Lopez (M.L.)	Salo
Arenas	Deloso-Montalla	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar
Atienza	Dimaporo (A.)	Maceda	Sandoval
Bagatsing	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Madrona	Santos-Recto
Banal	Durano	Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)
Bataoil	Dy	Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Elago	Mangaoang	Savellano
Belaro	Enverga	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao
Belmonte (F.)	Erice	Marcoleta	Silverio
Belmonte (J.C.)	Eriguel	Marcos	Singson
Belmonte (R.)	Ermita-Buhain	Mariño	Suansing (E.)
Benitez	Escudero	Marquez	Suansing (H.)
Bertiz	Espino	Martinez	Suarez
Biazon	Estrella	Matugas	Tambunting
Billones	Eusebio	Mellana	Tan (A.)
Biron	Evardone	Mercado	Tan (M.)
Bolilia	Fariñas	Mirasol	Tan (S.)
Bondoc	Fernando	Montoro	Teves
Bordado	Ferrer (J.)	Nava	Tiangco
Bravo (A.)	Ferriol-Pascual	Nieto	Ting
Bravo (M.V.)	Flores	Noel	Tinio
Brosas	Fortun	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tolentino
Bulut-Begtang	Fortuno	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna
Cagas	Garbin	Oaminal	Tupas
Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia (G.)	Olivarez	Ty
Caminero	Garcia (J.E.)	Ong (E.)	Umali
Campos	Garcia-Albano	Ong (H.)	Ungab
Canama	Garin (R.)	Ortega (P.)	Unico
Casilao	Gasataya	Pacquiao	Uy (R.)
Castelo	Geron	Paduano	Uybarreta
Castro (F.L.)	Go (A.C.)	Palma	Vargas
Castro (F.H.)	Go (M.)	Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso
		Panotes	Velarde
		Papandayan	Velasco

Velasco-Catera Violago
 Veloso Yap (A.)
 Vergara Yap (M.)
 Villanueva Yu
 Villaraza-Suarez Zamora (M.C.)
 Villarica Zarate
 Villarín Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6178
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 234 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6178 is approved on Third Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6186
 ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6186 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Caminero
Abayon	Campos
Abu	Canama
Abueg	Casilao
Acharon	Castelo
Acop	Castro (F.L.)
Acosta	Castro (F.H.)
Acosta-Alba	Cayetano
Adiong	Celeste
Advincula	Cerafica
Agarao	Cerilles
Aggabao	Chavez
Aglipay-Villar	Chipeco
Albano	Co
Alejano	Cojuangco
Almario	Cortes
Almonte	Cosalan
Alonte	Crisologo
Alvarez (P.)	Cua
Amatong	Cuaresma
Angara-Castillo	Cueva
Aragones	Dalipe
Arcillas	Datol
Arenas	Daza
Atienza	De Jesus
Bagatsing	De Venecia
Banal	De Vera
Bataoil	Defensor
Bautista-Bandigan	Del Mar
Belaro	Del Rosario
Belmonte (F.)	Deloso-Montalla
Belmonte (J.C.)	Dimaporo (A.)
Belmonte (R.)	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Benitez	Durano
Bertiz	Dy
Biazon	Elago
Billones	Enverga
Biron	Erice
Bolilia	Eriguel
Bondoc	Ermita-Buhain
Bordado	Escudero
Bravo (A.)	Espino
Bravo (M.V.)	Estrella
Brosas	Eusebio
Bulut-Begtang	Evardone
Cagas	Fariñas
Calixto-Rubiano	Fernando

Ferrer (J.)	Noel	Tinio	Velasco-Catera
Ferriol-Pascual	Nogralles (J.J.)	Tolentino	Veloso
Flores	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna	Vergara
Fortun	Oaminal	Tupas	Villanueva
Fortuno	Olivarez	Ty	Villaraza-Suarez
Garbin	Ong (E.)	Umali	Villarica
Garcia (G.)	Ong (H.)	Ungab	Villarin
Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (P.)	Unico	Violago
Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao	Uy (R.)	Yap (A.)
Garin (R.)	Paduano	Uybarreta	Yap (M.)
Gasataya	Palma	Vargas	Yu
Geron	Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso	Zamora (M.C.)
Go (A.C.)	Panotes	Velarde	Zarate
Go (M.)	Papandayan	Velasco	Zubiri
Gomez	Pichay		
Gonzaga	Pimentel	<i>Negative</i>	
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda		
Gonzalez	Plaza	None	
Gullas	Primicias-Agabas		
Hernandez	Quimbo	<i>Abstention</i>	
Herrera-Dy	Radaza		
Hofer	Ramos	None	
Jalosjos	Relampagos		
Javier	Roa-Puno		
Kho	Rocamora		
Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)		
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)		
Lagman	Roman		
Lanete	Romualdez		
Laogan	Romualdo		
Lazatin	Roque (H.)		
Leachon	Roque (R.)		
Lee	Sacdalan		
Limkaichong	Sagarbarria		
Lobregat	Sahali		
Lopez (B.)	Salceda		
Lopez (M.L.)	Salo		
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar		
Maceda	Sandoval		
Madrona	Santos-Recto		
Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)		
Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Mangaoang	Savellano		
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao		
Marcoleta	Silverio		
Marcos	Singson		
Mariño	Suansing (E.)		
Marquez	Suansing (H.)		
Martinez	Suarez		
Matugas	Tambunting		
Mellana	Tan (A.)		
Mercado	Tan (M.)		
Mirasol	Tan (S.)		
Montoro	Teves		
Nava	Tiangco		
Nieto	Ting		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6186
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 234 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6186 is approved on Third Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6202
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6202 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. Garin, S.). 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 24, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6202, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH COTABATOSTATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SURALLAH NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, 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. 15, dated August 29, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Caminero	Ferrer (J.)	Noel
Abayon	Campos	Ferriol-Pascual	Nogralles (J.J.)
Abu	Canama	Flores	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Abueg	Casilao	Fortun	Oaminal
Acharon	Castelo	Fortuno	Olivarez
Acop	Castro (F.L.)	Garbin	Ong (E.)
Acosta	Castro (F.H.)	Garcia (G.)	Ong (H.)
Acosta-Alba	Cayetano	Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (P.)
Adiong	Celeste	Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao
Advincula	Cerafica	Garin (R.)	Paduano
Agarao	Cerilles	Gasataya	Palma
Aggabao	Chavez	Geron	Pancho
Aglipay-Villar	Chipeco	Go (A.C.)	Panotes
Albano	Co	Go (M.)	Papandayan
Alejano	Cojuangco	Gomez	Pichay
Almario	Cortes	Gonzaga	Pimentel
Almonte	Cosalan	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda
Alonte	Crisologo	Gonzalez	Plaza
Alvarez (P.)	Cua	Gullas	Primicias-Agabas
Amatong	Cuaresma	Hernandez	Quimbo
Angara-Castillo	Cueva	Herrera-Dy	Radaza
Aragones	Dalipe	Hofer	Ramos
Arcillas	Datol	Jalosjos	Relampagos
Arenas	Daza	Javier	Roa-Puno
Atienza	De Jesus	Kho	Rocamora
Bagatsing	De Venecia	Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)
Banal	De Vera	Khonghun	Rodriguez (M.)
Bataoil	Defensor	Labadlabad	Roman
Bautista-Bandigan	Del Mar	Lagman	Romualdez
Belaro	Del Rosario	Lanete	Romualdo
Belmonte (F.)	Deloso-Montalla	Laogan	Roque (H.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Dimaporo (A.)	Lazatin	Roque (R.)
Belmonte (R.)	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Leachon	Sacdalan
Benitez	Durano	Lee	Sagarbarria
Bertiz	Dy	Limkaichong	Sahali
Biazon	Elago	Lobregat	Salceda
Billones	Enverga	Lopez (B.)	Salo
Biron	Erice	Lopez (M.L.)	Sambar
Bolilia	Eriguel	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sandoval
Bondoc	Ermita-Buhain	Maceda	Santos-Recto
Bordado	Escudero	Madrona	Sarmiento (C.)
Bravo (A.)	Espino	Malapitan	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Bravo (M.V.)	Estrella	Manalo	Savellano
Brosas	Eusebio	Mangaoang	Siao
Bulut-Begtang	Evardone	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Silverio
Cagas	Fariñas	Marcoleta	Singson
Calixto-Rubiano	Fernando	Marcos	Suansing (E.)
		Mariño	Suansing (H.)
		Marquez	Suarez
		Martinez	Tambunting
		Matugas	Tan (A.)
		Mellana	Tan (M.)
		Mercado	Tan (S.)
		Mirasol	Teves
		Montoro	Tiangco
		Nava	Ting
		Nieto	

Tinio	Velasco-Catera
Tolentino	Veloso
Tugna	Vergara
Tupas	Villanueva
Ty	Villaraza-Suarez
Umali	Villarica
Ungab	Villarin
Unico	Violago
Uy (R.)	Yap (A.)
Uybarreta	Yap (M.)
Vargas	Yu
Vargas-Alfonso	Zamora (M.C.)
Velarde	Zarate
Velasco	Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6202
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 234 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6202 is approved on Third Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5828
Continuation

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 5828, and that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

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

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. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Sponsor, the Hon. Arthur C. Yap of the Third District of Bohol.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Hon. Arthur Yap is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill in consideration is that we are in the period of amendments. I move that we recognize the Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo of the Lone District of Camiguin for his individual amendments.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Honorable Romualdo is recognized.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, we would like to propose several individual amendments to House Bill No. 5828: first, on Section 1, Public Utility, on page 2, line 14, to delete the phrase "BUSINESS OR SERVICE" between the words "PERSON" and "SHALL."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. I ask for the Sponsor's response, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). What does the Sponsor say, the Hon. Arthur Yap? Is this acceptable for the Sponsor?

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). On the part of the House?

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

REP. GULLAS. Please proceed with your amendments, Representative Romualdo.

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you. On line 21, to delete the phrase "PERSON, BUSINESS OR SERVICE" between the words "A" and "AS" and replace it with the word "PUBLIC SERVICE".

REP. YAP (A.). It is accepted, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On line 23, to delete the whole sentence and renumber the succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

REP. YAP (A.). We yield, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On line 24, to use the word PERSON in lieu of the phrase "BUSINESS OR SERVICE" between the words "THE" and "REGULARLY."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S). Is this acceptable to the Sponsor?

REP. YAP (A.). It is accepted, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On line 29, to use the word COMMODITY in lieu of the word "BUSINESS" between the words "THE" and "OR."

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On line 30, to delete the word "IF" between the words "AND" and "A," and insert the word "THAT" between the words "MONOPOLY" and "NEEDS" on page 3, line 1.

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S). The amendment is accepted.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S). What is the pleasure of the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman?

REP. LAGMAN. May I know, Mme. Speaker, what page we are now?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I beg the indulgence of the Honorable Lagman. To facilitate the amendments, we have decided to do it per sponsor of the amendment. So, after the Honorable Romualdo, Mme. Speaker, we will give time to the Honorable Lagman for his amendments by his leave.

REP. LAGMAN. So, we are not adopting the regular process of line by line, page by page.

REP. BONDOC. Yes, Mme. Speaker. We are asking for the indulgence of the Honorable Lagman so that, during his turn, he may also propose all the amendments he sees fit.

REP. LAGMAN. Okay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S). Thank you, Honorable Lagman.

REP. ROMUALDO. May we proceed, Mme. Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S). Please proceed, Honorable Romualdo.

REP. ROMUALDO. Now, Mme. Speaker, we move to propose amendments on page 3, specifically line 3, to use the word COMMODITY in lieu of the word "BUSINESS" between the words "THE" and "OR."

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On line 6, use the word COMMODITY in lieu of the word "BUSINESS" between the words "THE" and "OR."

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. Now, Mme. Speaker, we proceed to Section 3, page 5, lines 12 to 22, and we propose to delete the whole paragraph starting from the word "THE" until the word "interest" and in lieu thereof, to insert a new paragraph which will read: IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY MAY ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE A METHODOLOGY FOR SETTING RATES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS, INCLUDING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE REGULATED PUBLIC SERVICE. THE RATES MUST BE SUCH AS TO ALLOW THE RECOVERY OF JUST AND REASONABLE COSTS AND A REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC SERVICE TO OPERATE VIABLY. THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY MAY ADOPT ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF INTERNATIONALLY-ACCEPTED RATE-SETTING METHODOLOGY AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE AND WILL PROMOTE EFFICIENCY. THE RATE-SETTING METHODOLOGY SO ADOPTED AND APPLIED MUST ENSURE A REASONABLE PRICE OF THE COMMODITY OR SERVICE. THE RATES PRESCRIBED SHALL BE NON-DISCRIMINATORY.

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On line 23 of the same page 5, we propose to insert a new paragraph which shall read as follows: THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT BE INTERPRETED AS MANDATING RATE REGULATION AND AMENDING OR REPEALING (1) LAWS PROVIDING A DEREGULATION POLICY, SUCH AS REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 7925,

8479, 9136, AND 9295; AND (2) REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THESE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES TO DEREGULATE RATES.

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On Section 6, page 7, line 17, to insert the words MAXIMUM DAILY between the words “THE” and “FINE,” and delete the phrase starting with the words “UP TO” between the words “OF” and “FIVE” so as to read: “THE MAXIMUM DAILY FINE OF FIVE MILLION PESOS SHALL BE...”

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On page 8, under Section 7, Administrative Cost Recovery Mechanism, on line 17, we propose to extend the portion to be deleted, after letter (i), to include the last two paragraphs under Commonwealth Act No. 146, starting from the word “This” up to the figure “1963.”

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On Section 9, page 8, line 25, we propose to delete the phrase “business or service” between the words “person” and “classified.”

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On line 29, delete the phrase “business or service” between the words “person” and “shall.”

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. On line 31, we propose to insert a new paragraph, which shall read as follows: NO FRANCHISE, CERTIFICATE, OR AUTHORIZATION GRANTED BY THE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES SHALL BE (1) EXCLUSIVE IN CHARACTER, (2) FOR A LONGER PERIOD THAN FIFTY YEARS, AND (3) GRANTED EXCEPT UNDER THE CONDITION THAT IT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT, ALTERATION, OR REPEAL BY CONGRESS WHEN THE COMMON GOOD SO REQUIRES.

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. Finally, Mme. Speaker, on Section 10, page 9, line 1, we propose to delete the number “2” between the words “Section” and “of” and in lieu thereof, we insert the number “1.”

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. Those are all our individual amendments, Mme. Speaker.
Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Jose “Lito” L. Atienza Jr. for his amendments.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

We only have one amendment. We propose that on Section 13 (b), between the words “canal” and “irrigation system,” to insert the words PUBLIC MARKETS.

REP. YAP (A.). We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, there is an omnibus motion for the approval of the amendments proposed by the Honorable Romualdo and Honorable Atienza.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Hon. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. LAGMAN. I am ready now, Mme. Speaker, to introduce my individual amendments.

In Section 1 on Public Utility, page 1, line 6, between the words “THAT” and “OPERATES,” to provide the word OWNS. Consequently, as amended, the provision shall read: “PUBLIC UTILITY” REFERS TO A PERSON THAT OWNS, OPERATES, MANAGES AND CONTROLS FOR PUBLIC USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. YAP (A.). Mme. Speaker, with deep regrets to our distinguished and esteemed colleague, the Committee regrets that it cannot accept the amendment because to do so would actually make the Commonwealth Act more restrictive than the Constitution itself. Mme. Speaker, the Constitution speaks of restrictions on the operation of a public utility. It does not talk of any prohibition based on ownership, but only on the operation of the public utility. So, where the Constitution does not distinguish, the Committee feels that we should not do so here, especially as the case has been ruled in 1995 in *Tatad vs. Garcia*, where a distinction between the ownership of the assets of a public utility and the operation thereof had already been made.

So, Mme. Speaker, with deep regrets, the Committee will not accept this amendment.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Before we put this issue to the floor for voting, may I be allowed the opportunity to justify my proposed amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Yes, Mme. Speaker, we yield the floor to the Honorable Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please proceed, Honorable Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. It is not true, Mme. Speaker, that the Constitution does not provide for ownership of public utilities with respect to the citizenship requirement. The Constitution provides both for ownership and operation of public utilities wherein the public utility concerned must satisfy the citizenship requirement of at least 60 percent of the capital stock to be owned by Filipino citizens for corporations, partnerships and associations. With respect to sole proprietorship, it should be a Filipino who should own, operate, manage and control a public utility.

We cannot understand why ownership, as a concept, is not being considered in the definition of "public utility." Ownership is a paramount element of a public utility. In fact, ownership is antecedent to management, operation and control of a public utility. There is neither rhyme nor reason to disregard, obliterate or trivialize the fact of ownership of public utility. If ownership of a public utility is being discarded in this definition, then, our suspicion that the purpose of this measure is to allow foreign ownership of public utility is confirmed because no less than, during the interpellation, the distinguished

Sponsor had said and admitted that public utilities can be owned by foreigners, in defiance of the constitutional prescription of a citizenship requirement.

I appeal to the Body to vote down the rejection of my proposed amendment, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, we thank the Honorable Lagman for his manifestation and solicit other amendments from the distinguished Gentleman.

REP. LAGMAN. May I beg your pardon, Dep. Majority Leader, Mme. Speaker.

My amendment was rejected by the sponsoring Committee. I was given the opportunity to explain my amendment, and I am asking the Body to reject the position of the sponsoring Committee and instead, approve my individual amendment. That is the parliamentary status of this particular measure.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, we will now divide the House.

Those who are in favor of the amendment of the Honorable Lagman shall say *aye*. A *nay* vote sustains the objection of the Sponsor.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are in favor of the proposed amendment of the Honorable Lagman, please say *aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are against, meaning those in favor of the stand of the distinguished Sponsor, please say *nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The *nays* have it; the amendment is lost.

REP. LAGMAN. Let me go to my second amendment, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please proceed.

REP. LAGMAN. Still under Section 1, on page 2, after line 12, add the following:

(4) COMMON CARRIERS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF CARRYING OR TRANSPORTING

PASSENGERS OR GOODS OR BOTH BY LAND, WATER OR AIR.

(5) TELECOMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING CABLE, TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE, BROADCASTING, INTERNET AND A LIVE NETWORK FACILITY AS COVERED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 546, DATED JULY 23, 1979 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7925, AMONG OTHERS.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Is this acceptable to the distinguished Sponsor?

REP. YAP (A.). Mme. Speaker, with deep regrets, we cannot accept the amendments proposed by the Honorable Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. May I request, Mme. Speaker, in view of the rejection of my amendment, the opportunity to explain the same.

REP. GULLAS. We yield the floor to the Honorable Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please proceed, Honorable Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, for the longest time, transportation or carriage companies and telecommunications enterprises are considered public utilities. No less than the distinguished Sponsor admitted this during the interpellation. There is no cogent reason they should not be included in the enumeration of public utilities under Section 1 of the Bill. I submit, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status is that there was a proposed amendment by the Honorable Lagman which was opposed by the Sponsor. I therefore move that we divide the House.

An *aye* vote sustains the amendment of the Honorable Lagman, and a *nay* vote supports the objection of the Sponsor.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The *nays* have it; the proposed amendment is lost.

REP. LAGMAN. Let me go to my third and last amendment, Mme. Speaker.

On page 4, Section 2, Certificate of Authority, lines 16 to 26, to delete the bracketed portion in the provision, and in lieu thereof, provide the following: 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—let me underscore this—IS OWNED BY SUCH CITIZENS, NOR SHALL SUCH FRANCHISE, CERTIFICATE, OR AUTHORIZATION BE EXCLUSIVE IN CHARACTER AND FOR A LONGER PERIOD THAN FIFTY YEARS. NEITHER SHALL ANY FRANCHISE OR RIGHT BE GRANTED EXCEPT UNDER A CONDITION THAT IT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT, ALTERATION, OR REPEAL BY THE CONGRESS WHEN THE COMMON GOOD SO REQUIRES. THE STATE SHALL ENCOURAGE EQUITY PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC UTILITIES BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN INVESTORS IN THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY PUBLIC UTILITY ENTERPRISE SHALL BE LIMITED TO THEIR PROPORTIONATE SHARE IN ITS CAPITAL, AND ALL THE EXECUTIVE AND MANAGING OFFICERS OF SUCH CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION MUST BE CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

This is a verbatim restatement of Section 11, Article XII of the Constitution, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. YAP (A.). Mme. Speaker, considering that this is already a restatement of the Constitution, and there is no attempt by the Committee to disturb the prohibitions enunciated in our Constitution, with our highest respect and deepest regrets, the Committee must reject the proposed amendment of the Honorable Lagman, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.
Honorable Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker, may I be allowed to explain my proposed amendment.

REP. GULLAS. We yield the floor to the Honorable Lagman, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please proceed, Honorable Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker, I cannot understand why the very provision of the Constitution cannot be incorporated in the proposed Bill, unless there is a surreptitious reason this constitutional provision should not be adopted. It should be recalled that this amendment was triggered by the fact that a similar provision in the Public Service Act is sought to be deleted under Section 2 on Certificate of Authority.

I submit, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Congressman Lagman.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status is that the proposed amendment of the Honorable Lagman was declined by the Sponsor.

I move that we divide the House. An *aye* vote sustains the amendment of the Honorable Lagman while a *nay* vote shows that we stand by the Sponsor's objection to the amendment.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The *nays* have it; the proposed amendment is lost.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. As expected, my proposed amendments would be rejected and the Body will support the sponsoring Committee. The distinguished Sponsor and this Representation have agreed that I should be allowed to propose my amendments and

explain the same for purposes of record because this will not be the end of this Bill. If ever this is enacted into law, it could be challenged before the Supreme Court for being violative of the Constitution.

Why cannot we wait for the economic provisions to be amended properly by a constituent assembly or by constitutional convention? Why do we have to amend the Constitution by mere legislation?

We also agreed, Mme. Speaker, that I will not challenge the quorum despite this sparse attendance this afternoon.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker; thank you, distinguished Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Honorable Lagman.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, there being no more individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5828

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, while we await the amended copy of the Bill so that we can give it to the Honorable Lagman, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 5828.

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

REP. YAP (A.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, honorable Sponsor, Rep. Arthur Yap.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6016 *Continuation*

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, under the Unfinished Business, I move that we continue the consideration of House Bill No. 6016, as contained in Committee Report No. 325, and reported out by the Committee on Trade and Industry.

I move that we direct the Secretary General to read only the title of the Bill.

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6016, entitled: AN ACT REGULATING THE ISSUANCE, USE AND REDEMPTION OF GIFT CHECKS, GIFT CERTIFICATES AND GIFT CARDS.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that we are in the period of amendments.

I move that we recognize the Hon. Ferjenel G. Biron, MD.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Biron, the distinguished Sponsor, is recognized.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

REP. BIRON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

I move for the approval of the following Committee amendments to House Bill No. 6016, otherwise known as the Gift Check Non-Expiry Act, as per Committee Report No. 325, submitted by the Committee on Trade and Industry:

On page 1, after line 21, under Section 4 on Definition, Mme. Speaker, to insert a new paragraph to read as follows: A GIFT CHECK, GIFT CERTIFICATE, AND GIFT CARD SHALL BE SOLD AT A MINIMUM DISCOUNT OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) FROM ITS FACE VALUE BY THE JURIDICAL ENTITY WHO ISSUES OR SELLS THE GIFT CHECK, GIFT CERTIFICATE, AND GIFT CARD FOR WHICH CONSUMER GOODS OR SERVICES WILL BE EXCHANGED: *PROVIDED*, THAT SUCH GIFT CHECK, GIFT CERTIFICATE, AND GIFT CARD SOLD AT A DISCOUNT SHALL NOT BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF GROCERIES.

This particular amendment was proposed by the Hon. Lito Atienza.

2. On page 1, line 22, the title of Section 5, "Coverage," is hereby amended to read EXCLUSION FROM COVERAGE. The new Section 5 shall read as follows: " SECTION 5. *EXCLUSION FROM COVERAGE*. – A gift check, gift certificate, and gift card that is issued to a consumer under an award, loyalty or promotional program is not covered by this Act."

3. On page 2, line 9, Section 7, to insert a new paragraph to read as follows: *PROVIDED*, THAT IN CASE OF (A) OR (B), THE HOLDER OF THE GIFT CHECK, GIFT CERTIFICATE, AND GIFT CARD HAS THE OPTION TO NOTIFY THE ISSUER WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF SUCH LOSS, MUTILATION OR DEFAACEMENT THROUGH A NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT. AFTER PRESENTATION OF PROOF OF PURCHASE, OR UPON VERIFICATION WITH THE RECORDS OF THE ISSUER, THE ISSUER SHALL REPLACE THE LOST, MUTILATED OR DEFACED GIFT CHECK, GIFT CERTIFICATE, AND GIFT CARD CONTAINING THE REMAINING BALANCE THEREOF: *PROVIDED FURTHER*, THAT SUCH REPLACEMENT SHALL NOT IMPOSE ANY ADDITIONAL COST TO THE CONSUMER.

4. On page 2, line 15, a new SECTION 9 shall be inserted to read as follows: SECTION 9. *TRANSITORY PROVISION*. – UPON THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, ALL GIFT CHECKS ALREADY ISSUED SHALL BE COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. HOLDERS OF UNUSED AND UNEXPIRED GIFT CHECKS SHALL, AT NO ADDITIONAL COST, BE ENTITLED TO AVAIL OF REPLACEMENT AFTER REVALIDATION BY THE ISSUER.

5. The succeeding sections will be renumbered accordingly.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move for the omnibus approval of the proposed amendments by the Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendments are approved.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, with no Member wishing to introduce any more individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 6016, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are in favor of approving House Bill No. 6016,

as amended, entitled: AN ACT REGULATING THE ISSUANCE, USE AND REDEMPTION OF GIFT CHECKS, GIFT CERTIFICATES AND GIFT CARDS, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6016, AS AMENDED,
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 6016 is hereby approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6221
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 6221, contained in Committee Report No. 360, as reported out by the Committee on Population and Family Relations, and Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6221, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Chairperson of the Committee

on Population and Family Relations, the Hon. Sol Aragones, for her sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Hon. Sol Aragones is recognized.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. ARAGONES

REP. ARAGONES. Mme. Speaker, fellow Representatives of the Filipino people, ladies and gentlemen.

I invite you to look at your hand. Look at your five fingers. Imagine your thumb having a very big wound so big that only the skin is holding it from falling off. What do you do? Do you cut off your entire hand? Or do you find ways to treat the wound on the finger? Imagine that wound on your thumb to be the opposition to the proposed national ID system. Privacy? Fake cards? Identity theft? Fraudulent transactions? Discrimination? The list goes on. Imagine the rest of your four fingers to be simplified processes in public services, reduction of redundancy and delay in government services and transactions, elimination of multiple government identification system, reduction in administrative costs and expenses, promotion of greater convenience to the public, facilitation of private business, identification of fraudulent transactions and misrepresentations, and prevention of the use of false or stolen identities.

Mme. Speaker, dear colleagues, fellow Filipinos, I rise today as the Chairperson of the House Committee on Population and Family Relations, as the Representative of the Third District of Laguna, and one of the Sponsors of House Bill No. 6221, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM or FilSys.

Napakatagal na po na panukala, na matagal na hinihintay ng mga Pilipino na magkaroon ng isa, hindi dalawa, hindi tatlo, hindi napakaraming ID, pero hanggang sa ngayon, wala pa ring nangyayari. Nauunahan na po tayo ng takot na kesyo ganito, kesyo ganiyan, kaya ayun, putol ang ating kamay nang dahil lamang sa takot sa sugat ng hinlalaki. Ang kailangan ng nagbabagong panahon ay tapang, hindi takot, na harapin ang lahat ng mga hamon, na ang pinakamalaki rito ay kung papaano pagsisilbihan ng ating gobyerno ang lumolobong populasyon ng ating bansa.

This is one of the objectives of FilSys, a single, unified, and streamlined national identification system that seeks to, and I quote:

simplify processes in public services, reduce redundancy and delay in government services and transactions, eliminate multiple government identification system, bring

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down administrative costs and expenses, promote greater convenience to the public, facilitate private business, identify fraudulent transactions and misrepresentations, and prevent the use of false or stolen identities...

To again quote the Bill, the FilSys shall:

provide a valid proof of identity and an efficient official identity verification of all citizens of the Republic of the Philippines.

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It shall gradually synchronize and consolidate all existing government-initiated identification systems into one integrated identification system.

The idea of a national identification system is nothing new. Proposals have previously been deliberated in this very Chamber, but nothing came out of them. Why? According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, our population will grow by almost 50 percent in less than 30 years. This is 142 million Filipinos who all need access to education, health and our financial systems. How do we simplify the bureaucracy and make it easier for our people to transact with our government? How do we provide a secure means for our citizens to do business with the private sector in an age where identity theft will soon become as commonplace as purse snatching?

In other countries around the world, national identification systems have helped address these concerns. This is particularly true in India which has the most extensive, sophisticated national ID system on the planet. With 1.1 billion users, Aadhaar has helped Indian citizens get loans, obtain employment, and transfer money all across India. The Indian model is so successful that it has prompted the chief economist of the World Bank to say, and I quote, "It could be good for the world if this became widely spread." In addition to this, the World Bank's World Development Report in 2016 said that "a digital identification system such as India's Aadhaar, by overcoming complex information problems, helps willing governments to promote the inclusion of disadvantaged groups."

Today, around 99 percent of adult Indians possess an Aadhaar ID that connects them to 84 government services, and it helps the Indian government to efficiently implement the world's biggest food distribution and welfare program. What began as an ambitious program in 2009 that required a sizeable investment on the part of the Indian government is now paying dividends, as Aadhaar is estimated to save the Indian government \$2 billion a year—savings that could reach as much

as \$7 billion by 2018. India's comprehensive national ID system was not without its critics, but it should be pointed out that India's current Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, wants to expand the program—even if he initially opposed it before he was elected to his current post.

So, again, I repeat the question: Why do we not have our own version of a national ID system or more importantly, why should we have our very own version of a national ID system?

First, as I illustrated beforehand, we know it can work. The success of Aadhaar in India has prompted other countries to take a look at their system and replicate it in their respective nations. There is abundant proof that the benefits of these national ID systems far outweigh their inherent risks. Kung kaya po ng iba, aba, ay kaya rin natin. Second, we now have two national agencies who can help ensure that the FilSys is secured: the Department of Information and Communications Technology and the National Privacy Commission. Section 8 of the Bill clearly defines their roles:

to provide technical assistance in the management of the system owing to the primary mandate of upholding data privacy and instituting safeguards in the processing of personal data of citizens while allowing for the free flow of information without compromising the security of such personal data.

May mga ahensiya ng gobyerno na magbabantay sa seguridad ng ating mga datos.

Third, we have the Data Privacy Act of 2012, a law that protects the privacy of individuals while ensuring free flow of information to promote innovation and growth; regulates the collection, recording, organization, storage, updating or modification, retrieval, consultation, use, consolidation, blocking, erasure or destruction of personal data; ensures that the Philippines complies with international standards set for data protection. Establishing the FilSys does not water down this law; on the contrary, the earlier passage of this law provides us with legal weapons necessary to punish those who unlawfully use the information in FilSys. May batas na magbabantay sa seguridad ng mga datos. The fact is, we cannot allow the risks that accompany new technologies to deter us from adopting them. Neither should we allow fears of government abuse to dissuade us from adopting measures that, if properly implemented, can benefit 100 million Filipinos and Filipinos yet unborn.

These concerns, ladies and gentlemen, fellow Representatives of the Filipino people, Mme. Speaker, will be addressed by proper safeguards, the kind of safeguards that had been put in place in House Bill No.

6221. For example, Section 13 provides “Protection Against Unlawful Disclosure of Information/Records.” It clearly states:

no person may disclose, collect, record, convey, disseminate, publish, or use any personal data registered with the FilSys, give access thereto or give copies thereof to third parties or entities, including law enforcement agencies, national security agencies, or units of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), except in specific instances.

The section further states:

the unauthorized or unlawful processing, disclosure, collection, recording or use of any information registered with the FilSys shall be punishable under all applicable laws, including R.A. No. 10173. Any information obtained as a result of unlawful acts previously mentioned shall be inadmissible in any judicial proceedings and cannot be held against the holder of the FilID or the other person involved.

Furthermore, Section 14 clearly enunciates the “Safeguards on the Filipino Identification System (FilSys).” It tasks the PSA with instituting “the necessary measures to safeguard the information provided in the FilID,” in coordination with the DICT and the NPC:

to ensure the implementation of organizational, physical, and technical security measures designed to address attendant risks, including the preservation and accessibility of personal data and the protection thereof against natural dangers such as accidental loss or destruction, and human dangers such as unlawful access, fraudulent misuse, unlawful destruction, alteration and contamination.

The Bill also mandates all implementing agencies “to uphold the provisions of R.A. No. 10173 and other existing laws to ensure data protection and guarantee respect for the right to privacy throughout the whole process and accord all Filipino citizens registered under the FilSys their rights as data subjects, as provided for under R.A. No. 10173.” For monitoring purposes, the NPC will be tasked to regularly conduct a privacy impact assessment on all relevant implementing agencies.

It bears stressing that, going back to the Indian model, in five years, there has been no incident of misuse of Aadhaar biometrics leading to identity theft and financial loss. Mahatma Gandhi, probably the most popular Indian of all time, said this a long time ago, “Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” Higit

sa lahat, ang pagbabago na ito, na mula sa ating mga sarili, ay tapang, hindi takot, na gamutin ang sugat kahit gaano kalaki. Huwag po tayong pumayag na maputulan ng kamay.

Mme. Speaker, colleagues, fellow Filipinos, we have before us an opportunity to once again make a huge difference in the lives of our people. It will come in a package that can fit in your pocket, kasya po ito sa balsa, a small ID that will have a huge impact in the way Filipinos conduct their affairs.

Based on the foregoing, I humbly ask for your support for this measure and call on Congress to pass House Bill No. 6221.

Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Honorable Aragonés.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Lady from Bataan, the Hon. Geraldine B. Roman for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Roman is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. ROMAN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, this humble Representation would like to express her support for this Bill that has been waiting for the longest time to be approved. There is an existing need, and we all recognize this. Under the present system or the lack of it, and precisely, this is the problem—there is a lack of a unified system that will address the needs of the Filipino people.

Under the present system, there is a myriad of IDs that bring, I suppose, unnecessary costs and a burden to the people. It gives way to falsification, inefficiency, confusion and error. There is a solution, we have the solution in our hands, and this solution is already being successfully implemented in other nations. There are many benefits, to name a few, the ones that were mentioned by the Chairperson of the Committee on Population and thus, there is a strong need to pass this Bill. But of course, Mme. Speaker, when the period of amendments comes, I would like to propose, and I have the intention of proposing certain amendments, specifically those that will address the causes of concern of some of our colleagues here with regard to certain personal conditions, and in particular, to religious, political and philosophical affiliations. I will introduce them, Mme. Speaker, when the period of amendments comes.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Honorable Roman.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF H.B. NO. 6221

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 6221. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF
H.B. NOS. 6239 AND 2290
ON SECOND READING

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following measures:

House Bill No. 6239, as contained in Committee Report No. 361, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 5 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, TO BE KNOWN AS "ORMOC FLASH FLOOD MEMORIAL DAY"; and

House Bill No. 2290, as contained in Committee Report No. 362, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JULY 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PASIG TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ANNIVERSARY DAY OF PASIG CITY."

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Notes of each Bill be considered as the sponsorship speeches on the measures.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against

the measures, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

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

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

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

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

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF
H.B. NOS. 6239 AND 2290
ON SECOND READING

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move for the omnibus approval of House Bills No. 6239 and 2290 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are in favor of the approval of House Bills No. 6239 and 2290, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

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

House Bills No. 6239 and 2290 are hereby approved on Second Reading.*

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we proceed to the Privilege Hour.

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

The Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri of the Third District of Bukidnon to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Zubiri is recognized. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZUBIRI

REP. ZUBIRI. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, my dear colleagues, after several weeks of attending budget hearings and deliberations, I have noticed that most of our infra projects are primary and secondary roads, and bridges and other mega structures. The majority of our DPWH's P640-billion budget is geared towards the development and maintenance of these roads and bridges. The DA has allocated a mere six billion pesos for farm-to-market roads. As per record, our barangay roads are only at 6.8 percent paved or developed while our primary and secondary roads and bridges are already between 80 to 90 percent. Hence, the disparity is quite obvious and needs to be addressed.

The fact is that 56 percent of our nation's population live in rural areas and up to this day, majority of our rural folks are still not enjoying the benefits that our brothers and sisters in the urban areas have. As we all know, our government's thrust is inclusive growth and rural development. Hence, thinking out of the box or unorthodox methods may be needed to address this concern. May I suggest a method of "building from within," meaning, the development of needed infra projects such as roads, post-harvest facilities, warehouses, et cetera, should be built within the center radiating outward towards the secondary and primary roads that connect to urban areas. Only after this will our brothers and sisters in the barangays feel true inclusive growth. Matagal na po sila naghinhintay, marami po sa kanila ang umaasa sa atin sa pagbibigay ng mga proyekto na ito. Nakatulong na po tayo pero kulang pa po. Kung rural growth ang gusto natin, doon po tayo magbuhos sa kalagitnaan ng ating mga barangay. It may take a five, 10, 15 or even a 20-year plan. Yes, it is a gargantuan task but if we start now, we will eventually finish sooner than later.

How many times have we seen main roads being built, destroyed and rebuilt again? I, since childhood, have seen these happening in different towns and cities across the country numerous times, while majority of our barangays have never even tasted a square inch of cemented roads. Thus, I speak on behalf of those who have put me here and on behalf of those thousands of barangays that have not tasted proper development. Let us start now but with a different twist. I am sure that majority of our department secretaries and financial managers understand the need for this. Let our barangay folks be the labor force for these projects. Let them work hand in hand in unison with the LGUs and government departments.

Sa aking mga kapatid dito sa Kongreso, hinihingi ko po ang inyong tulong para sa proposal na ito. Alinsunod dito, ako po ay naghain ng panukalang batas, House Bill No. 6154, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR BARANGAY ROADS AND OTHER LOCAL ROADS. Kung gusto po natin ng kapayapaan, ito po ang magbibigay ng isang malaking solusyon para dito.

My dear brothers and sisters of this House, if we want peace, let us keep our rural folks busy and make them build their own tomorrow, their future. Help me in this quest for long-lasting peace.

Mabuhay po tayong lahat. One nation, one people, united. God bless us all. Mabuhay po tayo.

Marami pong salamat, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Congressman Zubiri.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Zubiri to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the Privilege Hour.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5828

Continuation

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill 5828 and direct the Secretary General to read only the title of the Bill.

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

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. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Sponsor, the Hon. Arthur C. Yap.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Hon. Arthur Yap is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status is that we have closed the period of amendments. Therefore, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5828, as amended, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 5828, as amended, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5828, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5828, as amended, is hereby approved on Second Reading.

REP. ROMUALDO. Mme. Speaker.

REP. GULLAS. I move that the Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Romualdo is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, I would just like to manifest my desire to be a coauthor of House Bill No. 5828, and I request the approval of the Body that I be made a coauthor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). What does the Chairman say? Is this acceptable to the Sponsor?

REP. YAP (A.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Is this acceptable, the proposal?

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, distinguished Sponsor.

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR *Continuation*

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The honorable Deputy Speaker Pia Cayetano is recognized. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CAYETANO

REP. CAYETANO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

One of the most common reasons women are unable to continue breastfeeding is they have to return to work. To address this, Republic Act No. 10028, which I sponsored when I was in the Senate, provides for mechanisms to make breastfeeding more accessible to working women. The said law, likewise, declares the month of August as National Breastfeeding Month in order to promote breastfeeding, which is also the reason I am delivering this speech.

Allow me to begin by showing photos of women, Members of Parliament, from other countries in the performance of their legislative duties.

(Video presentation)

This is Kirstie Marshall, a member of the Victorian Parliament State in Australia. Ms. Marshall brought her 11-day old daughter to work and decided to breastfeed her right inside the session hall, but the Sergeant-at-Arms promptly escorted her out, saying that Ms. Marshall had violated parliamentary protocol by bringing in an “unelected member” inside the chamber, namely her 11-day-old daughter Charlotte. Take note that the incident occurred over 10 years ago in 2003. At that time, it provoked a storm of debates about the rights of babies and women returning to work. In the next photo is Argentinian MP Victoria Donda Perez. A lawyer and women’s advocate, she never had second thoughts about breastfeeding her eight-month-old daughter Trilce inside Parliament whenever the latter got hungry. This photo of her even went viral and was met with much praise online. This was in 2015. This now is MP Unnur Brá Kon.ráðs-dóttir of Iceland. She was breastfeeding her six-week old daughter inside the session hall, which was allowed, when she was called upon to deliver her party’s position on a bill being debated on the floor. A colleague volunteered to hold her baby right before she approached the podium, but Ms. Unnur politely refused the offer. She would later explain in an interview that bringing her baby to the podium was the “least disruptive option for her at that moment.” Otherwise, her newborn would have cried loudly and interrupted the chamber’s proceedings. Finally, we have Queensland Senator Larissa Waters. She had just returned to work last May upon ending her maternity leave and is seen here proudly breastfeeding her two-month-old daughter Alia Joy inside plenary. Last year, the Australian Parliament amended its rules to allow female lawmakers to nurse their infants inside the chamber, and the Senator was the first to benefit from the new rule. So, the issue had actually come full circle in Australia, dating back to that infamous incident in 2003, which I presented to you at the beginning of my speech, where MP Kirstie Marshall and her baby were led out of Parliament for doing a most natural human act: a mother breastfeeding her baby. These women MPs delivered a powerful message and, consciously or unconsciously, have become role models for other nursing moms in their respective countries.

Mme. Speaker, I showed these photos to illustrate how breastfeeding in the workplace has come to be considered normal and acceptable in many countries. Our law, in fact, RA 10028, provides for breastfeeding mechanisms so that they are more accessible to working women. Mme. Speaker, I showed these photos to illustrate exactly this happening inside parliament, an institution traditionally dominated by men, and here,

we must also stand up and show that women’s right to breastfeed are also respected.

I would like to show you the photo of a breastfeeding room in the Senate for its nursing women employees. I refer to “employees” because at that time we set it up, there had not been a female Senator who was nursing. This was a project I initiated with the Senate GAD Committee, and here is my photo with some nursing employees who used the room to express their milk and to store the same in a refrigerator that we had set up there. We are also pleased to note that the Senate breastfeeding room is widely used not only by our employees, but also by resource persons who come to attend the hearings, and this is because we have signs in all floors pointing to the location of the nursing room.

While breastfeeding initiation rates in the country have markedly improved over the last decade, there is still much to be done. The DOH and its advocates agree on the aggressive implementation of RA 10028 or the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009, and Executive Order No. 51 or the National Milk Code, in addition to the passage of certain bills which are pending. Also, RA 10028 which, as mentioned, this Representation authored, mandated breastfeeding rooms to be set up in public places and workplaces, while allowing paid lactation breaks at work to allow nursing mothers to express and store their milk. Additionally, breastfeeding should continuously be integrated in the maternal health programs of national and local hospitals; likewise, setting up human milk banks and encouraging community-based breastmilk donations, and holding feeding programs for young children.

Mme. Speaker, we have many Members of Congress who have breastfed their babies. May I thus put forward that our rules clearly allow women Members of Congress to breastfeed on the floor while session is ongoing. We likewise have thousands of House of Representatives women employees, some of whom are of reproductive age. Unfortunately, when my office checked with the medical department, we were informed that there is only one breastfeeding room for the entire House of Representatives population, and this is located in the Medical and Dental Building near the North Wing Gate. I visited this place and sadly, the room is so small that it can only accommodate one breastfeeding mother at a time, and it is located inside the clinic which is really not the most ideal place for a woman to breastfeed or to express her milk. May I thus put forward, again, the proposal that we set up more breastfeeding rooms in at least two locations and in such a way that would really promote breastfeeding. May I also likewise encourage my fellow honorable Members of Congress to allow their nursing employees to use their offices to express their milk as well as to give them ample time to do so, which is actually a requirement of the law.

Society acknowledges and respects a woman's unique ability to give birth to a child, but it is high time that we give the same respect to breastfeeding. No jokes, no whispering behind our backs, but solid and unconditional support for this amazing gift that women have—to feed and raise our babies.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Honorable Cayetano.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the honorable Deputy Speaker Cayetano to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Honorable Zarate who wishes to avail of the privilege hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate is recognized. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, sobra tatlong buwan na po na nakapiit ang Obispo ng Iglesia Filipina Independiente ng Ozamiz City na si Bishop Carlo Morales. Hinuli po siya noong ika-11 ng Mayo kasama ang kanyang asawa at driver, kasabay ng paghuli ng isang consultant ng National Democratic Front of the Philippines na si Rommel Salinas. Noong sila po ay hinuli, Mme. Speaker, ay kasagsagan ng muling nanunumbalik na usapang pangkapayapaan ng gobyerno ng Pilipinas at ng National Democratic Front of the Philippines. Panahon ito kung kailan sumilip ang banaag ng pag-asang matutugunan na ang ugat ng halos kalahating siglo nang digmaang sibil sa ating bayan, ngunit, Mme. Speaker, tila hindi ito ang nais ng ilang puwersa ng estado. Ipinakita ng pulis at militar ang kanyang kawalang-pagpapahalaga sa usapang pangkapayapaan, katarungan at karapatang sibil ng mamamayan sa pagdakip nila kay Bishop Morales, sa kanyang asawa at sa driver ng simbahan. Tinaniman pa sila ng armas at bomba upang bigyang katuwiran ang kanilang pagkakakulong. Habang si Rommel Salinas naman, kahit na protektado mula sa pagkadakip sa bisa ng Joint Agreement on

Safety and Immunity Guarantees or JASIG bilang isang consultant sa usapang pangkapayapaan, ay ikinulong din.

Mme. Speaker, si Bishop Morales, bukod sa pagiging lider ng Aglipayan Church or ng Iglesia Filipina Independiente sa Ozamiz City, ay isang kilalang peace advocate at taga-pagtanggol ng karapatang pantao sa rehiyon. Isang malaking kabalintunaan, burak sa mukha ng hustisya, ang paratangang siya ang nagbibitbit ng mga baril at bomba kaya siya ay marapat daw na ikulong. Ang simbahan, Mme. Speaker, at ang mga kagawad nito ay may obligasyon na magkaloob ng santuwaryo sa mga nangangailangan nito, siya man ay isang refugee o politically persecuted. Hindi dahilan ang pagkakasama ni Bishop Morales at ng isang miyembro or consultant ng NDFP upang sila ay sama-samang dakpin. Tila wala nang sagrado, wala nang kaparaanan ang batas o due process sa ating mga kapulisan at maging ng kasundaluhan. Mme. Speaker, ang pagkakahuli at patuloy na pagkakakulong ni Bishop Morales ay patunay ng pamamayagpag ng mga hayok sa digma at kalaban ng tunay na kapayapaan. Nakakabahala, Mme. Speaker, na tila kaugalian na ang pagtatanim ng ebidensya kung ito ay talaga namang wala. Totoo ito sa kaso ni Bishop Morales at totoo rin ito sa iba pang mga mamamayan.

Halimbawa na lamang ay itong mapaminsala na giyera laban sa droga ng kasalukuyang administrasyon. Humandusay sa isang eskinita kamakailan lang ang 17-anyos na bata na si Kian delos Santos matapos pagbabarilin ng kapulisan dahil siya raw ay nanlaban. Ngunit sa salaysay ng mga saksi, pinahawak lamang ito ng baril at pinatakbo ang umiyyak na binatilyo. Kasuklam-suklam, Mme. Speaker, ang ganitong mga kuwento ng pagtatanim ng ebidensya at tahasang kawalan ng hustisya. Bilang mga Mambabatas, dapat natin itong maring kondenahin, pigilan at tutulan.

Mme. Speaker, maraming mga simbahan sa loob at labas ng bansa tulad ng National Council of Churches in the Philippines, the World Council of Churches, the Christian Conference of Asia and the United Church of Canada, ang nananawagan ng agad at kagyat na pagpapalaya kay Bishop Carlo Morales at ang pagkondena sa kanyang pagkakakulong. Ang higit tatlong buwan niyang pananatili sa likod ng mga rehas ay hindi lamang pagkakait sa kanya ng hustisya pero dama ng kanyang mga nasasakupan ang pagkawala ng kanyang mahalagang papel bilang propeta at pastol. Kawalan rin ang kanyang sigla at ambag sa pagsusulong ng usapang pangkapayapaan. Ang ipinagkait sa kanyang kalayaan ay dagok rin sa sistema ng hustisya ng ating bansa.

Kaya, Mme. Speaker, ang Kinatawan pong ito, kasama ang aking mga kasamahan mula sa Makabayan bloc, ay nananawagan muli ng kagyat na pagpapalaya kay Bishop Carlo Morales ng Iglesia

Filipina Independiente ng Ozamiz City. Ang mga hiyas tulad ni Bishop Morales, ang mga tagapagtanggol ng kalayaan at karapatang pantao, kapayapaan at demokrasya, ang mga bilanggong pulitikal, ay dapat ibangon natin mula sa libingan ng mga buhay. Muli, Mme. Speaker, palayain si Bishop Carlo Morales ng IFI-Ozamiz City. Palayain ang mga bilanggong pulitikal. Ang peace talks, ituloy.

Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Honorable Zarate.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move to refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Zarate to the Committee on Rules.

I so move.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Teves is recognized.

Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TEVES

REP. TEVES. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Good afternoon to everybody. Finally, matagal ko na rin itong hinihintay, matagal ko na itong request. Anyway, I rise here again today because I would like to ask for everybody's help na tulungan natin na at sana masuportahan natin at mabigyan ng funding iyong Bureau of Customs.

What am I trying to drive at? Ang daming nasabi sa hearing ng Customs tungkol sa smuggling, tungkol sa corruption, tungkol sa droga. In the course of the discussions, I was thinking, anong solusyon sa lahat ng ito? Ang nakita kong solusyon, 100 percent, ay X-ray. Lahat ng papasok sa Pilipinas, sa lahat ng port natin, kailangan dumaan sa X-ray. Initially, ang kailangan daw ay 20 X-ray machines. One X-ray machine is \$2.5 million and converted to pesos, that is P125 million, times 20, that is P2.5 billion. Ipagpalagay na lang natin, huwag lang tayo maglagay ng 20 at para mas mabilis, lagyan natin ng 200 X-ray machines para wala nang lusot. Sa lahat ng ports sa Pilipinas, may X-ray machines, may extra pa kung may masira or sirain, at may double redundancy pa kung kinakailangan.

What does the P25-billion investment translate to? Our current Customs target collection is P460 billion. Sa pagkaalam ko, if we do 100 percent X-ray, we can collect up to P600 billion, and that is P140 billion over our target. Let us take out our puhunan of P25 billion at technically, kumita pa ang gobyerno ng P115 billion on the first year alone. In the following year, kita na lahat iyong extra P140 billion.

Kahit sino sigurong negosyante, maliit o malaki, sa ganitong computation, sa tingin ko, ay magbibigay ng pera para investment. Lalo na siguro tayo, pag-isipan natin ito. Kung i-push natin ito na maka-100 percent X-ray ang ating gobyerno, malaki ang kikitain natin at mawawala ang smuggling, mawawala ang korupsiyon, at kahit ang pagpalusot ng droga ay mawawala, or kung hindi man, kahit maibsan lang.

What else would I like to suggest? In fact, I already wrote a letter to the President to this effect. Ang lahat ng X-ray ay ikabit natin sa Internet, viewable by anybody 24/7, real time. Sa ganoong paraan, hindi nila puwedeng sirain iyong X-ray dahil sa pag-view natin, makikita natin bakit iyong screen na ito hindi na gumagana o wala nang makita. Sa ganoong paraan, there is transparency at wala nang makakalusot. Sana lang ang sinabi ko ay mapakinggan ng lahat. Sana nabasa ng Presidente iyong sulat ko, at sana lang ay huwag natin ito iiwan sa isang privilege speech, kung hindi gawan na natin ng paraan na mangyari ito at sa ganitong paraan, tayo ay makakatulong sa lahat.

Maraming salamat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Honorable Teves.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Arnolfo Teves to the Committee on Rules.

I so move.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago of KABATAAN Party-List.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago of Kabataan Party-List is recognized. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ELAGO

REP. ELAGO. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker. Ang Representasyon na ito ay tumitindig ngayong araw para sa kahalagahan ng aktibong pakikialam,

pag-alam, pakikilahok at pangunguna ng mga kabataan sa Lakbayan ngayong taon. Ito ay kaugnay ng ating pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika at Pambansang Araw ng mga Bayani ngayong buwan ng Agosto.

Kahapon lamang, sa ating paggunita sa Pambansang Araw ng mga Bayani ay kasabay ang ating pag-alala sa Sigaw ng Pugad Lawin na siyang naghudyat ng pagsisimula ng pakikidigma para sa kalayaan ng mga Katipunero laban sa kolonyalismong Espanyol. Ito ay di lamang araw ng paggunita sa katapangan ng ating mga bayani noon at ngayon pero ito rin ay nagsisilbing inspirasyon sa mga kabataang Pilipino. Inspirasyon natin ang tapang, ang tatag, ang sigasig ng ating mga bayaning sina Francisco Dagohoy, Diego at Gabriela Silang, Andres Bonifacio, Gregoria De Jesus, Jose Rizal at Emilio Jacinto, hanggang kina Lean Alejandro, Lilia Hilao, at libu-libong mga kabataan na lumaban sa diktadurya noong martial law, hanggang sa mga bayani ng bagong panahon, dahil ang kasaysayan ng Pilipinas ay kasaysayan na naiguhit ng mga kabataan at mamamayan na handang lumaban para sa bayan.

Walang pinipiling edad ang paglaban at pagsisilbi sa bayan na kagaya nila. Higit sa inspirasyon, naturuan tayo ng ating mga bayani na kumilos, at ang aral na ito ay nananatiling makabuluhan hanggang sa ngayon. Sapagkat hindi lamang mga mananakop at diktador ang nais labanan magmula noong himagsikan nila Bonifacio hanggang sa mga people power protest, kung hindi ang laganap na kagutuman, ang kahirapan, pang-aapi at paglabag sa karapatang pantao. Alam natin na magpasa-hanggang ngayon, Mme. Speaker, ito pa rin ang mga suliraning ating kinakaharap at ang payo sa atin ng mga inspirasyon nating bayani ay kumilos at maglingkod sa bayan.

Ang ating mga bayani ay naging modelo kung ano ang pakahulugan ng pagiging makabayan. Higit ito sa respeto at pagmamahal sa bandila o sa mga simbolo ng nasyonalismo. Naituro nila sa atin na ang nasyonalismo ay ang aktibong paglaban sa anumang uri ng pang-aapi at pananakop. Kung buhay sina Gabriela, Andres o Heneral Luna ngayon, sa tingin po ba ninyo ay hahayaan nilang manatili sa Pilipinas ang mga tropa ng ibang bansa na walang pakundangang nagtatapon ng toxic waste sa ating mga baybayin? Kung buhay sila ngayon, hahayaan na lamang ba nilang pumasok ng Pilipinas, sa ating bayang Pilipinas ang mga hindi pantay na tratado at kasunduan na nagbubukas sa ating ekonomiya sa dikta ng pandaigdigang merkado? Hahayaan ba nila ang kabi-kabilang pamamaslang at paglabag sa karapatang pantao?

Sa palagay ko po, alam ninyong “hindi” ang sagot sa mga tanong na iyan. Alam ko na ang sasabihin ni Heneral Luna sa mga tanong na ito dahil ang kanilang mga karanasan ay mga aral na higit sa panunumpa sa watawat. Ang nasyonalismo ay ang aktibong pagtatanggol sa ating soberaniya. Kung buhay sila

ngayon, alam ko, alam nating magiging kasama sila sa mga panawagan ng mamamayan para sa tunay na reporma sa lupa, sa pambansang industriyalisasyon at sa reoryentasyon ng pamahalaan mula sa pagiging negosyo tungo sa tunay na pagbibigay ng serbisyo. Ito ang tatak ng nasyonalismo na nais nating sundan at maisabuhay ng mga kabataan at ng mga susunod pa—nasyonalismong higit pa sa bukung bibig ang pagiging makabayan na nangangailangan ng aksyon.

Mga kababayan, Mme. Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, hayaan ninyo akong magbahagi hinggil sa mga bagong bayani ng ating panahon na buong sigasig na naglakbay pa mula sa malalayong mga lugar sa iba’t ibang lalawigan, ang mga Lakbayani. Sa darating na Huwebes, ang kanilang pagdating dito sa Maynila ay para sa pagtatambol ng kanilang mga isyu at panawagan ngayong Lakbayan 2017. Ang Lakbayan ay isang porma ng panggigiit ng mga pambansang minority sa kanilang karapatan para sa sariling pagpapasya. Ngayong taon, higit tatlong libo na mga pambansang minority ang maglalakbay sa ilalim ng bandila ng alyansang Sandugo. Ang Sandugo ay ang alyansa ng mga katutubo at Bangsamoro. Ito ang pangalawang pagkakataon na magsasanib puwersa ang mamamayang Moro at mga katutubong Pilipino papuntang Metro Manila ngayong Agosto hanggang Setyembre.

Ang mga pambansang minority ay binubuo ng mga mamamayang Moro at mga katutubo. Dumaranas sila ng pambansang pang-aapi at paglapastangan sa kolektibong karapatan sa lupang ninuno at mga teritoryo sa kanilang paglaban para sa kanilang sariling pagpapasya. Ang mga pambansang minority ay maituturing nating espesyal na sektor sa lipunan dahil sa kanilang dinaranas na pambansang pang-aapi. Sa ngayon, mayroong 153 etnolinggwistikong grupo ang bumubuo sa pambansang minority. Nahahati sila sa mga mayor na grupo sa mga rehiyon tulad ng mamamayang Moro, mamamayang Lumad, mamamayan ng Cordillera at Aggay, ang Kalinga at iba pang mga grupo sa Hilagang Luzon; Aeta ng Gitnang Luzon; Dumagat; Mangyan at Palawan hill tribes ng Timog Luzon; at ang Tumandok at Ati ng Panay sa Visayas.

Nakararanas ang mga pambansang minority ng pagtanggap at paglapastangan sa karapatan nilang malayang itakda ang kanilang pang-ekonomiya at pangkulturang pag-unlad at sariling pampulitikang kaayusan. Ang ganitong kalagayan ay makikita sa pandarambong sa likas na yaman sa loob ng mga lupang ninuno at mga teritoryo, makasaysayang pagpapabaya at pagkakait sa mga serbisyong panlipunan, hindi pagkilala sa kanilang sariling kultura, pambabalahura at maling representasyon sa katutubong kultura at identidad, at gayundin ang institusyonal na diskriminasyon. Ngayong taon, irerehistro nila ang mariing pagtutol sa napakatinding atake sa mga komunidad ng mga Moro at mga katutubo, partikular sa pagpapatupad

ng batas militar sa Mindanao at ng all-out war. Ito rin ay pagpapahinto sa mga patakaran sa patuloy na pang-aagaw at paninira sa mga lupang ninuno at mga teritoryo ng mga pambansang minoritya. Nilalayon din na makakuha ang pambansang minoritya ng mahigpit na pakikiisa at malawak na suporta mula sa iba't ibang sektor ng lipunan para sa mga kahilingan at pakikibaka ng mga pambansang minoritya na bahagi ng pambansang demokratikong pakikibaka ng mamamayang Pilipino.

Mme. Speaker, sa katunayan, sa kanilang paglalakbay mula sa iba't ibang mga lalawigan, sila ay patuloy pa rin na nakakaranas ng harassment, lalo na iyong mga nauna na dito sa Maynila, ang mga nag-bakwit mula sa Mindanao na sa kasalukuyan ay mayroong bakwit school dito lang sa may UP Diliman International Center. Kagabi, may dalawang police mobile mula sa QCPD ang nagbabantay doon sa labas. Noong sila ay nilapitan ng mga miyembro ng Lumad schools, mga guro at ilan sa mga estudyante, nagtanong sila kung bakit nandoon ang mga police mobile na iyon pero walang maayos na maisagot sa kanila, walang substansyal na sagot, at hanggang sa humantong na lang na napaalis itong mga police mobile dahil na rin hindi na makatulog iyong mga participant noong mga bakwit school, hindi na makatulog iyong mga nandoon na naka-in-house sa UP Diliman International Center sa takot, dahil na rin sa trauma na kanilang naranasan sa patuloy na atake, hindi lang sa kanilang mga eskuwelahan doon sa Mindanao kung hindi sa kanilang mga komunidad at sa kanilang mga buhay.

Mme. Speaker, ang kanilang paglalakbay tungong Maynila ay sa halos papatapos na rin na buwan ng Agosto, ang pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa, ang Filipino. Ayon sa puno ng Sentro ng Wikang Filipino at Pambansang Alagad ng Sining, si Virgilio Almario, ang pambansang wika ay wikang mapagbago dahil sa mabilis, tuloy-tuloy at dinamikong pag-unlad at pagyabong nito sa pamamagitan ng pang-araw-araw na paggamit at sa mga iba pang paraan ng paggamit nito batay sa lugar at sitwasyon. Aniya, ang pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa ay may layuning pataasin ang kamalayan hinggil sa iba't ibang mga wika ng Pilipinas. Ang tinatawag na mga wika ng Pilipinas ay ang iba't ibang wikang katutubo na sinasalita sa ating buong kapuluan.

Ang wikang pambansa ang wika na sa atin ay nagbubuklod sa pambansang saklaw. Ang wikang pambansa ay ang ating wika ng pagkakaisa. Inaanyayahan namin ang lahat ng mga Mambabatas, mga lingkod-bayan, ang publiko, mga kabataan, mga estudyante mula sa iba't ibang mga sektor na ating maipamalas ang pagsalubong at pagsuporta sa mga Lakbayani sa kanilang pagdating sa August 31 ngayong darating na Huwebes.

Sabay-sabay nating bigkasin ang wika ng pagkakaisa: Pagkakaisa sa pagkilos at paglaban! Buksan natin ang pintuan ng ating mga opisina, mga

eskuwelahan at komunidad para makipagtalakayan sa kanila at alamin kung bakit sila ay natulak maglakbay para sa kanilang mga paninindigan. Palawakin at palakasin pa natin ang kilusang nagbibigay ng suporta sa Lakbayan at nagsusulong ng karapatan, at nagtatakwil sa mapagsamantalang kaayusan, at nagbubugso ng progresibo, at makabuluhan na pagbabago. Lumahok sa Lakbayan youth network na siyang magiging alyansa ng mga organisasyon, mga konseho, mga publikasyon sa mga paaralan at maski sa mga komunidad, bilang suporta sa Lakbayan 2017. Kasama ang mga Lakbayani, ipagpapatuloy natin ang mga nasimulan, palalawakin natin ang paglaban, at sa sama-samang pagkilos, lilikha tayo muli ng kasaysayan at hahakbang tungo sa magandang bukas. Tungkulin nating gampanan ito araw-araw, hindi lamang sa buwan ng Agosto.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker. Mabuhay ang ating mga bayani, ang mga martir ng ating bayan, ng ating lipunan at rebolusyong Pilipino. Mabuhay ang mga di-pangkaraniwang nag-aalay ng kanilang talino, ng kanilang talento, oras at lakas para sa pag-aambag sa pagkamit ng karapatan at kagalingan ng mamamayan para sa ganap na kalayaan at kapayapaan sa ating bayan.

Maraming salamat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Representative Elago.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme., Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Hon. Sarah Jane Elago of KABATAAN Party-List to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Next to avail of the Privilege Hour, Mme. Speaker, is the Hon. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao of ANAKPAWIS Party-List.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Representative Casilao of ANAKPAWIS Party-List is recognized. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

REP. CASILAO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Habang binabanggit ng aking kasama sa Makabayan, si Cong. Sarah Elago, ang mga bagong bayani ng

ating mga pambansang minority na sa kasalukuyan ay naglalakbay mula Luzon, Visayas at Mindanao at paparating ngayong Agosto 31, ang aking paksa naman po ng aking talumpati ay ang kasalukuyang nagkakampo na mga Lakbayani mula sa rehiyon ng CARAGA. Libreng pamamahagi ng lupa, tunay na reporma sa lupa at pangisdaan, at kaunlaran sa kanayunan ang panawagan ng mga Lakbayani na mga magbubukid at mangingisda mula sa rehiyon ng CARAGA.

Mme. Speaker, mga kasamang Mambabatas, mainit na pagbati.

Sa kasalukuyan, inilulunsad ng mga magsasaka, mangingisda, katutubo at iba pang rural-based sectors ang kanilang Lakbayan ng Maralitang Magsasaka at Mangingisda ng CARAGA Region, at sila ngayon ay kasalukuyang nakakampo sa paanan ng Mendiola upang idulog ang kanilang mga hinaing kay Pangulong Duterte.

Gaya ng ibang rehiyon sa Mindanao, ang CARAGA ay tahanan at kabuhayan sa napakaraming magsasaka o mga sektor ng ating kanayunan. Sa mahigit 2.5 milyong populasyon, ayon sa Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA 2015: 2,596,709), tinatayang nasa 75 percent (PSA 2000) ang nakabase sa kanayunan o tinaguriang rural population. Sa halos isang milyong employed nito, mahigit 380,000 o 35 percent ang nakabase sa agrikultura (PSA 2015) at umaasa sa agrikultura, kaya isa kada tatlo na naghahanap-buhay sa rehiyon ay magbubukid o tinatayang 1.5 milyong mamamayan ang umaasa sa pagsasaka para mabuhay (sa family of 5).

Ang napakaraming mamamayan sa rehiyon ay nakalugmok pa rin sa kahirapan at kagutuman, Mme. Speaker. Ito ay pangunahing bunga ng kawalang lupa at iba pang pagsasamantalang piyudal at mala-piyudal. Biktima rin sila ng kawalan o kakulangan ng suporta mula sa ating gobyerno mula sa kagamitan sa pagsasaka, sa irigasyon, sa puhunan at iba pang pangangailangan. Mayorya ng mga magsasaka sa rehiyon ay maralita o iyong mga may maliit na parsela ng lupa, mula sa sukat na .05 hectare to one hectare, at mga walang lupa na nakiki-kasama o tenant lamang at nakikisaka, o mga manggagawang bukid. Gayunpaman, napakalawak ng lupang nasa kontrol ng iilan tulad ng 2,500 ektarya na kontrolado lamang ng iilang pamilya, at sampu-sampung libong ektaryang kontrolado ng mga malalaking korporasyon o agri-plantation ng mga malalaking negosyo ng dayuhang agro-korporasyon.

Biktima pa rin ang mga magsasaka ng piyudal na pagsasamantala tulad ng 50-50 na sagot pa ng mga magsasaka ang gastos, o 60-40 pabor sa may-ari ng lupa, o fixed na upang 12 hanggang 15 sako ng palay kada ektarya, at may mataas pang hatian na 30 kabang palay.

Dagdag dito ang mga mala-piyudal na pagsasamantalang pambabarat sa kanilang produkto, Mme. Speaker: sa kopra ay P38 kada kilo; sa buong niyog ay pitong piso hanggang P10 kada kilo; sa palay,

P16 hanggang P18 kada kilo; sa oil palm ay may P4,000 kada tonelada o pitong piso kada fresh fruit bunch na dating dalawa hanggang tatlong piso lamang; sa abaka naman ay P52 kada kilo; sa saging ay limang piso at ito po ang klaseng latundan; at hanggang P10 para sa lakatan kada kilo. Ang mga presyong takdang ito ay hindi nakakasapat dahil ang inputs, mga kagamitan o makinarya ay binabayaran ng mga magsasaka sa mas mataas na presyo. Tinatayang kailangan ng magsasaka ng puhunang P15,000 hanggang P22,000 para sakahin ang isang ektaryang palayan para sa isang cropping season sa rehiyon. Dahil wala namang puhunan ang mga magsasaka, alipin siya ng usura at nagtitiis magbayad ng interes ng 30 percent o P1,300 sa kada P1,000 intutang kada cropping season; o interes na 50 kilong palay na papatak ng halos 90 percent; o tubong lugaw na 170 percent sa 150 kilo. Samakatuwid, magpautang lamang ang panginoong maylupa o usurer ng isang milyon kada cropping season sa maraming mga magsasaka, siya ay maaaring kumita na ng interes na P900,000 hanggang P1.7 milyon nang walang kapagod-pagod, Mme. Speaker. Sa kabilang banda, ang mga magsasaka na siyang nagsakripisyo para sakahin ito, alagaan nang mabuti at anihin ang mga produkto, ay siya namang nababaon sa utang, kahirapan at kagutuman.

Tinamaan din ang mga mangingisda sa rehiyon ng masamang epekto ng Fisheries Code amendments o Republic Act No. 10654 dahil malaki ang ipinapataw na buwis sa lahat ng kagamitang pangisda ng mga maliliit na mangingisda tulad ng bangka, sagwan, pukot, bingwit, flashlight at iba pa, habang ang mga malalaki at karaniwang ilegal na nangingisda o commercial fishing vessel ay nanatiling nakatakas at ligtas sa mga parusang ito. Ang RA 8550 o Fisheries Code, sa kalaunan, ay malaking dagok lamang sa maralitang mangingisda dahil hindi naman napaparusahan ang mga malalaki at mga ilegal. Ang kombinasyon ng pagkasira ng dagat bunga ng pagmimina at pagtatalaga ng mga fish sanctuary ay todong nagpaliit sa municipal fishing waters kung kaya ang epekto nito sa mga maliliit na mangingisda ay pagliit ng huli at pagbagsak ng kitang maiuwi sa kanilang mga pamilya, kasunod nito ang palalang kahirapan at ang kakambal na kagutuman.

Mme. Speaker, ayon po sa National Anti-Poverty Commission, pumapalo sa 35 percent ang poverty incidence o mga pamilyang kumikita ng hindi tataas sa P9,064 kada buwan sa Rehiyon ng CARAGA, na umaakma sa bahaging naghahanap-buhay sa kanayunan. Kasama rin ang rehiyon sa Cluster 2 na sumunod sa poorest Cluster 1, ayon sa Philippine Statistics Authority, noong 2015. Samakatuwid, mahigit 900,000 mamamayan o 180,000 pamilya sa rehiyon ang nagtitiis mamuhay sa P60 kada araw. I-nota rin natin, ayon mismo sa gobyerno, na ang pinakabulnerable sa kahirapan ay ang sektor ng mga magsasaka, mangingisda at kabataan.

Mme. Speaker, mga kapwa mambabatas, sana ay maisalarawan natin sa ating mga puso at isipan ang kadusta-dustang kalagayan ng mga magsasaka at mangingisda ng CARAGA Region. Kaya ang masang magsasaka sa rehiyon ay natutulak nang ipaglaban ang kanilang karapatan, nag-organisa sa sarili at kongkretong inilulunsad ang pagtatanggol sa kanilang mga karapatan sa lupa at kabuhayan. Sa kanilang paggampan sa mga demokratikong karapatan para mag-organisa, magpahayag at mapayapang mag-assemblya, sila naman ay inaatake ng mga puwersa ng gobyerno, pangunahin ang AFP at PNP at ang mga alipores nitong mga paramilitar na grupo.

Huwag nating kalimutan, Mme. Speaker, na sa darating na 1 ng Setyembre ay ang ikalawang anibersaryo ng Lianga massacre sa Surigao del Sur, kung saan pinatay si G. Emerito Samarca, ang Executive Director ng alternative school na ALCADDEV lumad school at mga lider-lumad na si Dionel Campos at Datu Juvello Sinzo. Ang pangunahing suspect sa karumal-dumal na krimeng ito ay mga kasapi ng Magahat-Bagani na paramilitar na grupo na nakapailalim sa 36th Infantry Battalion ng Philippine Army. Sa ilalim ng martial law ng Mindanao, Mme. Speaker, naging biktima ng extrajudicial killing ang lider-magsasaka na si Meliton Catampungan, Chairperson ng Nagkahiusang Mag-uuma sa Surigao del Norte o NAMASUN na pinatay sa bayan ng Alegria sa Surigao del Norte noong Hulyo 10 nitong taon. Nagpapatuloy din ang malawakang militarisasyon sa mga komunidad ng mga magsasaka, harassment sa mga aktibista at pagsampa ng gawa-gawang kaso sa mga lider ng people's organization ng CARAGA Region.

Mme. Speaker, mga kasamang mambabatas, sa mga sistematikong nararanasan ng masang magbubukid ng CARAGA, sila ay natulak maglunsad ng kanilang lakbayan, para itambol ang kanilang mga isyu, mga problemang kinakaharap, gayundin ang kanilang mga kahilingan at panawagan. Bilang Kinatawan ng ANAKPAWIS na kumakatawan sa masang magsasaka sa buong bansa, buong tiwala kong ipinapahayag sa loob ng Kongreso sa layuning maantig ang mga Miyembro ng institusyong ito upang gumawa ng mga hakbang para sa tunay na pundamental na reporma para sa kanilang kapakinabangan. Hinihikayat ko ang mga kasama kong Mambabatas na ibukas ang kanilang mga tanggapan upang sila ay pakinggan at tulungan sa kanilang mga hinaing. Sa pangkalahatan, hinihikayat ko, bilang Kinatawan ng mga mamamayan, na dinggin natin ang kanilang panawagang libreng pamamahagi ng lupa, tunay na reporma sa lupa at pangisdaan, at paggalang sa kanilang mga demokratikong karapatan at kapayapaan.

Mme. Speaker, mga kasamang Mambabatas, ako ay umaasa para sa interes ng mga magsasaka at mangingisdang Lakbayani mula sa CARAGA Region.

Maraming salamat at mapagpalayang gabi sa inyong lahat!

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Representative Casilao.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao of ANAKPAWIS Party-List to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara from the Third District of Nueva Ecija. I move that she be recognized for her privilege speech.

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

Rep. Rosanna Vergara is recognized.

Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VERGARA

REP. VERGARA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, kagalang-galang na mga kapatid ko sa Kongreso, mga kaibigan. Magandang gabi po. I stand here today to ask for sobriety, for calm, and for action on the part of our honorable House to fully support an unbiased, truthful and independent investigation on the death of Kian Loyd Delos Santos. I do not approve of the actions of the Caloocan PNP. However, lest we be quick to pass judgment on all PNP personnel, we must not forget that the actions of these PNP men in Caloocan do not represent those of the entire organization. Today in the newspapers, in social media, even in our conversations with family and friends, we blame the arrogance and ruthlessness of these men in blue for the relentless extrajudicial killings as well as for the failure to stem the scourge of drugs as though they, the PNP, are the root cause for the unabated proliferation of drugs in our country.

I am sure many of us initially had similar reactions—shock, indignation, disbelief and shame over the news of a 17-year old boy shot dead by three policemen. Media and our own propensity to magnify and intensify that which is the worst in our society is one of the causes of our outrage. Like Mrs. Delos Santos and most of the women legislators here I, too, am a mother with children aged 21 and 18. I can only imagine the pain she must feel, the sense of hopelessness, anger, confusion, dread. How is it possible that in a blink of an eye, her beloved son is dead? A son with no prior

arrest, no criminal record, one who dreamed of someday becoming, ironically, a police. Why? How? Who is to blame? Did she neglect him by working abroad to give her family a better future? Could this terrible event have been avoided if she had been a more protective mother? Questions that can never be answered, for no matter what the answer is, the truth remains: Kian is dead.

Still we need to find rationality in the midst of despair, to search for the truth amidst the pain. As legislators, it is our sworn duty to uphold and protect the lives of all Filipinos, including the men and women of the PNP. While the PNP is being portrayed as an organization that no longer follows the rule of law, it would be a great disservice to condemn and denounce the PNP indiscriminately because of the EJKs in our country. The action of a handful of PNP personnel must not be considered as representative of the entire organization. We have lost good honorable policemen, too, fighting criminality, the war on drugs—some, because they lacked proper equipment, insufficient firearms, no bulletproof vests, these men paid with their lives. These men like PO3 Marlon Francisco, SPO2 Randy Lebrilla, Senior Inspector Freddie Solar, Police Inspector Mark Gil Garcia to name a few, and countless others are now unfortunately seen as men deserving of their fate because of the actions of “wayward, lawless men that belong to the PNP.”

At a time when moral outrage and public indignation are high, I ask that we do not be swayed by public opinion or any one opinion. We must see the bigger picture—we must try to understand the situation which includes more than what is immediately apparent. The role of the police force is to enforce the law, protect citizens and preserve order, even if in our country rogue police have been doing otherwise; and just as good policemen do their duty, we as legislators must in turn do ours.

Sa panahon natin ngayong lagapan ang panghuhusga sa kapwa, mahalagang isaisip natin na ang kadalasang nagiging sanhi ng pananamlay ng tiwala sa mga kawani ng gobyerno ay ang kawalan natin nang pakialam sa mga nangyayari sa ating kapaligiran. “History repeats itself endlessly, for those who are unwilling to learn from the past.” We must come together, we must be vigilant. We must pass urgent legislation that will send a strong signal to all in government positions, especially those in law enforcement who are tasked to keep peace and order; and that when they violate this sacred trust, the full weight of the law will definitely fall upon them.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

God bless the Filipino people!

Good evening.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Representative Vergara.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Rosanna Vergara to the Committee on Rules. I so move.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado of the First District of Bulacan. I move that we recognize him for his privilege speech on Buwan ng Wika.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Sy-Alvarado is recognized. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SY-ALVARADO

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Sa ating Floor Leader, sa ating lahat, “Maligayang Wika at Maligayang Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa”!

Mga kasamahan ko sa marangal na bulwagang ito, ako ay humihiling sa inyo na samahan ninyo ang aking panawagan, suportahan natin ang patuloy na pakikibaka para sa ating wikang pambansa. Nakikiusap ako na ating pag-aralan at isabatas kung paano higit na mapapaunlad ang wikang Filipino. Bilang mungkahi, hinihiling ko ang pagbuo ng lupon na mag-aaral kung papaano maisasama ang iba’t iba pang mga lengguwahe sa Filipino. Gawin natin na tunay ngang wikang pambansa ito ng iba’t ibang lugar sa ating bansa—at sa iba’t ibang lugar sa ating bansa ay napakaraming lengguwahe na nakapaloob sa mga sumusunod na wikang rehiyonal: Aklanon, Bicolano, Cebuano, Chavacano, Hiligaynon, Ibanag, Ilocano, Ivatan, Kapampangan, Kinaray-a, Maguindanao, Maranao, Pangasinense, Sambal, Surigaonon, Tagalog, Tausug, Waray, Yakan at marami pang iba na bumubuo sa humigit-kumulang na 175 na mga wika at diyalekto dito sa ating bansa. Marapat lamang na mapabilang din ang kanilang mga pangkaraniwang salita sa ating wikang pambansa upang maramdaman nating lahat ang ating pagkakaisa bilang mamamayan ng iisang bansa. Kinakailangang magkaisa tayo nang lubusan sa wika bago pa magkaroon ng pagkakahiwalay na estado kaugnay ng pederalismo. Kung inyong mamarapatin, hinihiling ko din na gawing paksa sa mga aralin sa mga paaralan ang pagtuturo ng mga pangkaraniwang salita at iba’t ibang lengguwahe ng Pilipinas katulad ng nauna ko nang mga nabanggit. Ito ay upang maging pamilyar tayong mga mamamayan sa mga wika at hindi natin maramdaman na tayo ay mga dayuhan sa sarili nating bansa.

Kapag pinag-uusapan ang wikang pambansa, hindi nalalayo ang alaala ni Pangulong Manuel L. Quezon na kinikilala nating Ama ng Wikang Pambansa. Noong nanunungkulan si Pangulong Quezon ay batid niya ang suliranin na dulot ng pagkakaiba ng mga wika sa iba't ibang lugar dito sa ating bansa. "Ang pagkakaiba ng mga wika ay malaking balakid sa pagkakaisa ng mga Pilipino," ani Quezon. Sa katunayan, noong sakop tayo ng mga Kastila, ipinagkait sa karamihan at karaniwang mga Pilipino ang matuto ng kanilang wika. Hinayaan nilang magkakaiba ang wika ng mga Pilipino upang hindi madali ang komunikasyon at mas mahihirapang magkaisa para maglunsad ng pag-aaklas laban sa mga Kastila. Noong tayo ay nasakop ng mga Amerikano, Ingles ang kanilang wikang pambansa. Ang kasaysayan ng pagkakawatak-watak ng mga Pilipino, na ang isa sa mga pangunahing dahilan ay ang kawalan ng tunay na wikang pambansa, ang nagtulak kay Pangulong Quezon, sa tulong ng kauna-unahang National Assembly noong Enero 12, 1937, na maitatag ang Surian ng Wikang Pambansa na ang pangunahing layunin ay pag-aralan ang iba't ibang wika sa Pilipinas at buuin ang wikang pambansa. Bumuo din ng lupon ng mga wika ang Pangulong Quezon at itinalaga si Jaime C. de Veyra na isang Waray bilang tagapangulo. Noong Disyembre 30, 1937, inirekomenda ng lupon na gamitin ang Tagalog bilang pangunahing wikang batayan. Noong 1939, ang Tagalog ay tinawag na wikang pambansa. Upang hindi lumayo ang kalooban ng mga taong hindi nagmumula sa mga lugar na gumagamit ng wikang ito, noong 1959 ay pinalitan ang wikang pambansa at tinawag itong Filipino. Sa Saligang Batas ng 1973, kinilala ang Filipino, kasama ang Ingles, bilang opisyal na mga wika ng bansa. Itinakda din sa nasabing Saligang Batas na patuloy na palakasin ang paggamit at pagyamanin ang wikang Filipino. Sa kasalukuyang umiiral na Saligang Batas, ang Filipino at Ingles pa rin ang opisyal na mga wika ng Republika ng Pilipinas, subalit itinakda na ang Filipino lamang ang wikang pambansa.

Malinaw na makulay ang kasaysayan ng pagkakabuo ng ating wikang pambansa. Dugo at pawis ang puhunan ng mga ninuno nating katulad nila Andres Bonifacio, Jose Rizal, at Marcelo H. Del Pilar na may 167-taong kaarawan bukas, upang makamit natin ang ating kalayaan at kasarinlan na naging daan upang magkaroon tayo ng sariling wikang pambansa.

Marapat lamang na hindi magtapos doon at ang ating pakikibaka ay kailangan pa nating palakasin at payabungin para sa ating wika.

Maraming salamat, mga kasama. Mabuhay ang wikang Filipino! Mabuhay ang Pilipinas! Sa lahat ng bagay ang Diyos ay papurihan!

Maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Representative Sy-Alvarado.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado of the First District of Bulacan to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo of the First District of Lanao del Norte. I move that we recognize him to deliver his speech on the August 2008 MILF attack on Lanao del Norte.

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

Rep. Mohamad Dimaporo of the First District of Lanao del Norte is recognized. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DIMAPORO (M.)

REP. DIMAPORO (M.). *Auzu bilahi minashaytan niraheem. Bismillah hirakman hiraheem.*

Mme. Speaker, Majority Leader, colleagues of the Seventeenth Congress, *assalamalaykum warahmatullah hiwa barakato.*

The purpose of my privilege speech today is my province's unforgettable experience with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the 2008 MOA-AD attack on the municipalities of Kolambugan and Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte. To begin with, Lanao del Norte is a province located in Northern Mindanao and is composed of 22 municipalities, 300,000 hectares, with a population of more than 400,000 that is predominantly Christian and 30 percent Muslim minority. The province prides itself in its culture of peace. The slogan, "The Land of Beauty and Bounty" is used because of its bountiful agriculture and the natural beauty of its tourist attractions. To locals, what is distinctly beautiful in Lanao del Norte is our culture of unity: the ability for Muslims and Christians to coexist harmoniously with one another. However, when the name "Lanao del Norte" is spoken, the common response is fear, that it is a war-torn province and this is because of the ongoing struggle, with armed conflict between the national government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

The Moro Islamic Liberation Front was established in 1984. The rebellion against the government is based on the ideology that emphasizes independence from the Philippine Republic, an establishment of an Islamic state, and full application of Shariah Law. Their forces were initially small in comparison to their mother organization, the Moro National Liberation Front, but

when the MNLF Final Peace Agreement was signed in 1996, disgruntled members of the MNLF joined the MILF. In addition, the MILF intensified recruitment, established camps and bases, and increased their armaments and ammunition and quickly became the dominant insurgent group in Mindanao.

In 1997, towards the end of the Ramos administration, the government succeeded in signing a ceasefire agreement with the MILF, but in the year 2000, there was an encounter in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte. A military patrol was met with fire from an MILF contingent which resulted in soldiers losing their lives. Then, a few days later, Commander Bravo led more than 500 MILF fighters to occupy the Municipal Hall of Kauswagan and blocked the Iligan-Pagadian National Highway. This prompted President Joseph "Erap" Ejercito Estrada to declare an all-out war. After several weeks of fighting, the all-out war of President Estrada was deemed successful, but many criticized the campaign because, although the military succeeded in capturing the MILF base, they failed to deplete the MILF ranks as a sizable force of MILF rebels went into hiding, and were able to relocate their bases and recruit more fighters. The attack of the MILF on Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte was our first major experience of conflict with this armed group. Commander Bravo and his men made a very clear message to the government that they are capable of occupying government facilities and shutting down vital road networks.

Upon the assumption of the Arroyo administration, the government returned to the negotiation table and discussed a peace settlement with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. In 2008, the peace panel reached a breakthrough on the stalled negotiations and signed the Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain or MOA-AD. The MOA-AD received political backlash. Rallies were held across Mindanao opposing the agreement but in Lanao del Norte, we supported the peace initiatives of the administration. No rallies were conducted throughout the province in contrast to Iligan City. Military intelligence suggested the strong possibility that Iligan City will be attacked by the MILF because of its vocal opposition to MOA-AD. The brigade repositioned their forces as a contingency, and one battalion was dedicated to protect Iligan City and another battalion was dedicated to protect Lanao del Norte.

On August 4, 2008, the Supreme Court issued a TRO against MOA-AD. Rumors in the province spread, of large groups of armed men gathering in the interior municipality of Munai. In response, the Capitol convened the Peace and Order Council on August 7, 2008. The AFP battalion commander assured the council that the military was more than ready in the event that the MILF will attack. He also stated that they were in contact with their MILF counterparts, and that the rumor

of MILF movement in Munai is simply "a training exercise." After a lengthy deliberation, the battalion commander closed the Peace and Order Council with a last statement, "Hindi kayo mamamatay sa giyera, mamamatay kayo sa sobrang stress sa text."

Within 24 hours later, on August 8, 2008, the AFP was proven wrong. The MILF had already converged in Munai which they used as a staging point. At the break of dawn, when enough fighters had massed from Lanao del Sur, they marched down, around 500 heading to the coastal town of Kauswagan, and an estimated 300 crossing the adjacent interior municipality of Tangkal and down to the coastal town of Kolambugan. In Kolambugan, the MILF entered through Barangay Pantar. One of the households to first encounter the MILF was a man in his mid-20s. He thought they were AFP and went out of his house to greet them, only to be greeted in return with assault rifle fire. His sister quickly grabbed her kids and hid under their makeshift house, waiting for the MILF to pass as her brother's blood seeped through their bamboo flooring. The MILF proceeded towards the national highway, burning homes as they passed. One of those houses was burned thoroughly, leaving only the foundation and the white shadow of a couple in front of their altar of Mother Mary. When the people realized that they were under attack, barangay tanods and the PNP scrambled to react. One tanod was able to take down members of the MILF with his firearm until they finally got him. They found his daughter hiding by his side and just like her father, they killed the child by emptying an entire M16 magazine into her body. It tore the six-year old girl in half. Social workers wrapped her body with newspaper and duct-taped it together when she was placed in a casket. In Poblacion, Kolambugan, the MILF raided homes and businesses, looting whatever cash and heirlooms they can find. In one store, they pinned down a mother and her daughter and raped them side by side. As part of their retreat, the MILF rounded up men, women and children and tied them together like animals, and used them as human shields to keep the military at bay. They marched them towards Lanao del Sur. After two kilometers, they released the women and children. Much further into Tangkal, they then released the men.

In Kauswagan, the MILF burned Barangay Tacub to the ground, and indiscriminately opened fire on all civilians. One of the victims was a leader of a senior citizen's organization. He was alone in his home when the fighting erupted. Perhaps, because he was too old or too weak to run, he just locked his doors and stayed home. When the MILF broke down the door, the elderly man tried to run and was quickly sprayed with bullets in the back. He was found face down with the back of his shirt shredded by bullet holes.

These are just a few accounts of what happened when the MILF attacked Lanao del Norte in 2008. The 2008 MILF attack on Lanao del Norte resulted to more than 110,000 families evacuating. From the municipalities of Linamon and Kauswagan, they ran to Iligan City and were accommodated by Mayor Lawrence Cruz. In the towns of Bacolod and Maigo, they were ferried by Gov. Loreto Leo S. Ocampo across Panguil Bay to Misamis Occidental. Those in Kolambugan who had access to the Mukas Port crossed the Panguil Bay by barge and were received in Ozamiz City by Mayor Reynaldo “Aldong” Parojinog. The MILF Central Committee, in response to the attack in Lanao del Norte, did not take responsibility and blamed “lost command.” This prompted the Arroyo government to file cases against responsible MILF commanders, in which warrants of arrests were issued.

This month, August 2017, marks the ninth year since the August 2008 MOA-AD MILF attack in Lanao del Norte. Every year since that dreadful morning of August 8, I remind myself of the lives lost, and the pain and suffering the MILF had inflicted on the people of Lanao del Norte. The 2008 attack of the MILF should never be forgotten. We should not forget how Lanao del Norte supported the peace agenda, but they still attacked the province. We should not forget that they cunningly misinformed their AFP counterparts regarding their conduct of training exercises, yet in actuality, they were massing their forces for a planned attack on Kauswagan and Kolambugan. We should not forget that, although their fight is with the government, they came down from the mountains with the objective to harm innocent civilians.

Now that the administration is tackling the Bangsamoro Basic Law, Congress should start with this premise: Remember what happened to us in Lanao del Norte. Do not blindly trust the MILF Central Committee to have full control over their ground leaders and fighters. With that in mind, I ask that the security of Lanao del Norte be ensured to prevent another recurrence of an MILF attack while the Seventeenth Congress deliberates on the Bangsamoro Basic Law. For this purpose, I have filed three House resolutions in an attempt to ensure the safety and security of my constituents, with the first House Resolution directing the Armed Forces of the Philippines to maintain five battalions in Lanao del Norte for the period that the MILF are active in the Lanao region.

What we have learned from MOA-AD attack is that two battalions are not enough. The MILF were able to succeed because when one battalion was assigned to Lanao del Norte, the area of the province was too wide, making the battalion spread too thin. It was only when five battalions arrived in the province that we were able to push back and maintain the MILF between the boundary of Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur.

The second House Resolution directs the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Philippine Air Force, to convert the Balo-i Airport to an air force base to augment security forces in the Lanao Region. The Balo-i Airport is an idle government facility. It was never used for commercial flights. I will propose to the Department of Transportation to turn it over to the Armed Forces, specifically the Air Force, to further establish security in the Lanao Region.

The third House Resolution directs the Department of Justice to submit to the appropriate Committee a copy of the cases filed against Abdullah Goldiano Makapaar bin Sabbar, aka Commander Bravo, and his warrant of arrest in relation to the 2008 MILF attack in Lanao del Norte. Commander Bravo attacked Lanao del Norte and killed civilians outside the sanction of the MILF Central Committee. There is an apparent grey area in distinguishing a rebel commander and a mass murderer. This Resolution seeks to give guidance to our security forces, the AFP and the PNP, and mandates them to do their duty and bring criminals at large to justice.

In closing, Mme. Speaker, in view of the President’s SONA pronouncement and the opening message of our Speaker in our Second Regular Session that we take up the Bangsamoro Basic Law as priority legislation, I appeal to the Seventeenth Congress to support my House resolutions and for Lanao del Norte to be provided with ample security needed as we debate on the content and constitutionality of the BBL. In the previous administration, the BBL was pushed by saying that the only alternative is war. Let us not let the MILF hostage Lanao del Norte and similar provinces with the concept of war, even as they demand that we approve the BBL untouched and unamended. With these resolutions, should they bring war, we in the government will be prepared to defend our peace-loving citizens. I place our experience of the MILF attack on Lanao del Norte in 2008 and my intent to have Lanao del Norte secured on record for the Seventeenth Congress.

Thank you, dear colleagues, Mme. Speaker.

May God guide us. *Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Hon. Mohamad Dimaporo.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo of the First District of Lanao del Norte to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, currently, we have taken one hour and 30 minutes and so, the Privilege Hour has expired. I move that we extend it for another 30 minutes.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Gary C. Alejano of the MAGDALO Party-List. I move that we recognize him for his privilege speech on the celebration of AFP week.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Representative Gary Alejano of MAGDALO Party-List is recognized. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ALEJANO

REP. ALEJANO. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

My esteemed colleagues and our countrymen, a pleasant evening.

I rise in connection with this year's observance of the Armed Forces of the Filipino People Week. Three years ago, during the Sixteenth Congress, Republic Act No. 10664 was enacted. The said law declared the last full week of August as the Armed Forces of the Filipino People Week in honor of the men and women in our armed forces today and in the past who have relentlessly served our country to fulfill their duty of preserving peace and defending our territory. But the preservation of peace and defense of our territory and the accomplishment of this duty, pose a burden to our military. We, my dear colleagues, as leaders of our nation, have the responsibility to protect their welfare and lighten this burden.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Garin (S.) relinquished the Chair to Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr.

We must continually express and manifest our support to them. We must be committed in protecting their welfare and ensuring that they receive the highest form of respect befitting those who have selflessly responded to the call of service by providing them adequate equipment to effectively and efficiently accomplish their mandate.

Ako po ay naka-uniporme ngayon gaya ng nakaraang taon bilang simbolo ng aking suporta sa ating mga sundalong nagsilbi at nagsisilbi pa sa ating

bayan. Kagaya po ng marami sa ating mga kasamahan, katulad po ni Speaker Pantaleon "Bebot" D. Alvarez, Majority Floor Leader Rodolfo "Rudy" C. Fariñas, at iba pa, kayo po ay aking iniimbitahan na sumanib sa ating Hukbong Sandatahang Lakas ng Pilipinas bilang miyembro ng reserve force.

Inaanyayahan ko rin po ang ating mga kasamahan, maging mga empleyado ng Kongreso, na makilahok sa dalawang araw ng aktibidad na nagsimula ngayong araw upang gunitain ang Armed Forces of the Filipino People Week sa North Wing lobby. Ngayong araw ay nagkaroon po ng blood-letting activity na alay sa ating mga kawal sa Marawi. Mayroon ding Armed Forces of the Philippines Static Display hanggang bukas upang lalo tayong malinawagan sa tungkulin ng ating mga kasundaluhan. Isa rin pong misa ang i-aalay bukas, around 12:30 p.m., para sa ating mga kawal at kanilang mga pamilya lalung-lalo na ang mga nag-alay ng kanilang buhay sa ating bansa.

This is also the opportune time to give honor, appreciation and gratitude to our men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines who responded to the call of duty when the Marawi crisis broke out in May 23. As of today, 130 soldiers had offered the extreme sacrifice and around a thousand had either been wounded or disabled. Huwag po natin silang kalimutan. Pahanggang sa ngayon, hindi pa po tapos ang labanan sa Marawi, at ako po ay nababahala at nangangamba na ang kaguluhan doon ay hindi matatapos sa pagkagapi ng Maute at Abu Sayyaf. May nagbabadyang panganib sa seguridad ng ating bansa dulot ng kamay na bakal na polisiya ng kasalukuyang administrasyon.

At this juncture, the Presiding Officer relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin.

Perhaps, realizing the risks and sacrifices that our soldiers face in defending and maintaining our country's sovereignty, the President during the commencement exercises of the PMA "Salaknib" Class of 2017, promised that the government will reciprocate our soldiers' valor and unwavering courage by providing the military the necessary support and incentives. He also promised during the same event that in two or three years, the armed forces will have flight simulators, radars, support patrol and assault vehicles as well as new surveillance and fighter aircraft so that our troops can better patrol our boarders and guard our seas. To further stress his determination to strengthen and improve the capabilities of our armed forces, the President vowed in his second SONA last July that he will build a stronger and more credible national defense system for our country to address insurgency and terrorism. The policy to strengthen an institution that is laden with a plethora of security problems is indeed laudable and deserves the backing of the Members of this honorable Chamber.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines is continually plagued by a multitude of security problems that pose a challenge in the fulfillment of their mandate, which is, to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of our national territory. Our armed forces has continuously contended with Asia's longest running communist insurgency that has spanned over the term of five Presidents. During the start of the Duterte administration, the attainment of a just and lasting peace seems at hand. However, the constant attacks perpetrated by the New People's Army while the peace talks are ongoing compelled the government to cease with the talks. Aside from contending with the communist insurgents, the armed forces is also tasked to conduct humanitarian assistance in disaster response in support to the NDRRMC and other agencies to mitigate the effects of natural and man-made disasters. This poses a challenge given our country's geographic location wherein an average of 20 typhoons visit us every year. Aside from the local communist insurgents, the armed forces is also expected to combat the rising threat of extremism in foreign ideology, especially in the southern regions of our country. This is more evident in the recent conflict that has enveloped Marawi. The prolonged standoff in Marawi placed a heavy burden to our government. According to the estimates of Defense Secretary Lorenzana, the military operations in Marawi City has cost the government about three billion pesos. That does not include yet the cost of feeding the evacuees for almost three months now, and the losses due to suspended commerce in Marawi. It will further cost our government more than P20 billion to rebuild Marawi.

On the external front, the incessant incursions made by China in our territory poses a big challenge to our military. Just last week, I reported in the plenary the presence of five Chinese vessels two to five nautical miles away from Pag-asa Island. As we all know, Pag-asa Island is the largest occupied island of our country, and it is the seat of the Kalayaan municipal government under the province of Palawan. Marami pang nangyayari, actually sa West Philippine Sea na hindi natin batid dahil sa kasalukuyang istrategiya ng bansa sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa bansang Tsina.

These, my dear colleagues, are the hurdles that our soldiers need to overcome on a daily basis to fulfill their functions as mandated by the Constitution. It is astounding to think that our gallant men and women were able to perform all of these given the minimal support that we in Congress are providing them in terms of funding.

Makatotohanan ba ang pangako ng Pangulo that, by the end of his term, we will have a strong and credible armed forces? Ano ba ang estado ng ating armed forces sa ngayon? The truth is that despite the enactment of Republic Act No. 7898 in 1995 or the Armed Forces Modernization Act, and the passage of Republic Act No. 10349 or the Revised Armed Forces Modernization Act

in 2012, the procurement of crucial defense materials was insignificant and sadly, the Armed Forces of the Philippines still remains among the least capable militaries in the region.

Let us look at our country's defense spending. (*Video presentation*) The table on the screen shows that defense spending of the different Southeast Asian countries as percentage of their GDP. The table shows that Brunei and Singapore allocate more in terms of GDP percentage from among the nations in the ASEAN for their defense, and this is despite the fact that these countries do not need to contend with the kind of threats that our military faces. Ang Pilipinas ay pampito sa 10 miyembro ng ASEAN pagdating sa defense spending as percentage to GDP. The pie chart shows the percentage of defense spending contributed by the different countries in the ASEAN. Again, Singapore accounted for over a quarter of ASEAN's defense spending in 2014, or the equivalent of the spending of Vietnam, the Philippines and Myanmar combined. The average defense spending as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product was 2.2 percent in the ASEAN in 2014, and the Philippines is way below that average with 1.1 percent. The defense capabilities of our country are directed not only at one threat, but at several threats at one time. Hence, it could be likened to a butter spread thinly over too much bread.

Defense spending is not solely about procurement of big-ticket defense materials like ships, aircraft and tanks. In fact, this is the total allocation to defense which include personal services, annual operating cost and capital outlay. It is noteworthy to state that pension for our retired members of the armed forces accounts for about 30 percent of the defense budget. Only a measly 13 percent of the total budget is allocated to the Modernization Program of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Defense of our country is perceived in terms of the state of our defense capabilities and our determination to use these capabilities when the need arises.

Nakakalungkot lamang na marinig natin mula sa matataas na opisyal ng ating gobyerno na hindi natin kayang depensahan ang ating bansa. Such pronouncements not only dampen the will to fight amongst our soldiers, but also destroy our reputation in the defense community.

Bakit nga ba ganito ang estado ng ating armed forces? A little bit of history. When the United States left in 1992 after the US Military Bases Agreement was repealed, the Philippines was left with an armed forces that had very limited capabilities. The armed forces is basically internal security operations-oriented and its territorial defense capabilities amount to almost nothing. Hence, the Philippines embarked on a program to modernize its armed forces. In 1995, Republic Act No. 7898 was passed and this law provided the legal basis for the implementation of the Armed Forces Modernization Program. The Armed Forces Modernization Program

would run for 15 years and would provide the armed forces an amount of P331 billion, with an initial budget of P50 billion for the first five years, to upgrade its capabilities. However, of the expected P331 billion funding for the armed forces modernization, only P35 billion was released to the armed forces after 15 years. The Aquino administration provided an additional P16.9 billion for the same purpose. From this allocated amount, 18 projects worth four billion pesos were completed, including the acquisition of the *BRP Gregorio Del Pilar*, the acquisition of eight brand-new helicopters, and the provision of additional allowance for our soldiers.

It is quite evident that the lack of funds doomed the successful implementation of the modernization program of the armed forces. As I have pointed out earlier, the legislature appropriated only P35 billion or 10 percent of the proposed P300-plus billion to fund the program. Of course, the armed forces is not blameless for the poor implementation of the Armed Forces Modernization Program. Auditors from the COA pointed out that there was slow decision-making on some aspects of the modernization program. Also, there was a lack of personnel dedicated to the administration and management of the program, leading to poor implementation of the modernization program. Furthermore, the present procurement system and the reported corruption of some officials resulted in delays in the acquisition of military equipment.

In 2012, former President Benigno Aquino III signed into law Republic Act No. 10349 or the Revised Armed Forces of the Philippines Modernization Act. It amended Republic Act No. 7898 and extended the military modernization program for another 15 years to boost the armed forces' capability as it aimed to shift from internal security operations to external defense. The law projects to allocate a budget of P75 billion for the first five years. It also institutionalizes the defense system of management. The passage of two modernization laws for the armed forces acknowledges the country's need to modernize the armed forces. The President has expressed his commitment to building a strong, credible armed forces. We in Congress could make this dream come true by pursuing concrete legislative actions, by amending certain laws and providing the armed forces the necessary budgetary support to upgrade and significantly improve their capability.

I would like to cite a number of recommendations in order for us to achieve and realize our aspiration of having a strong and credible armed forces:

1. Increase our defense spending to at least two percent of our GDP. This will amount to around P350 to P400 billion a year until the end of the term of the President. At least P200 billion or 50 percent of the total proposed budget should be dedicated to the modernization program of the armed forces. As I have stated earlier, only around, as of now, P25 billion of the proposed budget is allocated for the Modernization

Program of the armed forces. This will make our armed forces at par with our ASEAN counterparts.

2. We should clarify the delineation of roles between the AFP and the Philippine National Police. It is high time for us to revisit Republic Act No. 8551 or the Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998, specifically Section 3 which places the Philippine National Police only in a supporting role to the Armed Forces of the Philippines when it comes to suppression of insurgency. A transition mechanism must be put in place to capacitate the PNP to take on the ISO role while the Armed Forces of the Philippines slowly focuses on its territorial defense mandate.

3. The current administration has already released its National Security Policy. I hope that this will be translated to a clear National Security Strategy. We, high officials in government, should also have a renewed appreciation of these documents. The National Security Policy (NSP), as per the National Security Council, is a document which contains the statement of principles that sets strategic policy goals and objectives of this administration to attain the state or condition wherein the national interests of the Philippines, the well-being of its people and institutions, and its sovereignty and territorial integrity are protected and enhanced. While the National Security Council lays down in clear terms how to achieve our national security objectives within our available means, the National Security Strategy provides cohesion with regard to the programs implemented by the government in advancing our national interest.

4. It is also high time for Congress to review the provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act and Republic Act No. 10349 or the Revised Armed Forces of the Philippines Modernization Law. According to the Armed Forces of the Philippines, some provisions of these laws hamper the timely acquisition of materials and equipment needed to upgrade the capability of our military. The Defense Department has already conducted a review of the procurement system and we are just waiting for their recommendations to be submitted to Congress.

5. Pension System. This is a ticking time bomb. Once and for all, we need to come up with a pension system to unburden our national budget which is the sole source of the funds for the pension requirements for our uniformed personnel of the country. Without a new law, the government would be constrained in increasing the base pay of our soldiers as it will have an effect of increasing the base pay of the retirees. My proposed bill to address this problem still awaits deliberation in the concerned committee in the House.

Before I end, I would just like to call on the leadership of the Department of National Defense and the Armed Forces of the Philippines to conduct a post-battle stress debriefing to our soldiers coming from the battlefield, particularly, in Marawi. Post-traumatic stress disorder or PTSD is something that we often neglect.

Hindi ito binibigyan ng pansin kahit ang ating mga sundalo ay tahimik lamang na iniinda ito.

Nakakalungkot ang sinapit ng isang aktibong sundalo na si PFC Rodilo Bartolome ng 53rd Infantry Battalion na naka-deploy sa Marawi. Siya ay napagkamalan at nabaril ng mga pulis sa Pagadian City. Kung totoo man ang ulat na siya ay balisa, dapat masusing imbestigahan ito ng Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Behind modern equipment are our soldiers. We should make sure that their welfare are being taken care of because the Modernization Program would amount to nothing with soldiers whose morale is low. The provision of upgraded equipment, combined with the grant of proper services, benefits and entitlements that our troops and their families rightfully deserve, is an appropriate expression of gratitude to the unwavering sacrifices made by the gallant men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

I urge all of you then, my dear colleagues, to support our Armed Forces of the Philippines. They are your armed forces.

Panghuli, nais kong salduhan at pasalamatang lahat ng mga sundalong nagsilbi sa ating bayan mula sa ating mga ninuno na naghimagsik laban sa pananakop ng mga dayuhan hanggang sa kasalukuyang henerasyon. Kayo ay mga bayani na hindi dapat kalimutan.

Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Magandang gabi po sa ating lahat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Cong. Gary Alejano of MAGDALO Party-List.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Hon. Gary C. Alejano of the MAGDALO Party-List to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, the last to avail of the Privilege Hour is our distinguished colleague from the First District of Manila and perhaps, it is fitting that we save the best for last.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Mme. Speaker.

REP. DE VENECIA. I move that we recognize the Hon. Manuel Luis T. Lopez for his privilege speech entitled "Mambo is My Guy."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez from the First District of Manila, I want to know who is "Mambo is My Guy."

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Yes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. LOPEZ (M.)

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Thank you. Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker, Floor Leader, my honorable colleagues, my dear countrymen.

On September 1, my family will celebrate what would be the 82nd birth anniversary of my father, Mel Lopez. We continue to celebrate his life and dedicate ours to preserve and build on his honor. I do not stand here today, however, to speak of him. Perhaps, it is for others to do so. I stand here today to talk about a man my father admired and one whom he took inspiration from.

August 31 is the 110th birth anniversary of President Ramon "Mambo" Magsaysay, one of the Philippines' most beloved and revered Presidents. I want us in these august halls and every Filipino to remember and reflect what President Magsaysay stood for as a person and public servant. It has been 60 years since he passed but his life should continue to be the mirror that we should hold in front of us to see how well or how badly we are living up to our commitments to the Filipino people.

President Magsaysay's sudden death left a void that remains unfilled until now, six decades after that tragic event. He left behind a people who had started to dream of a country that was progressive, financially strong, and rightfully and proudly standing as an equal in the community of nations. Mr. Magsaysay's tenure as President was brief but in those three years, he filled the Filipinos with hope and confidence that we were rebuilding as a country, devastated by World War II, the right way. His words and deeds reassured Filipinos that our democracy, the political system we chose, would be strong, moral, fair and just; that we would have a government that would truly be by the people, for the people and of the people.

Mr. Magsaysay dedicated his presidency to the upliftment and liberation of the poor from poverty and misery. The Magsaysay Credo, which his biographer Dr. Jose Abueva called the "Credo of Servant Leadership," encapsulated his goal of providing every citizen the opportunity, the assistance and the motivation to be better and more productive. It assured them of their government's commitment to respect their rights and always to put their needs, well-being and safety above everything else. The Credo, Dr. Abueva said, spelled out President Magsaysay's "ideas and ideals of leadership, citizenship and democratic governance in relation to society, the nation, and the world." Dr. Abueva described President Magsaysay's style of governance as "transformational leadership," pursuing transforming moral values and ends. The years have not aged what amounted to President Magsaysay's 10-

point compact with the Filipino people nor have the past decades made it passé and irrelevant. A reading of the Credo shows that the President's personal ideas and ideals should actually constitute the yardstick by which all of us public servants should measure ourselves.

Allow me to quote some passages from The Credo that have assumed greater significance as we continue to struggle to find answers to our nation's many problems:

I believe that government starts at the bottom and moves upwards, for government exists for the welfare of the masses of the nation.

I believe that he who has less in life should have more in law.

I believe that the little man is fundamentally entitled to a little bit more food in his stomach, a little more cloth on his back, and a little more roof on his head.

I believe that a high and unwavering sense of morality should pervade all spheres of governmental activity.

I believe in the majesty of the constitutional legal processes, in the inviolability of human rights.

I believe that the President should set the example of a big heart, an honest mind, sound instincts, the virtue of healthy impatience, and an abiding love for the common man.

My esteemed colleagues and fellow citizens, as we mark President Magsaysay's birth anniversary, let us reflect on his example and his accomplishments as a leader and public servant. Let us reflect on how well or how badly we measure up to his ideas and ideals.

I serve and proudly represent the poor district of Tondo, the storied little town outside the old walled city of Manila. Tondo, which fathered and raised and nurtured a countless number of our nation's heroes and leaders in government, business, and the civic sector. Tondo, which now wallows in despair and poverty. Tondo, whose people epitomize the masses, the common man, the little man, the poor that President Magsaysay holds close to his heart, those whom he believes, and we in government should serve.

In these turbulent times in our country, we can draw inspiration, ideas, and strength from the "Man of the Masses" to heal the wounds of our nation, right the

wrongs done through omission and commission, and remind ourselves who are our true masters and why we have been put in this hallowed institution. President Magsaysay should remain the kind of leader and public servant we should all be or aspire to be.

Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.
Magandang gabi po sa inyong lahat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Honorable Lopez.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the honorable Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez from the First District of Manila to the Committee on Rules.

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that all bills approved on Third Reading be transmitted to the Senate for their appropriate action.

I so move.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, August 30, Wednesday, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The session is adjourned until tomorrow, August 30, Wednesday, at four o'clock in the afternoon

Thank you.

It was 8:09 p.m.