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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Speaker Pantaleon "Bebot" D. Alvarez called the session to order.

THE SPEAKER. The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE SPEAKER. Everybody is requested to rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE SPEAKER. Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is directed to call the roll of Members. *(Applause)*

The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 2, dated July 25, 2017:

PRESENT

Abaya	Aggabao
Abayon	Albano
Abellanosa	Alcala
Abu	Alejano
Abueg	Almario
Acharon	Almonte
Acop	Alonte
Acosta	Alvarez (P.)
Acosta-Alba	Amatong
Advincula	Andaya
Agarao	Antonio

Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Campos
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chipeco
Co
Cortes
Cortuna

Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datul
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Estrella
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas
Ferriol-Pascual
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez

Gullas	Revilla	Yu	Zarate
Hernandez	Roa-Puno	Zamora (M.C.)	Zubiri
Herrera-Dy	Robes		
Hofer	Rocamora		
Javier	Rodriguez (I.)		
Kho	Rodriguez (M.)		
Labadlabad	Roman		
Lacson	Romualdez		
Lagman	Romualdo		
Lanete	Roque (H.)		
Laogan	Sacdalán		
Lazatin	Sagarbarria		
Leachon	Sahali		
Limkaichong	Salceda		
Lobregat	Salo		
Lopez (B.)	Salon		
Lopez (C.)	Sambar		
Lopez (M.L.)	Sandoval		
Madrona	Sarmiento (C.)		
Malapitan	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Manalo	Savellano		
Mangaoang	Siao		
Marcoleta	Silverio		
Marquez	Singson		
Martinez	Suansing (E.)		
Matugas	Suansing (H.)		
Mellana	Suarez		
Mercado	Sy-Alvarado		
Mirasol	Tan (A.)		
Nava	Tejada		
Nieto	Teves		
Noel	Tiangco		
Nogralés (J.J.)	Ting		
Nolasco	Tinio		
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tugna		
Oaminal	Tupas		
Ong (E.)	Ty		
Ong (H.)	Umali		
Ortega (P.)	Unabia		
Ortega (V.N.)	Ungab		
Pacquiao	Unico		
Paduano	Uy (R.)		
Palma	Uybarreta		
Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso		
Panganiban	Velasco		
Panotes	Velasco-Catera		
Papandayan	Veloso		
Pichay	Vergara		
Pimentel	Villafuerte		
Plaza	Villanueva		
Primicias-Agabas	Villaraza-Suarez		
Quimbo	Villarica		
Radaza	Villarin		
Ramirez-Sato	Violago		
Ramos	Yap (M.)		
Relampagos	Yap (V.)		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 226 Members responded to the call. (*Applause*)

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. With 226 Members present, the presence of a quorum is hereby declared.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, this Representation ...

THE SPEAKER. Yes, the Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr. is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. ... would like to manifest officially on record that the count of the Secretariat is accurate. (*Laughter and applause*) While he was counting, we were counting and our counts are the same. For that matter, we would like to congratulate the Speaker. (*Applause*) Kayo po ay nagpapakita ng liderato upang ang ating Kongreso, lalung-lalo na ngayon sa pangalawang taon ng ating Ikalabimpitong Kongreso, ay magtrabaho—mag-uumpisa tayo ng trabaho sa tamang hakbang at iyon po ay iyong pagbibigay-galang sa ating quorum sa pamamagitan ng roll call following the Rules of the House. We would also like to give credit to the persistent and sustained effort of the Majority Leader, Rudy Fariñas, for this new development. It is quite new to many of us dahil sanay na sanay na po kami na talagang wala pong roll call hanggang mga a la cinco y media, a la seis ng hapon. So, we hope that this display of leadership will continue to make us all productive in the second and third year of the Seventeenth Congress.

Again, for the record, Speaker Alvarez and Majority Leader Fariñas should be commended for this. (*Applause*) Congratulations!

THE SPEAKER. Maraming salamat po at maraming salamat sa lahat po ng ating mga kasamahan.

Yes, the Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion. Is there any

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

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

At this juncture, the Speaker relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). 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, Messages from the Senate, and Committee Reports, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5819, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTER IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOMBONG AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5820, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTER IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN TO BE LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF LAL-LO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5821, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9510 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CREDIT INFORMATION SYSTEM ACT’, TO FOSTER A MORE EFFICIENT CREDIT INFORMATION SYSTEM THAT WILL

ENABLE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO REDUCE THEIR OVER-ALL CREDIT RISK, TO CONTRIBUTE TO A HEALTHIER AND MORE STABLE FINANCIAL SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 5822, entitled:

“AN ACT TO CREATE AN ‘AU PAIR PROGRAM’ IN THE COUNTRY, TO ADOPT A SYSTEMATIC, COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE JOB GENERATING PROGRAM, TO CREATE 250,000 NEW JOBS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5823, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6656, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF TENURE OF CIVIL SERVICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION’, TO FOSTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL REORGANIZATION SCHEMES WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 5824, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 3, SECTION 4, AND SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT 10573, ALSO KNOWN AS AN ACT DECLARING THE SHEIKH KARIMUL MAKHDUM MOSQUE, CONSIDERED AS THE SITE OF ONE OF THE OLDEST EXISTING MUSLIM HOUSES OF PRAYER OR MOSQUES IN THE PHILIPPINES, AT TUBIG INDANGAN SIMUNUL, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI, AS NATIONAL HISTORICAL LANDMARK AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sahali
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 5825, entitled:

“AN ACT INITIATING PROGRESSION OF THE GARLIC COMMERCE IN THE PHILIPPINES WITH THE DESIDERATUM OF ACCOMPLISHING THE SAME

AS A STAPLE COMMODITY IN THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

ALIKE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5826, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING ‘SCOUTING’ IN THE COURSE OF STUDY AMIDST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, WITH A VIEW TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME AS A CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECT, TO IMBUE IN THE YOUTH PATRIOTISM, COURAGE, SELF RELIANCE AND KINDRED VIRTUES”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5831, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOMBONG IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5827, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE INTEGRATION OF ROTC AND CAT PROGRAMS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CURRICULUMS TO BRING ABOUT THE REALIZATION OF FUNDAMENTAL IDEALS OF PATRIOTISM AND PUBLIC SERVICE IN OUR YOUTH”

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

House Bill No. 5832, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE EDUCATION TO SENIOR CITIZENS”

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

House Bill No. 5829, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF GPS TRACKING DEVICE IN ALL GOVERNMENT OWNED VEHICLES IN THE COUNTRY TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY, TO AID ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND TO PROTECT CITIZENS AND PUBLIC OFFICERS ALIKE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 5833, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REBUILDING AND TRANSFORMATION OF MARAWI CITY INTO A CITY OF PEACE, FRIENDSHIP, AND PROGRESS AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5835, entitled:

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

By Representative Go (A.C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5830, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF ALL GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES AND SUBDIVISIONS TO WEAR BODY-WORN CAMERAS IN THEIR OPERATIONS TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY, TO AID ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND TO PROTECT CITIZENS AND OFFICERS

House Bill No. 5836, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING CITY AND MUNICIPAL REHABILITATION CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES”

By Representative Roa-Puno
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 5837, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL

EDUCATION TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION (DepTeTC), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7796, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TESDA ACT OF 1994, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5838, 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 Representative Umali
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5839, entitled:

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

By Representative Umali
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5840, entitled:

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

By Representative Umali
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5841, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A TELECOMMUTING EMPLOYMENT

PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5842, entitled:

“AN ACT ENCOURAGING VOLUNTEERISM DURING EMERGENCIES BY PROTECTING VOLUNTEERS FROM LIABILITY”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 5843, entitled:

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

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan and Martinez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5844, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ACCREDITED BANTAY DAGAT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5845, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lanete
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 5846, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE HIRING OF WORKERS THROUGH CONTRACT OF SERVICE AND JOB ORDER ARRANGEMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Lanete
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5847, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING THE CRIMES OF RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND OFFERING FALSE STATEMENTS WHICH ENDANGERS THE PUBLIC HEALTH”

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

ELECTORAL EXERCISES’, AS AMENDED
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9369, ON THE
MINIMUM SYSTEM CAPABILITIES OF
THE AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM”

House Bill No. 5848, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 209, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FAMILY
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE
18”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND
ELECTORAL REFORMS

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 5853, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING OFFICE ERGONOMIC
STANDARDS TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH
RISKS RELATED TO COMPUTER USE IN
THE WORKPLACE”

House Bill No. 5849, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.
209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY
CODE, BY INCLUDING PROVISIONS ON
PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP OVER
MINORS WHO HAVE BEEN PLACED IN
THE CARE OF SUITABLE RELATIVES
AND THE CONDITIONS FOR ITS
TERMINATION”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 5854, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENHANCE CITIZEN
AWARENESS OF INSURANCE
INFORMATION AND SERVICES BY
ESTABLISHING STANDARDS IN THE
LANGUAGE EMPLOYED IN INSURANCE
DOCUMENTS”

House Bill No. 5850, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS TO POST TRANSACTION
FEES FOR EACH AUTOMATED TELLER
MACHINE TRANSACTION AND
RESTRICTING TRANSACTION FEES FOR
AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 5855, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ACT NO. 3815,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PENAL
CODE, BY PENALIZING ROBBERY OF
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE
AND RELATED THINGS”

House Bill No. 5851, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 8794, ALSO KNOWN AS AN ACT
IMPOSING MOTOR VEHICLES USER’S
CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES
OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES, SECTION 6 ON THE PENALTY
FOR OVERLOADING”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5856, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON THE IMPACT OF
FILIPINO CULTURE ON THE YOUTH”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE
COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5852, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.
8436, SECTION 6 ALSO KNOWN AS ‘AN
ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION
ON ELECTIONS TO USE AN AUTOMATED
ELECTION SYSTEM IN THE MAY 11, 1998
NATIONAL OR LOCAL ELECTIONS AND
IN SUBSEQUENT NATIONAL AND LOCAL

House Bill No. 5857, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REQUIRE ELEMENTARY
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO HAVE
MEDICAL AND DENTAL RECORDS OF
THEIR STUDENTS”

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

House Bill No. 5858, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS, DISTRICT SUPERVISORS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, AND OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 99, PARAGRAPH (D) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

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

House Bill No. 5859, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE EFFORTS FOCUSED ON PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ABOUT THE RISKS AND DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5860, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMULGATE A CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARD FOR EACH DURABLE INFANT OR TODDLER PRODUCT”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5861, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PREVENT DRUG OVERDOSE RELATED DEATHS”

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

House Bill No. 5862, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE POSITIVE HEALTH BEHAVIORS IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN”

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

House Bill No. 5863, entitled:

“AN ACT COMMISSIONING A RESEARCH ON CLIMATE CHANGE DRINKING WATER ADAPTATION”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Bill No. 5864, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING”

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

House Bill No. 5865, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BREASTFEEDING CENTER IN EVERY BARANGAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY”

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

House Bill No. 5866, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 5 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIKATUNA, BOHOL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5867, entitled:

“AN ACT CONSTITUTING A GEOGRAPHIC RENAMING COMMISSION TO RENAME OUR COUNTRY”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 5868, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILHEALTH OUTPATIENT CARE BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5869, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE SEVENTEEN OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR TO COMMEMORATE ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5870, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING TO AND SETTING AT FIVE (5) YEARS THE VALIDITY OF THE PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD AND CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

OF EVERY PROFESSIONAL UNDER LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

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

AS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO AID THE IMMEDIATE REHABILITATION OF MARAWI CITY”

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

House Bill No. 5871, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF A CASINO ENTRANCE CHARGE IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 3,000.00) FROM ALL PERSONS ENTERING ANY AND ALL CASINOS AND SIMILAR GAMING ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN GAMBLING AND RELATED GAMING ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 5875, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE 18TH DAY OF THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD TO BE KNOWN AS ‘BACOLOD CITY CHARTER DAY’ ”

By Representative Gasataya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5872, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES TO ADOPT, IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN ALLOCATION OF AT LEAST THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF THEIR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 5876, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF A SMOKE EXTRACTION/ VENTILATION SYSTEM IN EVERY MAJOR ESTABLISHMENT AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5873, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE AFP, PNP, BJMP, BFP, OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE TO CREATE PROTOCOLS TO IMPLEMENT A LOCKDOWN AND LOCKOUT MECHANISM IN CASE OF ARMED CONFLICTS AND ALL ACTS OF TERRORISM, TO FOSTER A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE PROTECTION SCHEME, TO PROMOTE A MORE CONDUCTIVE AND SECURED ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL MALLS, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, HOSPITALS, PRISONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 5877, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS FROM RUNNING FOR ELECTIVE POSITIONS WITHIN THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EXPIRY DATE OF THEIR APPOINTMENT”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5878, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TINAKAYANAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5874, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TEN BILLION PESOS (P10,000,000,000.00)

House Bill No. 5879, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REVISED NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, CLARIFYING THE STANDARDS FOR TRAINING AND ENGAGEMENT OF APPRENTICES AND ACCREDITATION OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS,

REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTERS I AND II OF TITLE II, BOOK II OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5882, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9593, KNOWN AS THE ‘TOURISM ACT OF 2009’, REDIRECTING TIEZA’S FISCAL CONTRIBUTION TO CHED TO CREATE THE NATIONAL TOURISM TRAINING AND MANPOWER PROGRAM”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5883, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING JOB PLACEMENT OFFICES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL TO PROVIDE CAREER SERVICES TO THE YOUTH”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5884, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5885, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MORONG - MABAYO ROAD IN BRGY. POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF MORONG, PROVINCE OF BATAAN INTO ANATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5886, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MAPITA TRIBAL COMMUNITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGUILAR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5887, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MOUNT ZION PILGRIM PARK AND BASAY FALLS BOTH LOCATED IN BRGY. LAGUIT PADILLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUGALLON, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS ECOTOURISM ZONES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5888, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF LAND IN BARANGAY COMBADO, MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE, AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5889, entitled:

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

By Representative Tugna
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5890, entitled:

“AN ACT TO COMBAT FINANCIAL FRAUD PERPETRATED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 5891, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DISCLOSE PARTICIPATION AND PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENDITURES IN COLLEGE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5892, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN CONDUCT RELATING TO EXOTIC ANIMALS”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5893, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING CHILDREN PROTECTION AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, AND THE OMBUDSMAN, WHO IS A SOLO PARENT AS DEFINED UNDER R.A. 8972, AND THE SURVIVING PARENTS, OR NOMINATED PERSONS OF THE DECEASED RETIREE, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10084, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 5894, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THAT THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO ELEMENTARY INCLUDE A COMPONENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5899, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SUBCONTRACTING OF POSITIONS WHICH ARE REGULAR AS DEFINED BY ARTICLE 295 OF PD 442 AS AMENDED, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 106 OF PD 442 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5895, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION FOR SALE OR USE OF CLEANING AGENTS WHICH CONTAIN PHOSPHORUS”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5896, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5900, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRADUALLY INCREASING THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT (IRA) OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND FACTORING IN MUNICIPAL WATERS IN THE IRA DETERMINATION”

By Representative Rocamora

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5897, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE JUDICIARY, WHO IS A SOLO PARENT AS DEFINED UNDER R.A. 8972, AND THE SURVIVING PARENTS, OR NOMINATED PERSONS OF THE DECEASED RETIREE, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 910 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9946, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 5901, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF E-WASTE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 5902, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE TO INSCRIBE ON THE BODY OF THE VEHICLE ITS ORIGINAL DATE OF MANUFACTURE AND INITIAL USE”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5898, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF A DECEASED RETIRED CHAIRMAN OR COMMISSIONER OF

House Bill No. 5908, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS IN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SANITARY ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5909, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bernos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5910, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ABRA STATE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LAGANGILANG AND BANGUED, PROVINCE OF ABRA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF ABRA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bernos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5911, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING THAT 100% OF THE SERVICE CHARGE COLLECTED IN HOTELS, RESTAURANT AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL COVERED EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Silverio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5912, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING LAND, AIR, AND SEA TRANSPORT PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE PRIORITY SEATING FOR THE ELDERLY,

FURTHER AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257 AND 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’ ”

By Representative Silverio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 5913, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BALIK SCIENTIST PROGRAM APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Silverio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5914, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS WARD OR UNIT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDING FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS”

By Representative Silverio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5915, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE REWARDS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 32 OF RA 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 5916, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING POST-HARVEST FACILITIES TO RICE FARMERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5917, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL TO QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 537 AND 6548”

By Representative Crisologo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5918, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE UPDATING THE CHARTER OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE, SETTING PROCESS AND MEANS FOR THE EFFECTIVITY OF LAWS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 5919, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9225 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND REACQUISITION ACT OF 2003’ ”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5920, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PONDO PARA SA PAGBABAGO AT PAG-ASENSO (P-3) PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5921, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7076, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SMALL-SCALE MINING ACT OF 1991”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5922, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9006, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAIR ELECTION ACT”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5923, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE LABOR FORCE COMPETENCIES COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM, AND ESTABLISHING FREE ACCESS

TO TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5924, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF ARTISTS’ WELFARE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5925, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A RESEARCH CENTER ON OBESITY PREVENTION”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5926, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE PHILIPPINE FILM INDUSTRY THROUGH AN ANNUAL FILM QUOTA AND OTHER SUPPORT MEASURES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 5927, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9225, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND REACQUISITION ACT OF 2003’ ”

By Representative Cosalan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5928, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SANDIGANBAYAN ASSOCIATE JUSTICES AND DIVISIONS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1606, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7975 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8294, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10660”

By Representative Erice
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5929, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A PUBLICLY FUNDED SHELTER HOME OR HOUSE FOR THE AGED FOR EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Erice
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 5930, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING IN EVERY CITY
OR MUNICIPALITY A YOUTH
REHABILITATION CENTER FOR YOUTH
OFFENDERS WHILE IN DETENTION”

By Representative Erice
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF
CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5931, entitled:

“AN ACT DIRECTING THE ELECTRONIC
RECORDING OF CUSTODIAL
INTERROGATIONS TO PROTECT
THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF
THE ACCUSED DURING CUSTODIAL
INVESTIGATIONS”

By Representative Mariño
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5933, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER
USE OF ESCALATORS AND OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5934, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 8484,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ACCESS
DEVICES REGULATION ACT OF 1998’”

By Representative Evardone
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 5935, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE RIGHTS AND
LIABILITIES OF PARTIES IN ELECTRONIC
FUND TRANSFERS”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 5936, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 40(D)
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160
ALSO KNOWN AS THE ‘LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’, AS
AMENDED, ON DUAL ALLEGIANCE
AS A DISQUALIFICATION FOR
CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ANY
ELECTIVE LOCAL POSITION”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5937, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING AN INDEPENDENT
EVALUATION OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
PROGRAMS”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE
COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5938, entitled:

“AN ACT SECURING THE PHILIPPINE’S
BORDERS TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE
THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE
ENTRY OF ILLEGAL DRUGS INTO THE
COUNTRY”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

House Bill No. 5939, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DRUG AND
ALCOHOL TESTING FOR DRIVERS OF
PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES”

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

House Bill No. 5940, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING RESEARCH ON
DYSTONIA”

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

House Bill No. 5941, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS
REGARDING EARLY HEARING LOSS
DETECTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND
INTERVENTION FOR NEWBORNS AND
INFANTS”

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

House Bill No. 5942, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF
ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 5943, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANALYSIS
OF THE INCIDENCE AND EFFECTS OF

SEXUAL ABUSE IN DETENTION AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, RESOURCES, RECOMMENDATIONS, FUNDING, AND PUNISHMENT TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS FROM SEXUAL ABUSE IN DETENTION”

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

House Bill No. 5944, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BAYAWAN CITY - MALABUGAS - KALUMBOYAN - ALIIS PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Teves
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5945, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEMARCATION AND DELINEATION OF FOREST LAND LIMITS, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5946, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION OF SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT LAWS, POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS, CREATING THE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Manalo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5947, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY FRANCISCO HOMES-MULAWIN, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS MULAWIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5948, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL I, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5949, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LIMBATONG, MUNICIPALITY OF MARGOSATUBIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS LIMBATONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5950, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KARPOK, MUNICIPALITY OF LAPUYAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS KARPOK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5951, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, CREATING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE NORTHERN BOHOL SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5952, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING AND RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF LILIW IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AS THE ‘TSINELAS CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5956, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING STREET, PUBLIC SPACES AND ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMMITTED ON AND AGAINST ANY PERSONS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 5957, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE AIRING OF ADVERTISEMENTS OF SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5958, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE OF UNHEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5959, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 A NATIONAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY OF EVERY YEAR AS LAPU-LAPU DAY”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5960, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE RATE OF DISCOUNT GRANTED TO SENIOR CITIZENS ON THEIR MONTHLY ELECTRIC AND WATER CONSUMPTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’”

By Representative Go (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 5961, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 5962, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF AT LEAST ONE (1) HEALTHY BEVERAGE OPTION AMONG FAST FOOD CHAINS AND RESTAURANTS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5963, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REBUILD AND MODERNIZE THE MARAWI CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO HASTEN THE RECOVERY OF MARAWI CITY FROM ARMED CONFLICT AND ESTABLISH IT AS A CENTER OF PEACE AND LEARNING IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5964, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE INCLUSION IN ADVERTISEMENTS, COMMERCIALS, AND SIMILAR MARKETING TOOLS OF WARNINGS AGAINST THE CONSUMPTION OF FOODS AND BEVERAGES WITH HIGH SODIUM OR SUGAR CONTENT”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5965, entitled:

“AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE LIABILITY OF OWNERS FOR DOG BITES”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5966, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6770, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMBUDSMAN ACT, EXPEDITING THE PROSECUTION OF CASES RECOMMENDED BY CONGRESS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 5967, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PROLIFERATION OF FRAUDULENT DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, AND CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY UNAUTHORIZED DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5968, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROGRAMS TO
FACILITATE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION
IN THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE
OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE THROUGH
REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR ILLEGAL
DRUGS AND THE INAPPROPRIATE USE
OF ILLEGAL DRUGS”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

House Bill No. 5969, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES
ACT”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 5970, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA
BLG. 68, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
CORPORATION CODE, SECTION 37,
GRANTING STOCKHOLDERS THE RIGHT
OF APPRAISAL WHEN THE TERM OF
CORPORATE EXISTENCE IS EXTENDED”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5971, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PREVENT DISABLED PERSONS’
PARKING PLACES FROM BEING OCCUPIED
BY PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO USE THEM”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL
SERVICES

House Bill No. 5972, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 18, SERIES OF 1986, TO EXPAND
THE COMPOSITION OF THE SUGAR
REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION (SRA)
SUGAR BOARD”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5973, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE OF

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1169, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE
PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES
OFFICE”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND
AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 5974, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 8 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7353, ALSO KNOWN
AS THE ‘RURAL ACT OF 1992’ ”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5975, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 209, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FAMILY
CODE, ARTICLE 111, TO ALLOW EITHER
SPOUSE TO MORTGAGE, ENCUMBER,
ALIENATE, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF
HIS OR HER EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 5976, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 8 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8485, ALSO KNOWN
AS ‘THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF
1998’ ”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 5977, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 7 OF
REPUBLIC ACT 7877, ALSO KNOWN AS
THE ‘ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT
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By Representative Roque (H.)
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House Bill No. 5978, entitled:

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House Bill No. 5980, entitled:

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House Bill No. 5982, entitled:

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By Representative Erice
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
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House Bill No. 5983, entitled:

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By Representative Roque (H.)
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House Resolution No. 1048, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO URGE THE PHILHEALTH
TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF
DIALYSIS IN THE LIST OF DISEASES
AND AILMENTS COVERED BY ITS
HEALTHCARE PROGRAM, WITH THE
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By Representative Lanete
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House Resolution No. 1049, entitled:

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SHALL BE UTILIZED BY THE SAME
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AND REPROGRAMMING’ AND OTHER
AMENDMENTS”

By Representatives Villarica, Villanueva, Deloso-
Montalla, Silverio, Roman, Angara-Castillo,
Antonino, Bondoc, Chavez, Cojuangco,
Garcia (J.E.), Gonzales (A.D.), Herrera-Dy,
Khonghun, Lazatin, Pancho, Robes, Suansing
(E.), Sy-Alvarado, Tugna, Vergara, Violago,
Yap (V.) and Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 1051, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING
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DEMISE OF SENATOR EVA ESTRADA-
KALAW”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1052, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING
PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE
DEMISE OF FILIPINO FILMMAKER GIL
MERLUZA PORTES”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1053, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION FOR CONGRESS, THROUGH
THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE, TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID
OF LEGISLATION ON THE PROPRIETY
AND LEGITIMACY OF MANILA NORTH
TOLLWAYS CORPORATION’S REQUEST
FOR ANOTHER INCREASE OF THE
CLOSED SYSTEM TOLL RATES AT THE
NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY”

By Representatives Pancho, Manalo, Salo, Lacson,
Lazatin, Sy-Alvarado, Villanueva, Roman,
Silverio, Robes, Villarica, Pineda, Montoro,
Martinez, Nieto, Calixto-Rubiano, Deloso-
Montalla, Suansing (E.), Angara-Castelo,
Garcia (J.E.), Violago, Vergara, Cojuangco,
Yap (V.) and Khonghun

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House Resolution No. 1054, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE 6.4 BILLION PESO WORTH OF SHABU SEIZED BY THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS”

By Representative Barbers
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1055, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE REPORTED GARLIC IMPORTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF HOARDING, ITS MANIPULATIVE PRACTICES AND PRICE HIKE THAT AFFECT THE CONSUMERS AND INCOME/LIVELIHOOD OF GARLIC FARMERS”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1056, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF REPUBLIC ACT 8042 OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 10022 TO EVALUATE ITS EFFECTIVITY IN THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF FILIPINO MIGRANT’S RIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND RESOLVE THE ROOT CAUSE OF FORCED MIGRATION IN FULFILLMENT OF ARTICLE II SEC. 18 AND ARTICLE XIII SEC. 3 OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1057, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL ENTRY, THROUGH THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (BOC) EXPRESS LANE, OF MORE THAN FIVE BILLION PESOS WORTH OF METHAMPHETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE (SHABU)”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1058, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES TO INQUIRE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE MATTER CONCERNING THE DELIBERATE SABOTAGE BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR ROEL R. DEGAMO, BOARD MEMBER MIGUEL DUNGOG, PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR HENRY BIÑAS, AND SEVERAL CHIEFS OF POLICE ALL OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, OF SMALL TOWN LOTTERY (STL) OPERATIONS DULY SANCTIONED BY THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES (PCSO) IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL”

By Representative Teves
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1059, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND TAX PAYMENTS/LIABILITIES OF FISHING OPERATORS IN THE COASTAL AREAS OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL”

By Representative Teves
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1060, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO INCLUDE THIRTY BILLION PESOS IN THE 2018 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REBUILDING AND TRANSFORMATION OF MARAWI CITY”

By Representative Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 1061, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ‘FRIENDLY FIRE’ ENCOUNTER IN MARAWI CITY CAUSING THE DEATH AND INJURY OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1062, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE RESORTS WORLD MANILA GUNFIRE AND EXPLOSION INCIDENT”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1063, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS TO PROBE GENERAL SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS AFTER A LONE GUNMAN WAS ABLE TO SURREPTITIOUSLY ENTER RESORTS WORLD MANILA WITH A HIGH-POWERED GUN AND CONTAINERS OF GASOLINE WITH WHICH HE SET BACCARAT TABLES ON FIRE KILLING THIRTY-SEVEN (37) PEOPLE IN THE WAKE OF THE FIRE HE STARTED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JUNE 2, 2017”

By Representatives Castelo and Batocabe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1064, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ATTACK AND ROBBERY IN RESORTS WORLD MANILA IN PASAY CITY ON JUNE 02, 2017, KILLING 36 PEOPLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING SIMILAR INCIDENTS AND IMPROVING SECURITY PROTOCOLS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1065, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED AT THE RESORTS WORLD MANILA LAST JUNE 2, 2017 WHICH LED TO THE DEMISE OF 37 PEOPLE”

By Representatives Garbin, Batocabe and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1066, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE FAILURE OF THE MASBATE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO SETTLE ITS 240 MILLION PESO OBLIGATION WHICH THEREBY RESULTED IN THE DISCONNECTION OF THE POWER SUPPLY IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF MASBATE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESOLVING THE POWER

SUPPLY PROBLEM IN THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE”

By Representative Lanete
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1067, entitled:

“RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE MEDIATION OF THE GULF CONFLICT BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 1068, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE P79 MILLION-WORTH OF CASH AND CHEQUES RECOVERED IN MARAWI CITY DURING A MILITARY CLEARING OPERATIONS AND WHETHER IT IS CONNECTED TO DRUGS AND TERRORIST OPERATIONS”

By Representative Barbers
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1069, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE CONGRESSMAN MAXIMO ‘MAX’ B. DALOG SR.”

By Representative Lee
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1070, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A PROFOUND COMMENDATION TO SECOND LIEUTENANT DON STANLEY CASTILLO DALISAY WHO GRADUATED IN THE TOP 5 PERCENT OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY’S CLASS OF 2017 AND AS RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED CADET AWARD GIVEN BY THE USMA, WEST POINT, NEW YORK”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1071, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HOUSE INQUIRY INTO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT’S ASSESSMENT OF AND RESPONSE TO THE ONGOING

DIPLOMATIC ROW BETWEEN THE STATE OF QATAR AND THREE GULF COUNTRIES, NAMELY, THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, BAHRAIN, AND FOUR ALLIED ISLAMIC STATES, NAMELY: EGYPT, LIBYA, THE MALDIVES AND YEMEN THAT MAY AFFECT THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, IN AID OF LEGISLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1072, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF BANK INTERNAL SYSTEMS IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT BPI INTERNAL ERROR”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1073, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ARBITRARY EXCLUSION OF MARY JOY TABAL, PHILIPPINE MARATHONER, AS WELL AS ALL OTHERS WHO MAY BE SIMILARLY SITUATED, FROM THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE 29TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES IN KUALA LUMPUR”

By Representative Garcia (G.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1074, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED PROLIFERATION OF FAKE MEDICAL CERTIFICATES AND PRE-SIGNED MEDICAL TEST RESULTS OF PHYSICIANS IN THE APPLICATION OR RENEWAL OF DRIVER’S LICENSE AT THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1075, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMITTEE

ON NATIONAL DEFENSE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION AND AS PART OF ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTION, ON THE SUPPOSED PARTICIPATION OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE MARAWI CITY OPERATIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1076, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT DIPLOMATIC CRISIS IN QATAR WHICH COULD THREATEN THE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS IN ORDER TO PROPOSE APPROPRIATE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL AS TO URGE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) TO COME UP WITH CONTINGENCY MEASURES ON BEHALF OF THE AFFECTED OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND THEIR FAMILIES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1077, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE ARMY SHOOTING TEAM ‘MANUNUDLA’ FOR BAGGING 10 GOLD MEDALS, 13 SILVER, 1 BRONZE, AND A PERPETUAL TROPHY IN THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY SKILL AT ARMS MEETING (AASAM) 2017 AT PUCKAPUNYAL MILITARY AREA, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1078, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (PEZA) TO REGULATE THE INTERNAL SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1079, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

AND RELEVANT AGENCIES TO CONDUCT EARNEST INVESTIGATION GERMANE TO ALLEGED UNPAID CARRIAGE FEES OF SKY CABLE PAYABLE TO SOLAR ENTERTAINMENT, AS WELL AS, DEVISING A SCHEME TO FACILITATE THE RECOMPENSE OF AFFECTED SUBSCRIBERS”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1080, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ENJOINING RELEVANT AGENCIES TO CONDUCT EARNEST INVESTIGATION APROPOS TO THE RESORTS WORLD FIASCO WITH VIEW TO DETER THE SAME AND DEBUNK MISGUIDED ACCOUNTS”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1081, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) TO POSTURE A COURSE OF ACTION YIELDING TO A COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT, EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION AND CONSTANT UPDATE RELATIVE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS’ (BPI) TECHNICAL SYSTEM GLITCH”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1082, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MEMBERS OF THE SEVENTH MARINE BATTALION IN DISCOVERING CASH MONEY AND CHECKS FROM THE MAUTE STRONGHOLD”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 1083, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT AND COMMENDING OUR TROOPS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE FOR VALIANTLY AND HEROICALLY UPHOLDING PEACE, ORDER AND SECURITY IN MARAWI CITY AND IN THE WHOLE ISLAND OF MINDANAO”

By Representative Salo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1084, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE IPILAN NICKEL CORPORATION IN BROOKE’S POINT, PALAWAN”

By Representatives Abueg and Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1085, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE PLIGHT OF EVACUEES FROM THE ISLAMIC CITY OF MARAWI WHO FALL VICTIMS OF THE ONGOING SIEGE AND STATE OF MARTIAL LAW IN ENTIRE MINDANAO”

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

House Resolution No. 1086, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INVESTIGATE THE EFFECT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) ON WORKERS AND EMPLOYMENT”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1087, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ROADMAP, PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTION PLANS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM THAT AIM TO REGULATE TOURIST SPOTS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1088, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NGCP) TO IMMEDIATELY RESOLVE THE FREQUENT VOLTAGE FLUCTUATIONS IN ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Resolution No. 1089, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE BRAVE

SOLDIERS AND POLICEMEN WHO RISKED THEIR OWN LIVES TO DEFEND AND PROTECT THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE MARAWI UPRISING”

By Representative Silverio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1090, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF SUICIDE BOMBING IN MANCHESTER, ENGLAND”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1091, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF VINTAGE ENTERPRISES CEO, MR. CARLOS ‘BOBONG’ VELEZ ALSO KNOWN AS THE MAN WHO ELEVATED PBA’S TV COVERAGE”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1092, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF HONORABLE MAXIMO B. DALOG OF LONE DISTRICT OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1093, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS IN THE RESORTS WORLD MANILA ATTACK”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1094, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE CONGRESSMAN MAXIMO B. DALOG”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan and Martinez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1095, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON ECOLOGY AND TOURISM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED BUILDING OF UNDERWATER RESORT AND THEME PARK ON AN ISLAND KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINES LAST ECOLOGICAL FRONTIER”

By Representative Bagatsing
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1096, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 103RD ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1097, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION’S HEARINGS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE ON WHETHER OR NOT THE CONTRACEPTIVES IN THE MARKET ARE ABORTIFACIENTS”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1098, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE HEROISM AND RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY LEFT BY 1ST LIEUTENANT JOHN FREDERICK SAVELLANO OF THE MARINES TOGETHER WITH HIS TEAM AND DEVISING A COURSE OF ACTION TO PLACE THEM AND THOSE THAT ARE SIMILARLY SITUATED IN THE ANNALS OF PHILIPPINE HISTORY”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1099, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION OF THE LATE FAMED ARTIST MAURO ‘MALANG’ SANTOS TO FILIPINO CULTURE AND ARTS AND EXTENDING OUR DEEP CONDOLENCES AND EMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF LOVED ONES THAT HE HAS LEFT OF”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 1100, entitled:

“RESOLUTION MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT-RUN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING CARE FACILITIES IN PROVINCES ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THAT CATER RELEVANT SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Resolution No. 1101, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF GRENFELL TOWER FIRE DISASTER IN NORTH KENSINGTON, LONDON”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1102, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING HIS EXCELLENCY PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO INCLUDE THE ISSUE OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR HEINOUS CRIMES LIKE RAPE, MURDER, TORTURE RESULTING TO DEATH, AND FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS, IN HIS STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS (SONA)”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1103, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA), AND DETERMINE ITS ACCOUNTABILITY RELATIVE TO THE UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF WATER FROM THE ANGAT RIVER AND VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 31 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1067 AND SECTION 291 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE”

By Representative Pancho
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1106, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ANOMALOUS AND SCANDALOUS POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER WATER RATE HIKE BY MANILA WATER AND MAYNILAD WATER SERVICES INC.”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1107, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE POSSIBLE MANDATORY CONSTRUCTION OF ALTERNATIVE ROADS TO MAJOR HIGHWAYS”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1108, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES ON THE BILLINGS, METER READINGS, UNEXPLAINED CHARGES AND OTHER COMPLAINTS OF INEFFICIENT SERVICE, OF THE PANAY ELECTRIC COMPANY (PECO)”

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

House Resolution No. 1109, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS MADE BY ELEMENTS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) IN MARAWI CITY IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES UNDER PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 216 SERIES OF 2017”

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1110, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY, SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MR. DEXTER CARLOS SR., WHOSE WIFE, THREE MINOR CHILDREN AND MOTHER-IN-LAW WERE MASSACRED AT THEIR HOME AT BARANGAY STO. CRISTO, SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1111, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COMMENDATION AND RECOGNITION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BULACAN AND OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS AND POLICE AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR QUICK AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE THAT LED TO THE CAPTURE OF THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR OF THE MASSACRE OF THE FAMILY OF MR. DEXTER CARLOS, SR.”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1112, entitled:

“RESOLUTION APPEALING TO PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO INCLUDE IN THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR MARAWI CITY A REPARATION SUBSIDY TO COMPENSATE THE LOSS OF LIFE AND LIVELIHOOD AS WELL AS THE DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES AND ESTABLISHMENTS AS A RESULT OF THE MILITARY OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST MILITANT GROUPS”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 1113, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MILITARY OPERATIONS OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE 39TH AND 72ND INFANTRY BATTALION OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY (IBPA) IN NORTH COTABATO AND BUKIDNON THAT LED TO DOCUMENTED CASES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE CIVILIANS THEREIN UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MARTIAL LAW AND SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE OF THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN MINDANAO”

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

House Resolution No. 1114, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HON. EMMANUEL ‘MANNY’ D. PACQUIAO FOR HIS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE IN HIS

FIGHT LAST JULY 2, 2017 AND BEING A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR FILIPINOS”

By Representative Tiangco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1115, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. MAUREEN WROBLEWITZ FOR WINNING THE TITLE OF ‘ASIA’S NEXT TOP MODEL 2017’ ”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1116, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES MR. JOVEN HAYAGAN AND MR. JALANIE DIMACALING FOR WINNING IN THE 1ST CHINA INTERNATIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION 2017 (CISC 2017) HELD IN SUZHOU AND SHANGHAI, CHINA”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 1117, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE THE PHP3.8 BILLION PENSION DIFFERENTIAL OF THE RETIREES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE IN THE FY 2018 NATIONAL BUDGET AND TO EXPEDITE ITS IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO THE PENSIONERS”

By Representative Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 4142, 5337, 5338, 5354, 5587, 5675, and 5687;

Rep. Julieta R. Cortuna for House Bills No. 5586 and 5600;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 5397, 5571, 5593, 5607, 5661, and 5679, and House Resolution No. 777;

Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for House Bills No. 45, 69, 2622, 2624, 5018, 5524, 5638, 5639, and 5640;

Rep. Eric M. Martinez for House Resolution No. 1057;

- Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for House Bill No. 5686;
Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bills No. 48, 177, 5107, and 5347;
Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 5524, and 5595;
Reps. Lawrence H. Fortun and Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg for House Bill No. 2622;
Rep. Christopher V.P. De Venecia for House Bills No. 177, 449, 3296, 3467, 3472, and 4720;
Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr. for House Bills No. 5685, 5686, and 5688, and House Resolution No. 5715;
Reps. Emmanuel F. Madrona, Carlito S. Marquez, Romeo M. Acop, Eric D. Singson, Cheryl P. DelosoMontalla, and Elenita Milagros “Eileen” ErmitaBuhain for House Bill No. 177;
Rep. Noel L. Villanueva for House Bills No. 31 and 2622;
Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for House Bills No. 4104, 4203, and 4228;
Rep. Alex “AA” L. Advincula for House Bill No. 2881;
Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr. for House Bills No. 2628 and 2881;
Reps. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma and Abdullah D. Dimaporo for House Bill No. 2286;
Rep. Arcadio H. Gorriceta for House Bills No. 2286, 2627, 2628, and 5107;
Rep. Jesus “Boying” F. Celeste for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, and 5163;
Reps. Rodel M. Batocabe, Christopher S. Co, Arnel M. Cerafica, Lucy T. Gomez, Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV, Carlito S. Marquez, and Winston “Winnie” Castelo for House Bills No. 2622 and 2624;
Rep. Michael John R. Duavit for House Bills No. 2624 and 5636;
Reps. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III and Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bill No. 5870;
Reps. Juliette T. Uy, Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, M.D., Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez, Niceto “John” D. Bertiz III, Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III, Victoria Isabel G. Noel, and Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr. for House Bill No. 5158;
Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 3404, 3526, 3641, 4154, 5553, 5554, 5593, 5594, 5607, 5609, and 5616;
Reps. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Conrado M. Estrella III, Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D., and Michael John R. Duavit for House Bill No. 3641;
Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB. for House Bill No. 2510;
Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica for House Bill No. 5698;
Reps. Winston “Winnie” Castelo, Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg, Emmanuel F. Madrona, Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu, Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, Raul A. Daza, Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV, Ann K. Hofer, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Lorna C. Silverio, Dale “Along” R. Malapitan, Arthur R. Defensor Jr., Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, and Arnulfo P. Fuentebella for House Bill No. 5524;
Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento for House Bill No. 133;
Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas for House Bill No. 5038;
Rep. Enrico A. Pineda for House Bill No. 1262;
Reps. Carlos O. Cojuangco, Pia S. Cayetano, and Evelina G. Escudero for House Bill No. 2624;
Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes for House Bills No. 5510, 5695, and 5696;
Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 4689, 5729, 5730, 5731, 5741, and 5742;
Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva for House Bill No. 5593;
Rep. Rene L. Relampagos for House Bills No. 53 and 4689;
Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for House Bill No. 53;
Rep. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe for House Bill No. 55;
Rep. Gary C. Alejano for House Bill No. 2267;
Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bills No. 5109 and 5110;
Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera for House Bill No. 196;
Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco for House Bill No. 349;
Rep. Ferjenel G. Biron, M.D. for House Bill No. 4174;
Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for House Bills No. 753, 1033, and 2542;
Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles for House Bills No. 5079, 5793, and 5794;
Rep. Michelle M. Antonio for House Bills No. 4340, 4512, and 6009;
Rep. Arnel U. Ty for House Bill No. 3118;
Rep. Lorna C. Silverio for House Bills No. 2673, 3967, 4980, and 5549;
Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato for House Bills No. 1862, 1864, 1866, 2622, 2624, 2627, 4689, and 4742, and House Resolution No. 198;
Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bill No. 2163;
Rep. Gavini “Apol” C. Pancho for House Bills No. 2286 and 2881;
Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon for House Bill No. 361;
Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 525 and 4980;
Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora for House Bill No. 1648;
Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte for House Bill No. 2771;
Rep. Greg G. Gasataya for House Bill No. 136;

Rep. Horacio P. Suansing Jr. for House Bill No. 5560;

Rep. Ramon C. Nolasco for House Bills No. 177 and 5524;

Rep. Dennis C. Laogan for House Bill No. 4897;

Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan for House Bills No. 2192, 2193, and 2628;

Rep. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 2627, and 2628;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 5763, 5765, and 5805;

Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento for House Bill No. 4334;

Rep. Frederick W. Siao for House Bill No. 1648;

Rep. Strike B. Revilla for House Bill No. 512; and

Rep. Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo for House Bills No. 4113 and 5784.

WITHDRAWAL MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 31, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1449, entitled:

"AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF DRIVER'S LICENSES, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1011, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE"

and House Bill No. 5648, entitled:

"AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE POLICY REGARDING DRIVER'S LICENSE, PROVIDING FOR A FIVE (5)-YEAR VALIDITY AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION OF ITS ISSUANCE AND APPLICATION"

TO THE ARCHIVES

Message dated June 1, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on May 31, 2017 adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5, entitled:

"CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES NOT LATER THAN TWELVE O'CLOCK, MIDNIGHT, TODAY, MAY 31, 2017"

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

TO THE ARCHIVES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 10 April 2017 of Atty. Jose Jobel V. Belarmino, OIC, Deputy Administrator for Administrative, Finance and AFCSD, Light Rail Transit Authority, submitting their report of utilization of operating subsidy to the LRTA for the 1st Quarter of CY 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

2016 Annual Report/Accomplishment Report of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority per letter dated May 15, 2017 of Guiling "Gene" A. Mamondiong, Director General/Secretary.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Letter dated May 15, 2017 of Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting their Statement of Allotments, Obligations and Balances (Current and Continuing Appropriations) of the Office of the Secretary, as of April 30, 2017, in compliance with Republic Act No. 10924.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Letter dated May 15, 2017 of Lynn S.F. Sicangco, Regional Director, Regional Office No. III, Commission on Audit, submitting the Annual Audit Report on the Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU) for the year ended December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 16, 2017 of Minerva I. Morales, SUC President III, Catanduanes State University, submitting their Quarterly Financial and Physical Reports for the quarter ending March 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 16, 2017 of Lynn S.F. Sicangco, Regional Director, Regional Office No. III, Commission on Audit, submitting the Annual Audit Report on the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB) for the Calendar Year 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 16, 2017 of Minerva I. Morales, SUC President III, Catanduanes State University,

submitting their Status of Allotment Releases, Obligations and Balances for the month ending April 30, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 17, 2017 of Lynn S.F. Sicangco, Regional Director, Regional Office No. III, Commission on Audit, submitting the Annual Audit Report on the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, Cabanatuan City for the year ended December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 22, 2017 of Atty. Usmin P. Diamel, Director IV, Regional Director, Regional Office No. XIII, Commission on Audit, submitting their Annual Audit Reports for the year ended December 31, 2016 on the following:

1. Caraga State University;
2. Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology;
3. Surigao del Sur State University; and
4. Surigao State College of Technology.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 23 May 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, submitting copies of the 2016 Annual Audit Reports on fifteen (15) government-owned and –controlled corporations in the National Capital Region enumerated in the attached list:

1. BCDA Management and Holdings, Inc. (BMHI);
 2. Central Bank Board of Liquidators (CB-BOL);
 3. Corregidor Foundation, Inc. (CFI);
 4. Food Terminal, Inc. (FTI);
 5. LBP Insurance Brokerage, Inc. (LIBI);
 6. Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP);
 7. National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKTi);
 8. Natural Resources Development Corporation (NRDC);
 9. North Luzon Railways Corporation (NLRC);
 10. Philippine International Convention Center, Inc. (PICCI);
 11. Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC);
 12. Philippine Heart Center (PHC);
 13. Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS);
 14. Philippine Sugar Corporation (PHILSUCOR); and
 15. Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC).
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 23 May 2017 of Judy M. Taguiwalo,

Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development, providing a list of the Pantawid Pamilya Program Beneficiaries as of March 2017 and the Pantawid Pamilya Program's 1st Quarter Accomplishment Report for CY 2017 in compliance with Republic Act No. 10924.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

Letter dated 24 May 2017 of Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff, submitting their report on the implementation of the Wildlife Management Fund-Special Account in the General Fund (WMF-SAGF), for FY 2016 and the first quarter of FY 2017, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10924.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Letter dated 26 May 2017 of Claro A. Arellano, Acting Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment, submitting the DOLE's Semi-Annual Report to Congress (July to December 2016) based on the submission of Philippine Overseas Labor Offices, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10022.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Letter dated 26 May 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-2017-033 dated 12 May 2017;
2. Memorandum No. M-2017-016 dated 5 May 2017;
3. Memorandum No. M-2017-017 dated 10 May 2017; and
4. Memorandum No. M-2017-018 dated 15 May 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated May 29, 2017 of Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting their 1st Quarter Progress Report on the Performance Challenge Fund for CY 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Letter dated June 1, 2017 of Atty. Concepcion Zeny E. Ferrolino-Enad, Director III, Malacañang Records Office, transmitting a certified true copy of General Order No. 1 dated May 30, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Letter dated June 5, 2017 of Allan S. Borrromeo, OIC-Regional Director, Regional Office XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, furnishing the House of Representatives with the Monthly Progress Status Reports of projects implemented by their office for the month of May 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

2016 Annual Audit Reports on the following State Universities and Colleges under Region XII, per letter dated June 6, 2017 of Atty. Susan Pacedonalvo, Director IV, Regional Director, Regional Office XII, Commission on Audit:

1. Cotabato City State Polytechnic College, Cotabato City;
2. Sultan Kudarat State University, Tacurong City;
3. University of Southern Mindanao, Kabacan, Cotabato;
4. Cotabato Foundation College of Science and Technology, Droluman, Arakan, Cotabato; and
5. Mindanao State University, General Santos City.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated June 8, 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 No. 961 dated 2 June 2017;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-034 dated 26 May 2017; and
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-035 dated 26 May 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated June 13, 2017 of Adora E. Ramos, Audit Team Leader, Office of the Auditor, Government Arsenal, Department of National Defense, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives copies of the CY 2016 Annual Audit Report on the Department of National Defense-Government Arsenal.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 5, 2017 of Susan C. Ramirez, Supervising Auditor V, OIC-Assistant Regional Director, Regional Office No. II, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives copies of the Annual Audit Reports/Management Letter for CY 2016 for twenty-seven (27) water districts enumerated in the said letter:

- A. Province of Cagayan
 1. Aparri Water District;
 2. Claveria Water District;
 3. Gattaran Water District;
 4. Gonzaga Water District;

5. Lal-lo Water District;
6. Penablanca Water District;
7. Sanchez Mira Water District;
8. Lasam Water District;
9. Abulug Water District; and
10. Amulung Water District.
- B. Province of Isabela
 1. Alicia Water District;
 2. Roxas Water District;
 3. San Manuel Water District;
 4. Tumauni Water District;
 5. Naguilian Water District;
 6. City of Ilagan Water District;
 7. Cabagan Water District;
 8. Cordon Water District;
 9. Ramon Water District;
 10. Aurora Water District;
 11. Reina Mercedes Water District;
 12. Cauayan City Water District;
 13. San Guillermo Water District; and
 14. Benito Soliven Water District.

C. Province of Nueva Vizcaya

1. Diadi Water District.

D. Province of Quirino

1. Aglipay Water District; and
2. Maddela Water District.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 16, 2017 of Nora Malubay-Saludares, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the President and General Manager, Government Service Insurance System, submitting the report on the GSIS Investment Portfolio as of December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Letter dated 16 June 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 a certified and authenticated copy of BSP Circular No. 962 dated 8 June 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 23 June 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-2017-036 dated 8 June 2017; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-037 dated 15 June 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 30 June 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 a certified and authenticated BSP Circular No. CL-2017-038 dated 22 June 2017.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated 4 July 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 No. 963 dated 27 June 2017;
2. Circular No. 964 dated 27 June 2017;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-038 (corrected copy) dated 22 June 2017; and
4. Memorandum No. M-2017-020 dated 28 June 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

2015 Annual Report of the Government Service Insurance System.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

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

1. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1353 and House Bill No. 5159, entitled:

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

2. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1304 and House Bill No. 5633, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION BY PROVIDING FOR FREE TUITION

AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND STATE-RUN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ESTABLISHING THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY AND STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM, STRENGTHENING THE UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

3. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1468 and House Bill No. 5663, entitled:

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

4. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1365 and House Bill No. 4767, entitled:

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

5. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1277 and House Bill No. 5225, entitled:

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

6. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1449 and House Bill No. 5648, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE POLICY REGARDING DRIVER'S LICENSE BY EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION OF ITS ISSUANCE AND APPLICATION, AMENDING FOR THOSE PURPOSES SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1011, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”;

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

7. House Bill No. 937, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY NORTH BAY

BOULEVARD SOUTH (NBBS) IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NBBS PROPER, BARANGAY NBBS KAUNLARAN AND BARANGAY NBBS DAGAT-DAGATAN”;

8. House Bill No. 4402, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY TANZA IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TANZA 1 AND BARANGAY TANZA 2”;

9. House Bill No. 4682, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY COMAWAS IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR”;

10. House Bill No. 4848, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

11. House Bill No. 4850, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOPEZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

12. House Bill No. 4852, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUMACA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

13. House Bill No. 4853, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROBO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

14. House Bill No. 4854, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

15. House Bill No. 4855, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

16. House Bill No. 4856, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-

SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HINATUAN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

17. House Bill No. 4857, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEREZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

18. House Bill No. 4858, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

19. House Bill No. 4860, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

20. House Bill No. 4861, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABAT, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

21. House Bill No. 4862, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

22. House Bill No. 938, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY TANGOS IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAYS TANGOS NORTH AND TANGOS SOUTH”;

23. House Bill No. 4851, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ATIMONAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

24. House Bill No. 4859, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR” and

25. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 14 and House Bill No. 5513, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT OR THE

VALUE OF PROPERTY AND DAMAGE ON WHICH A PENALTY IS BASED, AND THE FINES IMPOSED UNDER THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE REVISED PENAL CODE', AS AMENDED".

TO THE ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 294), re H.B. No. 5818, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF EMPLOYERS IN POSTING NOTICES OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES IN NEWSPAPERS, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND OTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION VENUES"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 989, 1353 and 3267

Sponsors: Representatives Ting, Chipeco, Nograles (K.A.) and Villarica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Economic Affairs (Committee Report No. 295), re H.B. 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"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4389, 4468, 4501, 4787 and 4996

Sponsors: Representatives Yap (A.) and Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 296), re H.B. No. 5834, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND PORTIONS OF TIMBERLAND LOCATED IN BARANGAYS FACTORIA, SAUGAN, DALID, BAGACAY, DAO, JAPAY, BANTAYAN, MABUHAY, BURAK, TAWAGAN (POBLACION), BINALAYAN, BATO, KALAW, AGSAM, NAGA-NAGA, AND TRINIDAD (MAYCOROT), IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORAS, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3348

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Evardone

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 297), re H.B. No. 2050, entitled:

"ANACTRATIONALIZINGTHEMANAGEMENT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE CAMOTES ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PROCLAMATION NO. 2152 DATED DECEMBER 29, 1981, ENTITLED 'DECLARING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND CERTAIN PARCELS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND/OR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS MANGROVE SWAMP FOREST RESERVES' "

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 298), re H.B. No. 4274, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE SOUTHERN ISABELA GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SANTIAGO CITY, PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A TERTIARY GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHERN ISABELA MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Nograles (K.A.) and Aggabao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 299), re H.B. No. 5880, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE AMAI PAKPAK MEDICAL CENTER IN MARAWI CITY, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1517

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.) and Adiong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 300), re H.B. No. 5881, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOCCSKSARGEN GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1869

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.) and Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 301), re H.B. No. 5903, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED IN CALAMBA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 991

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

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 302), re H.B. No. 5904, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BATAC, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2029

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

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 303), re H.B. No. 5905, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2497

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

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 304), re H.B. No. 5906, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG, AND FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BANSUD, BULALACAO, GLORIA, AND MANSALAY, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) AND SECTION 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1234

Sponsors: Representatives Umali and Nograles (K.A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 305), re H.B. No. 5907, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2011

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.) and Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 306), re H.B. No. 198, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL

REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.) and Cari
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 307), re H.B. No. 2433, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STO. TOMAS AND AGONCILLO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.) and Collantes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 308), re H.B. No. 5932, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED IN ORMOC CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 451
Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.) and Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 309), re H.B. No. 3443, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL

COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.), Veloso and Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 310), re H.B. No. 3986, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAYAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO DISTRICT OFFICE OF BALAYAN, BATANGAS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Nograles (K.A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 311), re H.B. No. 5953, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE CITY OF SIPALAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1621
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Nograles (K.A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 312), re H.B. No. 5954, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) SATELLITE OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALAY, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3011

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Marquez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 313), re H.B. No. 5955, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4766

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Nograles (K.A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 314), re H.B. No. 5991, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANCHEZ MIRA, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE, TRANSFERRING ITS LOCATION TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABULUG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 316

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Nograles (K.A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 315), re H.B. No. 1924, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE-MEDELLIN EXTENSION OFFICE INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Nograles (K.A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 316), re H.B. No. 5992, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE CITY OF BAYUGAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2022

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 317), re H.B. No. 3169, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY LICENSING CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Marino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 318), re H.B. No. 4065, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Nograles (K.A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 319), re H.B. No. 4166, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN PABLO CITY LICENSING CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Nograles (K.A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 320), re H.B. No. 6011, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO A MINING-FREE

ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
THE VIOLATION THEREOF”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 2852

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Tejada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee
Report No. 321), re H.B. No. 6012, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF CAGAYAN
DE ORO A MINING-FREE ZONE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 4799

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee
Report No. 322), re H.B. No. 6013, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL
AREAS AS CLOSED TO MINING
APPLICATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7942
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE
MINING ACT OF 1995”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 1618

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the
Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report
No. 323), re H.B. No. 4765, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION
OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF BROOKE’S POINT, PROVINCE OF
PALAWAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and
Nograla (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the
Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report
No. 324), re H.B. No. 3188, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CALOOCAN
CITY EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED
IN MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA INTO
A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and
Nograla (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Trade and Industry
(Committee Report No. 325), re H.B. No. 6016,
entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE ISSUANCE, USE
AND REDEMPTION OF GIFT CHECKS,
GIFT CERTIFICATES AND GIFT CARDS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bills Numbered 3091 and 5157

Sponsors: Representatives Biron, Romualdo and
Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, with leave
of the House, I now move that we open the Privilege
Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). There
is a motion to open the Privilege Hour.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I now move
that the Gentleman from the Third District of Quezon,
the honorable Minority Leader, Rep. Danilo E. Suarez,
be recognized to deliver his *contra*-SONA.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The
honorable Minority Leader, Rep. Danilo Suarez, is
recognized to deliver his *contra*-SONA.

The Minority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Your Honors, good afternoon.

I would like to acknowledge first the presence of
my wife, former Congresswoman Aleta Suarez, and my
daughter, Atty. Joana Suarez. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The
better half is recognized.

The Minority Leader may proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SUAREZ

REP. SUAREZ. The title of my prepared address
is *contra*-SONA.

Papaano mo makontra ang isang Pangulong 82
percent ang trust rating at 92 percent ang awareness rating.
So, hindi po ito *contra*-SONA. The position of the Minority
is to enhance the President’s Address yesterday.

Yesterday, the President delivered the second State

of the Nation Address with the theme, “A Comfortable Life for All.” Interpreting the President’s SONA, a comfortable life requires several basic components. A comfortable life means living in a drug-free community.

During the President’s first year, we witnessed his persistence in intensifying the campaign against illegal drugs which resulted in the arrest of 84,467 drug suspects with 3,151 fatalities during police anti-illegal drug operations. More than a million illegal drug users surrendered to the police and took an oath abstaining from its use. Maybe the PDEA and the PNP can update us on this data.

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency reported a reduction of 26.45 percent in the total drug market of 4.7 million drug users in the country. While reports of such progress were appreciated, we are concerned that the PDEA is not able to achieve its objective in eliminating the illegal drug trade and use. This assessment is in light of fiscal realities where the financial resources of the illegal industry is a bottomless pit. So let us assume that there are about two million remaining drug users in the country with an average daily consumption of around P200 a day. At this low consumption, it will earn P144 billion a year. A P144 billion a year will buy you the protection of police, prosecutors, fiscals, judges, all the way to the highest echelons of power in the government.

Now, let us look at the PDEA’s fiscal capability in fulfilling its mandate. In 2016, the PDEA’s approved budget was only P957 million or less than a billion pesos. How can an agency with less than a billion budget combat an industry that earns more than a hundred billion a year? If we are to suppress an industry which makes this amount of money, we have to be at par with its capability. We need funds for intelligence, operations, transportation and gears to enhance efficiency. In capturing drug pushers and drug lords, it is our role as legislators to provide government agencies with sufficient ammunitions in this war against illegal drugs.

The Minority supports the notion that this illegal drug use and trade compromise the basic morals of our society. The President asks us to join him in this war. To this end, the Minority will ensure that the PDEA has the necessary funding it needs to finally eliminate the drug menace. But this initiative must come from the President.

We feel that the drug war may be more effective if we deal not only with its criminal aspect but also the social and economic facets that contribute to the proliferation of drug use. For instance, there are 1,308,000 drug surrenderees from July 1 to June 20, 2017, as reported by the Philippine National Police. That is more than a million people who may not be able to find gainful employment given

their police record. That is a reputation in their community.

Our unemployment rate is recorded at 5.7 percent based on the April 2007 statistics. It has risen by 0.3 percent since July 16, 2016. Meanwhile, the latest poverty rate from 2015 survey is recorded at 22.5 percent.

We are looking at another year of striving to lower the poverty rate and reducing the poverty gap. This continuing rise of the dollar against the peso and the high inflation rate recorded at 3.1 percent in May 2017, which is almost thrice the rate in 2015, contribute to the poor economic conditions that affect most of the population. Hence, while it is understandable that the use of illegal drugs is an urgent and important problem to address, we must pursue measures that will deal with other issues of national interest such as hunger, poverty and unemployment.

I urge the government to provide alternative income sources for illegal drug players especially those in the frontlines. Better economic conditions for all social classes will be a more effective means to suppress crimes, promote development in the country and lead to a comfortable life for all. A comfortable life means you can trust the government. President Duterte mentioned that the lowest bid policy on government projects promotes corruption. The Minority has been advocating for the amendment of the Procurement Law.

This Representation submitted a resolution to amend the Government Procurement Reform Act which is currently pending in the Committee on Appropriations. While this law has good intentions, the general sentiment on the ground is that it lacks basis on practical experience, hence, the existence of fly-by-night operations which propose low bids just to blackmail legitimate businesses. I hope this Congress would give priority to passing this Bill to soon address the problems in government procurement.

The President mentioned that he instructed the Department of Finance and the Bureau of Internal Revenue to accept Mighty Corporation’s offer of tax liability amounting to 25 billion—the biggest tax settlement in history. According to the President, this amount will be used to rehabilitate Ormoc, Leyte which was recently damaged by a magnitude 6.5 earthquake, and Marawi City.

The settlement means that Mighty Corporation will cease to engage in the tobacco business but it does not mean that the company will be exempted from criminal culpability. Mighty Corporation’s tax evasion coincided with the BIR and the BOC’s consistent incompetence in missing their collection target during the previous administration. We must investigate how Mighty Corporation was able to evade taxes and penalize the proper government officials during the past several years prior to this administration.

I will also take this opportunity to remind Secretary Dominguez of his promise to implement the Lateral Attrition Law, a law that rewards or penalizes tax collectors depending on their performance and efficiency in collecting taxes.

A comfortable life means that we can communicate with ease and convenience. In March 2017, the President approved the establishment of a National Government Portal and a National Broadband Plan which would improve the connectivity of Filipinos through faster and more accessible broadband connection. With due respect to the President, the realities of the telecommunication industry make this National Broadband Plan a pipe dream. How can we achieve nationwide connectivity when the Internet connection in our country is among the most inefficient in the region? Everyone will agree that our Internet service is slow and inconsistent. If at all, the service rendered is consistently inconsistent, we are curious how the relevant Cabinet and government agencies can achieve this goal.

We are currently confined to two major players in the telecommunication industry that provide grossly incompetent service. During the committee hearings on the franchise renewal of Globe and Smart, these companies committed to improve their quality of service at no additional cost to the consumers. If these two service providers are presently unable to produce satisfactory service, maybe, we should rethink of the National Broadband Plan and review whether these two companies are in gross violation of their obligation under their franchises.

On this note, we should consider amending the Constitution to open certain industries to allow foreign participation. The telecommunication industry will benefit from massive capitalization, infrastructure modernization and the exchange of knowledge.

It is said that while novices talk about strategy, the veterans talk about logistics. I can commiserate with the way the President approaches our country's problems and vulnerabilities. A practical man can see that while we can shout ourselves hoarse that we should have an independent foreign policy, this cannot be done if our country is hugely dependent on OFW remittances and our BPO industry. The President's stated agenda of encouraging a local manufacturing industry would enable us to break away from foreign economic reliance. This would lower the prices of consumer items and increase local employment. Raw materials would no longer be exported only to be imported as finished goods to be bought at a higher price by Filipinos. Congress should seriously consider giving an incentive and tax break for local businesses to enter this line of business.

The President's first year was limited by the fact that the government budget was prepared by the previous administration whose thrust was significantly different

from his agenda of change. His 2017 SONA and its vision should be measured and compared with the proposed 2018 National Expenditure Program which he submitted on the same day. Our job now is to make sure that the national policy enunciated by the President can be effectively implemented through the budget which he proposed. For the next few months, we will deliberate on next year's budget. We will scrutinize, interpellate, and object if necessary, should we deem that the President's proposed budget is not aligned with the nation's best interest.

Lastly, a comfortable life is a peaceful life. While this SONA had a fighting tone, the fact that the President faced the leftist protesters after his speech is a sign that maybe the peace process with the left may still have a chance of being rekindled. We encourage all concerned to go back to the negotiating table with sincere hearts so that we will finally achieve lasting peace.

Your Honors, we believe we are serving on borrowed time and in the next few months, we will be deliberating on the 2018 budget. I need the assistance, the assurance of the leaders of the House, the Speaker and the Majority Leader, to make sure that henceforth, no project in our legislative district should come, should be constructed or initiated without the knowledge of the respective Representatives in their districts.

Siguro po ay napupuna ninyo na may mga bigla na lang ginagawang mga farm-to-market road, may mga ginagawa na lang irrigation, may ginagawa na lang barangay hall, daycare center, na hindi natin alam at kung tatanungin natin, "Sino ang nagpadala ng project na ito?" "Initiative po ito ni Mr. Juan Dela Cruz." Sino naman ang tumulong sa kanya? May kaibigan palang Cabinet Secretary. And this has been an approach especially as next year will be a preparation for 2019 and we will be facing competition in the elections in 2019.

Kaya sa atin po, wala ho namang project na puwedeng mangyari na walang approval ng Congress, but that has been what we call the "submissive attitude of the House." For the past administration and Presidents, ganun ho tayo ng ganun. Pagdating ng budget hearing, tayong lahat dito will be debating on what is being presented to us, on what should be spent in 2018, ni hindi ho natin nare-review up to now. Iyon hong ibinigay na proposed budget for 2018, baka ho bago pa magsimula ang debate, baka hindi pa ho natin nare-review lahat.

Kaya gumising ho tayo, mga kasama, at gawin natin ang mandate na ibinigay sa atin ng ating constituents as elected Congressman. Alisin po natin iyong attitude na ang ating mga district engineers ay pupunta sa opisina natin at kung tatanungin natin, "O, kailan magsisimula iyong ipagagawa kong kalsada?" Sasabihin ho, "Malapit na po ang bidding, pero Congressman, ang dami pong gustong sumali na hindi ho naman tagaatin." Kaya ano

po ang ating gagawing initiative sa 2018 budget? Wala pong project na public works na puwedeng gawin sa ating distrito, P100 million and below, na hindi tagaatin ang kontratista.

Sa pamamagitan niyan, ang pera po ay iikot sa ating distrito at sa ating probinsya. Sa ganitong paraan, mga kasama, maiiwasan din natin iyong mananahod. Alam naman natin kung ano ang problema ng ating mga district engineers, iyong mananahod. Sasali at sasabihin, kapag hindi mo kami binigyan ng porsyento, ibabagsak namin ang presyo. And, how many years? Let us say na po na iyong mananahod ang manalo, how many years will it take us back to have it re-bid because it will be a failed bidding? One, more than one year. Iyan ho ang practical way na nangyayari at iyan ho ang kalakaran ngayon. That must be stopped.

Tayo ho, mga kasama, we can shine in this plenary. We can be the best orator, we can be the best debater, we can be the best spokesperson in the Committee hearing, pero kapag wala kang nagawang project sa distrito mo, hindi ka mare-re-elect. Iyan ho ang katunayan, kaya napaka-sensitive po nitong ating gagawing budget for 2018. And I would like to get the assurance that the leadership of this House will fight for our right, will fight for our mandate as Representatives and the right to appropriate funds for this country.

Marami pong salamat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Maraming salamat, our Minority Leader. The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List, the Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr., for his interpellation.

REP. ATIENZA. With the kind permission of the Gentleman, our Minority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The honorable Representative Lito Atienza is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. ATIENZA. Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I said, with the kind indulgence of the Minority Leader, I would like to add a little more to the perspective that he has given as a reaction of the Minority and the people in general to the State of the Nation Address which we heard lengthily yesterday.

REP. SUAREZ. Yes, Your Honor.

REP. ATIENZA. Opo, sapagkat noong isang taon,

lahat tayo ay nakinig sa State of the Nation Address ng ating Pangulo, sa kanyang kauna-unahang taon. Marami po siyang binanggit na mga problema ng bansa at ng tao na talagang ating nakitang totoo, lalung-lalo na po sa problema ng droga. Marami rin po siyang binanggit na mga nagpapahirap sa ating mga mamamayan na tinukoy niya at bibigyan niya ng aksyon with the corresponding directions, orders and making the Department heads and the heads of agencies fully accountable. And I would like to mention some because I noticed, nakahanda po sana akong pumalampak na muli hanggang mamula ang aking mga kamay, subalit hindi po niya nabanggit. Puwede po bang tanungin ko ang ating Minority Leader dito sa mga isyung ito?

REP. SUAREZ. Puwede po.

REP. ATIENZA. Una, noong isang taon, ang sabi po ng ating Pangulo, hindi magtatagumpay ang ating ekonomiya at hindi aangat ang kabuhayan ng Pilipino kung hindi natin lilinis ang ating mga katubigan. When I heard that, I was really overjoyed because that means clearing the water wastes, the water bodies all over the country, more than 700 rivers and so many lakes including Manila Bay and Laguna de Bay, and of all of these structures which are depriving all of us the proper use and benefits from these bodies of water. And he precisely directed the Department of Environment and the Laguna Lake Development Authority to immediately act on those issues that he mentioned. But after one year, the three months that he gave, all the agencies then did not deliver anything. I would like you to know, Mr. Minority Leader, I checked on the Laguna de Bay just before the SONA, para hindi po naman ako magkamali ng aking appreciation. Nakita ko po, punung-puno ng fishpen ang Laguna de Bay. Hindi po nagbabago ang kondisyon bagkus lalong nabulok pa ang tubig doon. Kinausap ko ang ilang mga mangingisda doon. Ang sagot po sa akin, “Wala po namang nagtatanggal dito eh. Nadagdagan pa nga ho eh.” At tuloy po ang corruption sa Laguna Lake Development Authority.

REP. SUAREZ. Your Honor, siguro po ay iyon ang napapanahon na sinasabi ko. Sa buwan po ng September-October, paparito po ang in-charge ng Laguna Lake at hihingiin ang pondo para sa 2018. At ito ho ang pagkakataon natin na ipakita mo sa amin, dito sa dalawang screen na ito, ano ang ginawa mo sa pera? Magkano ang ibinigay namin sa iyo noong 2017 for Laguna Lake? At ipakita mo sa amin dito, how did you spend it and why are you asking for this amount of money for 2018? And that will be the appropriate time for you to say that you did not spend it well, you mismanaged government funds and to the extent that the Minority in Congress can ask for a complete reorganization of that office, then we can do it. Iyon ho

ang puwede nating gawin. But, mabuti naalala ninyo po iyong statement kahapon po ng Pangulo about economic, at water waste na hindi niya nabanggit. Gusto ko ring punahin na mukhang hindi niya nabanggit ang problema ng “endo”. Sinasabi ko lang po dito na as a Minority Leader na iyan ho ay binanggit niya noong unang SONA, pero parang nakalimutan niya ngayon. Pero ito hong problema na binanggit ninyo is a serious issue because it involves the environment, it involves health and gaya ng suggestion ko, Sr. Dep. Minority Leader, iyan po ay puwede nating usisain kapag nag-present sila ng budget for 2018.

REP. ATIENZA. It is a fact, Mr. Speaker, the Minority Leader is very much aware of the conditions of the degraded quality of water in Laguna de Bay. Once upon a time, we dreamt of a Laguna de Bay which would really give a big boost, or impetus for the economy of the outlying regions including Metro Manila and that of the whole country. If that body of water could carry the capacity to provide livelihood for our fisherfolk, baka sakaling bumalik na naman po ang mga suso at bumalik po ang mga itik sa Rizal. At bumalik po ang masarap nating balut na nanggagaling diyan. Baka bumalik po iyong mga panahong ang isdang nahuhuli diyan ay hindi na po lasang burak, hindi lasang gilik, kung hindi malinamnam, katulad po ng isdang nahuhuli dati sa lugar na iyan. But sad to say, in the six years of Mr. Aquino, he did not do anything about it. And when President Duterte took over and he promised to act on it, we said, he is the only President who may be able to make use of our natural wealth in water and provide an opportunity for a better life for everyone. Pero noong hindi po niya binanggit kahapon, hindi ko po maiwasan na talagang manghinayang dahil gusto nating magtagumpay si Pangulong Duterte. I am sure we share our common wish that this President would already succeed in doing what is necessary and not just to be an ordinary, pero hindi po niya binanggit. Baka nakalimutan po o baka naman nawala na sa agenda.

Ang Manila Bay po ay punung-puno na ng baklad papunta na po rito sa Maynila galing sa bandang Cavite. Ang Pampanga River, Bulacan River, Taal Lake, Lake Cebu, Lake Lanao, at Sampaloc Lake—name it, punung-puno na po ng mga istruktura na gumagawa ng problema para sa ating lahat, at tayo ay binabaha dahil po sa ganitong pagkukulang at abuso.

So, we are wishing as I would like to continue to wish, but I would like to take this opportunity to remind the President: You promised to clear Laguna de Bay and the water bodies. We would continue to monitor that promise and we will point it out every time a good development happens. Pero kung hindi po kayo sinusunod ng mga tao ninyo, pupunahin din po namin para po naman maalala ninyo.

REP. SUAREZ. Well, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, the President mentioned that the thrust of his—sinabi po niya ito noong kanyang campaign speech—na talaga hong bibigyan niya ng priority ang problema ng drugs, and that is what he is doing now. We have to rate him, of course, whether he is doing it properly. The figure indicates that there is a significant decrease in the proliferation of these illegal drugs. But your concern is correct, but he did say that, “I will leave the other job to my managers.” Kaya iyon pong—kung gaya po ng sinabi ninyo, iyong concern ninyo on those issues, the best avenue will be on the budget hearing when this agency will ask funds for 2018.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, obviously, we share the same concern and I am sure the Members of this Congress also share the same sentiment.

On the issue of traffic, although he mentioned it in passing, eh wala po namang gaanong development na pagbabago sa problema natin sa trapik. Hindi pa ho nalilinis hanggang ngayon iyong mga alternative roads. Iyong mga iligal na terminal andiyan pa ho sa EDSA, Buendia, doon po sa Caloocan, dito po sa Quezon City. Parang wala tayong gobyerno kung minsan sapagkat naglipana ang iligal, at wala pong pumupuna. Eh, sino po ba ang maaaring pumuna diyan kung hindi ang tapang at desisyon ni Pangulong Duterte?

REP. SUAREZ. Your Honor, I would like to intervene.

Mayroon ho akong nakuhang data kahapon na ako ay muntik nang mahulog sa aking silya. Kausap ko po si Mayor Binay ng Makati, asawa po ni Representative Campos—Mayor Mar-len Abigail Binay-Campos. Ang sabi po niya sa akin, apat na milyong sasakyan ang bumabagtas sa Makati, EDSA. Four million vehicles a day and counting. Kaya iyan pong isyu ng trapik ay talagang napakaselan at napakabigat na problema.

Nag-propose na po tayo. Tayo po ang nag-propose noong lifting ng window ng odd-even o 1, 2, 3, 4. Ngayon, kung gusto po nating ma-eliminate 30 percent ng sasakyan bawat oras, lifting of the window, ako po ay nag-propose kay Chairman Orbos noong wala pa ho si—kasi papasok na ho yata si General Lim, na gawin na po nating three numbers ending. By that, we will be eliminating 30 percent of vehicles in the major thoroughfares. Pero ang balita ko po, ni-reject ng Metro Manila Commission mayors iyong ating proposal. Pero tingnan po natin talaga ang trapik. Gaya ng sinabi ko, four million vehicles a day. If you measure the width and length of the Makati roads and EDSA, you can see how slow is the pace of traffic movement with four million vehicles. It is a serious problem, indeed, and

we cannot just throw this to the President and say, solve the problem. This is a problem for all.

Along that line, Mr. Speaker, I would like to give the President one year. Hindi ba sinabi niyang learning curve. He was a reluctant Presidential candidate. Alam po naman natin na wala siyang planong tumakbo noong 2016. Iyon pong mga kandidato, talaga hong ready na kung sakaling manalo sila, may mga Cabinet na nga sila, pero siya, nangapa pa. As a matter of fact, sinabi po niya kahapon that he did fire some of his most chosen na mga malalapit sa kaniya na proven to be incompetent and corrupt. May one year na po siya, Mr. Speaker, so we just have to be consistently reminding him of this serious problem because this is a deterrent to investment. Walang paparitong investor kapag nakita ang traffic ng Metro Manila.

I agree with the Gentleman that it is a serious problem.

REP. ATIENZA. Opo. Kaya tayo nagbibigay paalala, sapagkat umaasa pa rin tayo na may gagawin ang ating Pangulo. Umaasa tayong sana ay makarating sa kanila ang pinag-uusapan natin ngayon sapagkat nakalimutan niya siguro kahapon.

Hindi ko maiwasang banggitin na noong panahon ni Mr. Marcos, sa silid pong iyon ay mino-monitor kami rito sa Batasang Pambansa. Lahat ng pinag-uusapan namin dito, alam agad ng Malacañang. Kaya sana naman makarating sa Malacañang ang binabanggit natin ngayon at nang maaksyunan niya. Kung si Mr. Marcos noon, nakakaaksyon nang madalian, mayroon po kasi siyang monitoring.

REP. SUAREZ. Eavesdropping.

REP. ATIENZA. Tinig ng bayan, naririnig niya ...

REP. SUAREZ. Gusto ninyo ibalik natin iyon?

REP. ATIENZA. ... diretso sa Malacañang.

REP. SUAREZ. Iyong eavesdropping ay ibalik dito sa plenary hall?

REP. ATIENZA. Opo. Kaya ako ay umaasa, baka may nakikinig ngayon, baka may nagre-report sa kaniya. Sabihin ninyo itong sinasabing ito ni Congressman Atienza at ni Congressman Suarez na baka nakakalimutan ng ating Pangulo.

Babalikan ko lang po ang traffic. Ang MRT, the only mass transport system which continues to break down. Ang tao, nakakaawa na po. Kapag umuulan, lumalakad sila sa ulan, makasakay lamang pagkatapos ng isa't kalahating oras ng paghihintay. Wala pong ginagawang pagbabago. Ganoon din po ang ating pahirap sa ating mga mamamayan.

Napag-alaman natin na bumili ang gobyerno ng isang katutak na tren noong nakaraang administrasyon, subalit ang mga tren ay hindi puwedeng gamitin sapagkat lihis sa specification ng ating riles. Sinong may kasalanan, ang tanong ng mga Senador. Ang sabi po noong dating nagmamaneho ng ...

REP. SUAREZ. LRT.

REP. ATIENZA. ... ng department, ng DOTr, ...

REP. SUAREZ. DOTr.

REP. ATIENZA. Ang sabi po ay si Secretary Roxas. E kung siya ang may kasalanan, bakit po walang demandang tinatanggap ang taong ito? Ipinapaalala natin, kung naghahanap si Pangulong Duterte ng dapat managot sa pahirap sa bayan ngayon, balikan niya ang nakaraan. Sinong bumili ng mga tren na hindi nagagamit? Bilyun-bilyong piso ang ginugol ninyo diyan, hindi pala puwedeng gamitin sa ating riles. Anong gagawin natin doon sa mga tren na iyon? Gawin nating sampayan, labahan o patubuan natin ng mushroom?

Iyan pong ganyang klaseng mga pagkukulang ng mga namumuno ay hindi dapat napapabayaang kasalukuyan. Dapat po pagpaliwanagin ang dating Secretary na may responsibility siya on this issue para naman mabigyan ng katarungan ang paghihirap ng mamamayan na gumagamit ng public transport na MRT.

REP. SUAREZ. On account of mass transit, Mr. Speaker, there is no denying that the level playing field between a rich man and a poor man in terms of travelling is mass transit. Kaya napakahalaga po ng mass transit, but it has to be accurate, dependable, reliable and on time.

Ito hong nakaraang administrasyon, nakapagpagawa naman sila ng plans on mass transit that will crisscross Metro Manila, but this is not really the plan presented by the previous administration but presented by the Japan International Cooperation Agency or JICA. I think it is high time that maybe the DOTr, I will mention that on the next budget hearing, ang DOTr huwag nang mag-aral. Pag-aralan na lang po ang ginawa ng JICA because it spent \$25 million for this study.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

One last point, ang panahon po natin ngayon ay nagiging mapanganib para sa lahat, sa atin, sa ating mga anak, pamilya, mahal sa buhay, pati na ang mga kababaihan ay binabaril ng mga kriminal sa loob ng kanilang sasakyan. Ngayon lang po nangyayari ito where a husband and his wife were killed right in their own car. Therefore, there is a problem or breakdown in law and order. Wala po akong narinig tungkol doon. Parang walang nangyayari.

Iyon po ang ikinalulungkot ko sapagkat, alam ninyo, gustung-gusto kong magtagumpay ang ating Pangulo sapagkat siya na siguro ang pag-asa natin sa tunay na pagbabago. But he has not mentioned anything about the Philippine National Police. He has not mentioned about the breakdown of order, especially in Metro Manila and the urban cities of the country. Pinapatay ang piskal, pinapatay po ang treasurer, pinapatay ang mga lingkod-bayan, pati po misis nila kasama sa patay. Hindi na po iginagalang ang kababaihan ngayon. Pinapaslang kapag mayroong po silang papatayin.

Who are involved in this breakdown of order? Of course, a great number of criminals who are now taking advantage of the concentration of the President on the drug problem, that they are taking now the law into their own hands sa kanilang pagnanakaw at paggawa ng krimen. But the police should be our only hope to protect us in the streets of the country. What are they doing? Nothing much because they also are just concentrating on the issue of drugs. They are not concerned about the safety of the homes. Ang ating mga bahay ay hindi ligtas sapagkat may ginagawang iba ang ating kapulisan.

So, I would like to take all of these issues, together with your very clear manifestation of the national issues that could improve the economy and public service in our country. Unless these issues which we have pointed out in our short discussion are addressed, Mr. Speaker, hindi po magbabago ang buhay ng Pilipino at babagal ang pag-unlad ng ating kabuhayan. Kung marumi ang ating katubigan, mapanganib ang ating mga lansangan, ang pulis ay kasama sa krimen rather than fighters of crime, traffic standstill every now and then, the only mass transport line breaks down every now and then, wala po tayong narinig tungkol sa subway system, more tunnels to be built para po tayo makatawid sa Quezon, sa probinsiya ng Minority Leader, in the most practical, accessible manner—maraming idea na maaari pong magbigay ng pag-asa, pag-asa sa pangkaraniwang Pilipino.

Ito na ang tunay na pagbabago. Gusto kong makasigaw tayo ng ganyan sa susunod na taon kapagka nakinig tayo sa kanya uli kung ano ang kanyang sasabihin sa bayan. Sa ngayon, hindi po ako makapalampak nang gaano sapagkat hindi ko po narinig ang mga hinihintay ng pangkaraniwang tao sa lansangan. Iyong mga pinag-uusapan ng mga tao sa kanilang looban, sa loob ng mga barangay, ano ang gagawin ng ating Pangulo?

We hope all of these discussions that we had will reach the ears of the President as what Mr. Marcos used to do. That hall was dedicated for eavesdropping. I hope somebody is there eavesdropping in this exchange of our sentiments.

Congratulations, Mr. Minority Leader, for your insight on the national picture of the national economy. Include our observations on the local, but also fast becoming national problems so that together, we can

all make the President have a better government and real changes in the attitude of public servants in the country today.

Maraming salamat po.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the honorable Minority Leader, together with the interpellations, to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the guests of the Hon. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo from the First District of Lanao del Norte. They are Mayor Bagol, Mayor Dimakuta, Mayor Mañigos, Mayor Olafsson, Mayor Azis, Mayor Dimaporo, Mayor Baguio, Mayor Omar, Mayor Mamay, Mayor Tomawis, Mayor Palawan, Board Member Maruhom, Board Member Dibratun, Board Member Bihag, Board Member Ramos, and Board Member Matalines. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). To the guests of Congressman Dimaporo, welcome to the House of Representatives. Mabuhay po kayo.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I now move that we recognize the Hon. Mohamad Khalid Dimaporo from the First District of Lanao del Norte for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Hon. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DIMAPORO (M.)

REP. DIMAPORO (M.). Thank you, Floor Leader and Mr. Speaker, colleagues of the Seventeenth Congress, Gov. Imelda Quibranza Dimaporo, the mayors of Lanao del Norte, board members of the province, maayong hapon sa tanan.

Assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

On June 8, 2017, the NAPOLCOM issued Resolutions No. 2017-334 and 335. Resolution No. 334 withdraws the deputation of governors of Lanao del Norte, Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Sultan Kudarat, Sulu, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and the mayor of Cotabato City. Resolution No. 335 withdraws the deputation

of certain mayors of Mindanao, particularly in the provinces of Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Sultan Kudarat, Sulu, Basilan and Tawi-Tawi.

These resolutions are identical in saying that the NAPOLCOM is convinced that the failure of the local chief executives to suppress terrorist elements resulting in the alarming incidence of lawless violence within their territorial jurisdiction constitutes acts inimical to national security, which pose a serious threat to the lives and security of their constituents, and negate the effectiveness of the peace and order campaign in the country, and that the action or inaction of certain local officials in connection to the illegal drug trade, while still being validated, is tantamount to providing material support to criminal elements.

Both resolutions conclude that in order to help streamline the efforts of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, Commander-in-Chief and Chief Executive of the Philippines, in the implementation of martial law in Mindanao and premised on the existence of the aforementioned grounds for suspension/withdrawal by the NAPOLCOM of its deputation of local chief executives as representatives of the Commission in their respective jurisdiction, the Commission hereby resolved to withdraw the deputation of the following chief executives effective immediately:

1. Maguindanao governor and 28 mayors;
2. Lanao del Sur governor and 37 mayors;
3. Lanao del Norte governor and 22 mayors;
4. Sultan Kudarat governor and 12 mayors;
5. Sulu governor and 13 mayors;
6. Basilan governor and 10 mayors;
7. Tawi-Tawi governor and 9 mayors; and
8. Cotabato City mayor.

The Commission further declares that the duties, obligations, powers and prerogatives vested unto the foregoing chief executives as NAPOLCOM deputy officer, under Section 51 of Republic Act No. 6975 and Section 64 of Republic Act No. 8851, are hereby removed and revoked accordingly.

Section 51 of Republic Act No. 6975 defines the power of the local chief executives over the PNP.

The governor has the power to choose the provincial director. The governor has the power to oversee the implementation of the provincial public safety plans.

The mayors have operational supervision and control over the PNP units in their respective jurisdiction. The mayors have the power to implement the integrated community safety plans. The mayors have the power to have administrative disciplinary powers over the PNP. They also have other powers: the authority to choose the chief of police; the authority to recommend the transfer, reassignment, detail of PNP members outside of their respective towns or cities; and the authority to recommend the appointment of new members of the PNP to be assigned in their respective towns and cities.

Section 64 of Republic Act No. 8851 explains the automatic deputation of local government officials as representatives of the Commission.

In summary, since June 8, 2017, the NAPOLCOM has decided to strip seven governors and 132 mayors of their supervisory powers over the police. No advice was given to the regional or provincial directors of the PNP. The governors and the mayors continued their working relationship until July 5, 2017.

A day after the celebration of our foundation day, Araw ng Lanao del Norte, news from Rappler, ABS-CBN and the *Manila Bulletin* scattered around the province through the Internet and social media platforms of NAPOLCOM's Resolutions 334 and 335.

The governor called her PNP provincial director, the PNP regional director and the NAPOLCOM regional director to confirm media reports regarding the NAPOLCOM resolutions. They were all clueless and had to verify the media reports with their superiors. The following day, July 6, 2017, 17 mayors, the provincial governor and the province's two district representatives met in Cagayan de Oro City to make a united stand against the basis of NAPOLCOM Resolutions 334 and 335.

First, the NAPOLCOM alleges that the local chief executives failed to suppress terrorist elements in their respective jurisdictions. I am assuming the terrorist elements that the NAPOLCOM has mentioned are referring to the Maute group that brought death and ruin to the city of Marawi.

The Maute group was founded in 2012 by brothers Abdullah and Omar Maute. The initial encounter with the AFP was in 2013 when they attacked government troops in the security checkpoint at Madalum, Lanao del Sur. They became notoriously known for their connection to the Davao bombing on October 4, 2016. This led to the AFP's pursuit and clearing operations in the Maute stronghold in Butig, Lanao del Sur, on November 25, 2016. The Maute's defeat forced them to scatter and regroup in Marawi wherein they engaged in battle with the AFP since May 2017. This prompted President Duterte to declare martial law in the island of Mindanao.

Since the beginning of the Maute group in 2012, to their attack on the military forces in 2013, followed by the clearing operations in Butig late November 2016, to the battle of Marawi this 2017, the provincial government of Lanao del Norte has been regularly convening the Provincial Peace and Order Council meetings with their counterparts in the AFP and the PNP. In all security briefings conducted, there was not a single report from the military or the PNP intelligence that the Maute terror group is operating in the province of Lanao del Norte. So, how can the local chief executives of Lanao del Norte fail to suppress terrorist elements when based on PNP and AFP intelligence, they do not exist or operate in our province?

The threat in Lanao del Norte is not the Maute but the MILF in Munai and the NPA entering the municipality of Kapatagan from the Zamboanga Peninsula. In both cases, the local chief executives are very proactive in keeping those threats at bay.

When the Bangsamoro Comprehensive Agreement was signed in Malacañang during the previous administration, Commander Bravo wanted to parade from the boundary of Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur, to the interior municipality of Munai and down to the coastal town of Kauswagan. His intention was to march his 500 fully-armed men and declare victory for the MILF in his hometown of Kauswagan.

The provincial government immediately reacted and asked the national government to give guidance to the AFP, through the Secretary of National Defense, to honor the Peace and Order Council resolution forbidding the entry of the MILF in Lanao del Norte while they are bearing arms and are in uniform. The municipal mayor of Kauswagan also reacted, establishing a command center and coordinated with the AFP and the PNP to defend the municipality.

Shortly, the AFP's counterpart battalion in Lanao del Sur flanked Commander Bravo's rear so that in the occurrence of violence, we can properly contain and neutralize the rebel threat. After three days of negotiations, Commander Bravo agreed to come down to Kauswagan with his contingent, unarmed and in civilian clothing. After his rally in Kauswagan, he peacefully returned to the provincial boundary.

In the case of the NPA, the AFP, in partnership with provincial government and the municipal government of Kapatagan, established the integrated interior security defense plan. Kapatagan is the entry point of the NPA to Lanao del Norte. The plan consists of a series of workshops with the AFP, the PNP, and barangay tanod members to designate rules and procedures in the event that threats infiltrate the community. The system was effective in tracking NPA movement into the municipality and when needed the neutralization of such threats.

These are just a few examples of how we tried to work together with our security forces to maintain peace and order in the province of Lanao del Norte. If the Maute terrorists' threats existed in the province, they would have been dealt with accordingly.

So, what did the local chief executives do to catch the ire of the NAPOLCOM? What basis does the NAPOLCOM have in stating that the local chief executives failed in contributing to the administration's war on terror?

When war broke out in Marawi, the province and its municipality supported martial law. To restrict the movement of the terrorists, the AFP and the PNP established a series of strict checkpoints. The needs of the PNP to conduct checkpoints such as multi-purpose tents to protect security personnel from rain and

shine, food provisions to ensure 24-hour manning of checkpoints, and communication equipment linked to command centers like 2-way radios were all provided by the local government units.

So, what did the local government units do wrong to be branded as failures in peace and order by the NAPOLCOM?

To further restrict the movement of terrorists, a province-wide curfew was established. At 8:00 p.m., all businesses are closed. No one is allowed to be out in the streets. In cooperation, the provincial government reduced office hours from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. so its employees can reach home in Iligan before curfew.

During our Foundation Day celebration, Araw ng Lanao del Norte, there were no evening activities, no fireworks, no gun start for a fun run, just a whistle. The provincial government strictly complied with the recommendations and regulations of the AFP.

Contrary to NAPOLCOM Resolutions No. 334 and 335, what the local officials of Lanao del Norte has shown is their ability to cooperate and support their security forces in their endeavor to curb terror. And yet, amidst the good working relationship on the ground, the NAPOLCOM declared the local chief executives of the province as negligent of their duties.

Let me give you an example, an instance, my colleagues, that occurred while a battle was raging in Marawi. After the declaration of martial law, terrorists were identified by AFP intelligence and "wanted" posters were distributed to the LGUs. The provincial governor had the foresight to place them in all emergency rooms of the six provincial hospitals.

One night, a patient was brought to Kauswagan Provincial Hospital. He was severely wounded and was referred to the Baroy Provincial Hospital, which has a specialist that can address his condition. When he was admitted in the Baroy Provincial Hospital, the x-ray showed shrapnel in his wounds. The provincial governor was informed and the patient was tested positive for gun powder residue. When they checked the wanted posters, his face matched with one of the individuals. But when the governor informed the PNP of the terrorist, they refused to take him into custody for lack of procedure. It was only when the AFP was informed that he was apprehended.

If we can only ask the NAPOLCOM in that circumstance, who was more negligent of their duties in the President's war against terrorists, the local chief executive who identified a wanted terrorist that was admitted in the provincial hospital or the NAPOLCOM's own police who refused to take the terrorist into custody?

In Lanao del Norte, we take peace and order seriously. Islamic extremists and insurgents threatened that which is most important to us—peace, unity and

understanding between Muslims and Christians, a community of peaceful coexistence.

How dare the NAPOLCOM pass a resolution stating that the LGUs of Lanao del Norte have failed in their duties when they are trying their best to work with their counterparts, the security forces, to achieve the results of the President's war against ISIS? The second allegation of the NAPOLCOM to strip LGUs of their deputation is their inaction in the war on drugs. Nothing could be further from the truth. The municipality of Tubod, the capital of Lanao del Norte, enacted a local ordinance, establishing a 10:00 p.m. curfew for all businesses for the reason that drug dealers were found to be more active at night. They intensified their campaign with buy-bust operations constantly having to travel to Iligan City two hours away and submit evidence to the PNP crime lab, which is overloaded because it is operating for both the province of Lanao del Norte and the city of Iligan. So, in support of the efforts of the municipal mayor in their fight against drugs, and to defray travel expenses of the local PNP, the provincial government, from its own funds, built a crime lab in the provincial PNP headquarters in the hope that they would be more successful in curbing the drug menace in the province.

If there is a hindrance to that campaign on drugs, it is not with the local government units, but the courts and the poor performance of the provincial prosecutors. For example, the judge handling the towns of Tubod, Baroy, Lala, and Kapatagan is supportive of the PNP's campaign and issues search warrants or arrest warrants needed when the basic requirements are submitted to the court; whereas, the judge overseeing Linamon, Kauswagan, Bacolod, Maigo, and Kolambugan is restrictive and compels the PNP to submit additional requirements before warrants can be issued.

The LGUs in Lanao del Norte may have their shortcomings, but when it comes to the war on drugs, it is wrong for the NAPOLCOM to categorize them as inactive. Since the beginning of the Duterte administration, the mayors have been empowered to intensify their war on drugs and as a result of Operation Double Barrel, according to LMP president, Mayor Allan Lim, Lanao del Norte and Region X have been among the top performing units and have been acknowledged by PNP ranks. So, how can NAPOLCOM lambast the LGUs of Lanao del Norte as inactive when in the war against illegal drugs, their own regional units can vouch for their performance?

As a matter of fact, the LGUs even went the extra mile like the municipality of Kauswagan, who, as early as August 2016, established a drug rehab and reform program in collaboration with the PNP or the provincial government of Lanao del Norte, which offered the DOH to convert its old 75-bed capacity provincial hospital to a full-fledged drug rehabilitation facility.

There is no basis for the NAPOLCOM to cite the local chief executives of Lanao del Norte as failing in their duties to maintain peace and order in our political jurisdiction, which is why I filed the House resolution inviting the NAPOLCOM to explain their basis for Resolutions No. 334 and 335. My resolution reads: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE BASIS OF NAPOLCOM TO WITHDRAW THE DEPUTIZATION OF SEVEN GOVERNORS AND 132 MAYORS IN MINDANAO.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, our region is in crisis and the heat of battle involves Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte and Iligan City. The LGUs in those areas are working hand-in-hand with our security forces to reestablish stability in the region. They are working tirelessly because it is our communities and our constituents that are threatened or affected.

This is a time for unity among government agencies, but what the NAPOLCOM has done with the resolution is to stab their allies in the back.

I appeal to the House of Representatives, under the leadership of Speaker Pantaleon "Bebot" Alvarez, to support my resolution that there be due process, and that the NAPOLCOM come here to Congress and explain themselves to the public, and the LGUs who questioned the NAPOLCOM Resolutions No. 334 and 335.

Thank you, dear colleagues, thank you, Deputy Speaker.

Assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.
(Applause)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo).
Maraming salamat, Congressman Dimaporo.

Yes, the Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Dimaporo to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I now move that we recognize the Honorable Congressman from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman, for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The honorable Cong. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized. You have the floor, Sir.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. LAGMAN

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, with due apologies to the Hon. Danilo Suarez who admittedly did not deliver the traditional *contra*-SONA, I have entitled this speech as “The Real 2017 Counter-SONA”.

Let me start this counter-SONA by thanking the President for his continued support for the Reproductive Health Law, particularly, with his issuance of Executive Order No. 12 on January 9, 2017, which calls for the full implementation of the RH Law, particularly attaining and sustaining zero unmet need for modern family planning.

To give emphasis to his endorsement of the RH Law, the President went to the extent of castigating the Supreme Court for issuing a TRO enjoining the use and procurement of *Implanon* and *Implanon NXT* which are the hormonal contraceptives of choice by countless women.

Mr. Speaker, however, the President’s demonstration against the High Court came too late because the Supreme Court has already issued a final decision upholding the TRO and even extending it to other contraceptives, that is, unless certified by the Food and Drug Administration, FDA, that they are not abortifacient in a process akin to a quasi-judicial jurisdiction.

Meanwhile, it should be underscored that teenage pregnancy in the country is still on the rise. And the United Nations Population Fund and the Department of Health said in 2016, that the Philippines does not only have the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in Asia; it is also the only country in the Asia Pacific Region where the rate of teenage pregnancies rose over the last two decades. Dependent unemployed juvenile mothers and their unplanned children contribute to the erosion of the country’s economic gains. Moreover, high maternal deaths have not been contained and our contraceptive prevalence rate still falls below international standards.

In this light, the FDA has to expedite the contraceptive certification process pursuant to the decision of the Supreme Court. Women should not be deprived access to the contraceptives they need and want now. We have an internationally acclaimed Reproductive Health Law, but there is much to be desired in its implementation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the President to walk the talk so that we will have children by choice, not by chance, mothers who survive the travails of pregnancy and childbirth; well-nourished and educated children; young people who are fully aware of the reproductive health rights through comprehensive and age-appropriate RH; sexuality education both in public and private schools; and a competent and productive manpower resource.

I am also congratulating the President for embarking on a program of extensive infrastructure development which he calls the “golden age of infrastructure.” According to him, 70 percent of GDP by 2022 will be earmarked for infrastructure. This gives efficacy to the truism that infrastructure development is the engine of growth. It enhances the construction of highways, irrigation systems, power installations, communications, and information technology facilities, school buildings and government structures which facilitate the delivery of basic services to the people. It generates much-needed employment and it encourages foreign investments. We earnestly hope that the progressive mantra of “build, build, and build” will supersede the wayward policy of “kill, kill, and kill.”

We also hope that the foreign funders of infrastructure projects like China will grant concessionary loans, minimize their monopoly of supply and labor components, and construct projects with structural integrity to avert the fate of the US\$12-billion Sigiri Bridge which China built in Western Kenya that collapsed shortly before it was completed.

The President must be wary of China’s offer to construct two bridges expanding the Pasig River for free in view of the Kenya engineering disaster.

We likewise hope that the policy of Public-Private Partnership or PPP where Filipino-rated contractors who play major roles is not abandoned, as is the trend now, in favor of foreign capital whose chosen firms construct the projects.

It is important to underscore that the President’s 10-point Socio-Economic Agenda highlighted the PPP when it undertook to, and I quote: “accelerate annual infrastructure spending with Public-Private Partnership playing a key role.” However, at the end of the first year of the Duterte administration, not a single new PPP project has been implemented. We also welcome the President’s announcement that environmental protection must be prioritized over mining operations but this must be taken with a grain of salt because despite former Environment Secretary Gina Lopez’s articulation of the same policy which the President reiterated yesterday, he failed to have her appointment confirmed by a Commission on Appointments principally composed of his allies in his super majority.

Mr. Speaker, President Duterte undertook that within three months of his assumption of office, he would eradicate the drug problem. He failed within the said period and asked for a six-month extension that was later lengthened to the end of his term as the drug menace has not been abated. He refuses to realize that the drug problem is both a health and poverty issue, and not simply a police matter. He has relentlessly embarked on a deadly campaign against drug users and traffickers. This violent policy has dismally failed in other countries like Thailand, Colombia and Mexico.

The President vowed to unrelentingly and unremittingly pursue his war against drugs despite the mounting summary killings and regardless of the criticism from international leaders, global human rights bodies and local advocates.

The Constitution mandates the protection and promotion of human rights. The Philippines is a signatory and State party to numerous international multilateral covenants on upholding human rights, which the State is obligated to protect, promote and fulfill. It is most regrettable that President Duterte denigrates human rights. He even branded human rights advocates as “enemies of the State.” He has repeatedly said that criminals have no human rights. The President’s ongoing bloody campaign against drug dealers and users is a centerpiece of human rights transgressions. More than 80,000 victims, mostly coming from the poor sectors, have been sacrificed without due process to the barrel of the gun.

In the recent review by the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva last May 8, 2017, 45 out of the 47 member-countries of the Council recommended that human rights violations committed under the Duterte administration in relation to the drug campaign must be investigated. The sole dissenters were the Philippines and China. His violent campaign may be popular because people mistakenly view it as a peace and order drive, but it is errant, improvident, unlawful and derogates human rights. Yes, we have a drug problem, but the President’s violent solution aggravates the problem.

The oft-repeated and lengthy reference of the President to the Balangiga Massacre in 1901, wherein American forces committed gross human rights violations against Filipinos, is most patriotic but does not exculpate him of his own human rights violations. It is the President, not the human rights advocates, who trivializes human rights by unabated extrajudicial killings perpetrated by police authorities at the behest and condonation of the President.

The President’s insistence on the reimposition of the death penalty, now pending in the Senate, exacerbates the human rights situation. His argument that it is a deterrent and is for retributive justice is grossly flawed. Empirical studies here and abroad show that the death penalty is not a deterrent to the commission of heinous crimes, and that the modern concept of penology is reformative justice not punitive or retributive.

Inflation rate fell from 3.1 percent in May to 2.8 percent in June. However, the proposed tax reform measure may ignite or exacerbate inflation. While it reduces income tax rates for those who pay their income taxes regularly, it is insidious to those workers, underground or above ground, whose incomes are so low they need not pay income taxes to begin with. They cannot possibly benefit from reduced income tax

rates but will be forced to pay higher prices for goods and services due to the cascading effects of new and additional excise taxes.

I acknowledge that the present administration, like any administration and government, needs additional revenues to fund priority projects and programs like infrastructure, health, education, and social protection. However, the tax reform package must have sufficient enabling safeguards to protect the vulnerable sectors from the ultimate burden of new and/or additional excise taxes generated from petroleum products, sugar-sweetened beverages, motor vehicles and the expanded base of the value-added tax.

To protect the poor, the presently zero-rated kerosene and LPG, the products patronized by the poor, must not be subject to excise taxes of three pesos per liter for the first year, two pesos for the second year, and one peso for the third year, all eventually totaling to six pesos per liter. The marginalized sectors cannot afford this escalating tax imposition. The unconditional tax voucher program to selected poor families cannot compensate for the ill effects of cascading excise taxes on the purchasing capacity of vulnerable sectors.

There is no light at the end of the tunnel for the escalating traffic mess in Metro Manila and other urban centers. Apparently, the President has thrown in the towel when he admitted that EDSA is the alley of perdition. He also said that there are no funds to solve the traffic problem.

Labor expected the President to say what is happening to his campaign promise to jettison endo and contractualization. He did not say a word. Preliminary figures show the unemployment rate to have dropped from 6.1 percent in April 2016 to 5.7 percent in April 2017. The underemployment rate for the same period fell from 18.3 percent to 16.1 percent. The 5.7 percent unemployment rate in April 2017 is, however, still higher than the 5.5 rate for the whole of 2016.

Worrisome, however, Mr. Speaker, is the persistence of endo and contractualization. Of the estimated 197,219 contractual workers at the start of the Duterte administration, only 49,393 have been regularized as of June 16, 2017. What is even more alarming and appalling is that, in the words of DOLE Undersecretary Joel Maglunsod, “In 2016, a total of 48,116 workers were regularized. While from January to June this year, only 1,277 were regularized.” Has the campaign lost steam? Or worse, has the administration lost interest in the campaign?

The promulgation of Department Order No. 174 last March did not outlaw contractualization but merely intensified its regulation by requiring independent service contractors to have adequate capital and the wherewithal of production, like machines, tools and equipment.

While D.O. No. 174 continues to outlaw labor only contracting, where the labor contractor is a mere alter ego of the principal employer, it reinforces the trilateral work relationship among the principal and user capitalist, an independent contractor, and the workers. Contractualization remains an instrument of exploitation of labor. Instead of affording workers the right to sell their labor power directly to the capitalist and user, they are forced to serve cheaply to the middle man.

Article 106 of the Labor Code states that the “Secretary of Labor and Employment may, by appropriate regulations, restrict or prohibit the contracting-out of labor to protect the rights of workers established under this Code.” Hence, there is even no need for legislation to outlaw all forms of contractualization.

It is unbelievable that President Duterte’s concept of “independent foreign policy” is belittling or even rejecting traditional diplomatic and trade partners like the United States and countries belonging to the European Union, and unquestionably tying the knot with China and Russia.

President Duterte’s dalliance with China is particularly worrisome. He was pathetic when he admitted helplessness when Chinese President Xi Jinping threatened to go to war if the Philippines would enforce its sovereignty over the West Philippine Sea. Helplessness is never an option as recourse to the United Nations and enforcement of international agreements are readily available.

The problem of the President is compounded because he has succumbed to a barefaced bluff, as China would not go ballistic in the face of certitude of international sanctions and condemnation, and counter-military actions from Philippine allies.

President Duterte’s acceptance with alacrity of the Chinese promises of aid and investment appears to be in exchange of not enforcing the arbitral award of the United Nations-supported Permanent Court of Arbitration in favor of the Philippines over the vast and resource-rich areas of the West Philippine Sea, including the Philippine Rise formerly called the Benham Rise. He said yesterday that he would address the arbitral award in favor of the Philippines, sooner or later. Start enforcing it now, not later, Mr. President. Sacrificing Philippine sovereignty for contingent aid and investment from an expansionist and military China is definitely not a measure of an independent foreign policy.

One of the campaign promises of President Duterte, which was initially taking off, was the peace settlement with the CPP-NDF. But President Duterte has now decided to abandon the talks and has recently taunted CPP founding Chairperson Jose Ma. Sison “to renew the fighting for another 50 years.”

The projected peace accord with the Muslim separatists has not even started when martial law was

declared in Marawi and the whole of Mindanao. The precipitate and unwarranted declaration of martial law and the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in Mindanao have pushed back the peace settlement with the mainstream Muslim insurgents farther to the periphery.

Mr. Speaker, the poorest in the bottom poor cluster of provinces is Lanao del Sur, with 66.6 percent poverty incidence. Amidst this economic wretchedness was an Islamic enclave of bustling business, a sought-after tourist destination—this was Marawi City. Two months of fierce fighting between the Moro terrorists led by the Maute group and government forces carrying out orders to conduct inordinately devastating airstrikes and land assaults, an impetus of the declaration of martial law, has reduced the once charming city of Marawi to rubble.

The so-called siege of Marawi is a malevolent myth. The lawless violence did not amount to a siege. In fact, the Marawi City Hall and the Provincial Capital of Lanao del Sur, the seats of local government, were never overrun or captured by the terrorists. Verily, retaking or liberating Marawi is an exaggeration because Marawi was never taken by the extremists in the first place.

The dominance of the men and armaments of the armed forces and the police was always ascendant over the Maute and Abu Sayyaf fighters. At no instance before, during, and after the issuance of Proclamation 216 was the Republic’s sovereignty really imperiled and its territorial integrity compromised. The oft-repeated reference that Mindanao is the “hotbed of rebellion” is now more a matter of expression than a dangerous verity.

The appalling escalation of deaths of soldiers and terrorists, including innocent civilians; massive destruction of public and private properties; the widespread displacement of residents, many of whom have died in cramped and unsanitary makeshift evacuation centers, are the horrific aftermath—let me repeat that—aftermath of the declaration of martial law, which were not the prevailing conditions on the ground at the time Proclamation No. 216 was issued on May 23, 2017. This tragic aftermath cannot be the reason for a 150-day extension of martial law in the whole of Mindanao because such extension will further aggravate the wanton deaths and devastation.

Mr. Speaker, because of time constraints, addressing the President’s legislative agenda will be in a separate privilege speech.

Again, with the President’s usual populist rhetoric and pedestrian expletives, he has successfully connected with the masses even as he was wildly applauded by his super majority allies in the Congress.

But what actually did he say about the state of the nation? He said, “We are in for trouble because we live in troubled and uncertain times, and I fear that things might get worse before they become better.”

Let me repeat what the President said about the state of the nation, I quote again:

We are in for trouble because we live in troubled and uncertain times. I fear that things might get worse before they become better.

What is his prescription to this cryptic assessment? More martial law, more summary killings and hell with his critics.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, distinguished colleagues.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Maraming salamat, Cong. Edcel Lagman.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we extend the Privilege Hour for another 30 minutes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). There is a motion to extend. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the Party-List Akbayan, the Hon. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarín, for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Hon. Tom Villarín is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Would the good Gentleman from Albay yield to some interpellation?

REP. LAGMAN. Willingly, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, distinguished Gentleman.

I would like to address or raise some questions and issues to the good Sponsor with regard to the President’s SONA and the policies in Mindanao. As the Gentleman mentioned, what was highlighted is basically the extension of martial law in Mindanao. According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, the recent—the Gentleman cited that it was 66.5 percent, the poverty rate of Lanao del Sur.

REP. LAGMAN. It is 66.6 percent, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, but in the 2015 PSA record, it is now 74.3 percent.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, it has worsened, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. Okay. And, if you look at the PSA statistics, Mr. Speaker, 11 out of 20 of the top poorest provinces in our country are located in Mindanao. Is it correct?

REP. LAGMAN. That is correct, Your Honor.

REP. VILLARIN. I would like to cite, Mr. Speaker, that aside from Lanao del Sur, we have the provinces of Sulu, Sarangani, Maguindanao, Bukidnon, Sultan Kudarat, Zamboanga del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Lanao del Norte, North Cotabato and Sibugay occupying the other 10 top 20 slots. In the top 12, Your Honor, nine out of the top 12 poorest provinces are all in Mindanao.

Do you think that extending martial law in Mindanao would address this seeming deterioration of poverty in Mindanao?

REP. LAGMAN. Definitely it will not, Your Honor, because martial law is not the solution to the socio-economic ills plaguing Mindanao.

REP. VILLARIN. Again, it is cited, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, that prior to the Marawi siege, we already have a crisis of displacement wherein from January of 2016 to February of 2017, over 68,400 people were displaced in the provinces of Sulu and Basilan due to conflict. Now, with the Marawi crisis, there are more than 300,000 people in Mindanao that are displaced.

Do you think, Mr. Speaker, that these issues of internally displaced persons would just be some sort of a collateral damage to the policy of war now being waged in Mindanao?

REP. LAGMAN. Well, the present conflict in Mindanao which was exacerbated by the proclamation of martial law has resulted in the displacement of civilian residents approximating a looming humanitarian crisis.

REP. VILLARIN. When you said a looming humanitarian crisis, do you think that the policy of providing rehabilitation funds, for Marawi for example, could address this humanitarian crisis?

REP. LAGMAN. Well, partly, Your Honor, this crisis can be prevented or even be solved but, Your Honor, it is a flawed policy of destroying and rehabilitating. Why do you have to devastate a city and then appropriate billions of pesos to rehabilitate that city?

REP. VILLARIN. I agree with that observation, Mr. Speaker. Again, I would also like to emphasize that continuous conflict and the cycle of violence in Mindanao cannot or will never come up with a solution that would address the humanitarian crisis now engulfing Mindanao. Basically, the challenge of resolving that through the peace process is of primary importance. Do you agree with that statement, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor. Economic sustainability can only be achieved with peace, not by war.

REP. VILLARIN. So, peace as an instrument of national policy should be the primary objective in addressing the problem of Mindanao?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor.

REP. VILLARIN. All right. Now, with that peace as a policy and having martial law and the government proposing the enactment of a Bangsamoro Basic Law, would these two policy thrusts come into conflict?

REP. LAGMAN. It appears that a policy of a continued martial law and the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus would be contradictory to the enactment of a Bangsamoro Basic Law.

REP. VILLARIN. Again, I would agree with that observation, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. I think that with Congress discussing the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law while the military assumes control, and as what was mentioned earlier by a colleague, even law enforcement functions in seven provinces in Mindanao now being taken over by the military, this would, in effect, hostage the deliberations, the discussions on the Bangsamoro Basic Law.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, that is correct, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, because as we have said, a militarist policy would contradict the enactment of the Bangsamoro Basic Law.

REP. VILLARIN. Again, thank you for that observation, for that statement, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. This Representation from AKBAYAN would again reiterate, and also as a Mindanaoan, that we should never let go of peace as an option. We should never let go of the peace process as the only option so that prosperity, development and sustainable peace will happen in Mindanao.

For that, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, thank you for giving me the time to ask questions from the distinguished Gentleman.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. Let me say that peace never emanates from the barrel of the gun. It would only come with reforms and pursued sustainability which are pursued with great sustainability by the government.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). There is a motion to refer the privilege speech of the Hon. Edcel Lagman to the Committee on Rules.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the guests of the Hon. Aurora Enerio Cerilles from the Second District of Zamboanga del Sur. They are Dr. Battung, Dr. Codilla, Dr. Cuizan, Dr. Bilbao and Dr. Velasco. They are from the Josefina Herrera Cerilles State College of San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). To the guests of the honorable Congresswoman Cerilles, welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR *Continuation*

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., from the Party-List COOP-NATCCO for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Hon. Anthony Bravo, the person singularly responsible for the retention of the VAT exemption of cooperatives, is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BRAVO (A.)

REP. BRAVO (A.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Floor Leader.

Honorable Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I rise today concerning some issues on the sector I represent in this august Chamber, the peasant and the cooperative sector.

Yesterday, Pres. Rodrigo Roa Duterte laid out the performance of his administration in his first year of office. It was definitely a very remarkable year for our country and I congratulate the President for having the political will to implement challenging policies.

While it is still too early to assess the progress of his socio-economic policies, it is clear that the President is making good of his promise to effect significant change, especially in curbing drugs and corruption; restoring peace and order; prioritizing the protection of environment, infrastructure development and social welfare, among others.

President Duterte did not give many details on how the government is helping the poor and the vulnerable but we in the sector know that there are significant efforts implemented.

Mr. Speaker, I am particularly thankful for some significant developments favorable to the marginalized sectors including the farmers and fisherfolk, small and micro-entrepreneurs who comprise a great percentage of the cooperative sector. Cooperatives have seen substantial efforts of the government to address decade-long problems.

Right after he assumed office on June 30, 2016, President Duterte issued Executive Order No. 1, wherein he placed the Cooperative Development Authority or CDA and 11 agencies representing the basic sectors directly under the Office of the President. Sa pagsasailalim po ng CDA sa direktang pangangasiwa ng Tanggapan ng Pangulo, naramdaman ng aming sektor na pinakinggan ng Presidente ang aming kahilingan. Ang desisyong ito ng ating mahal na Pangulo ay kinakitaan namin ng pag-asa na maisasakatuparan ang inclusive growth at sustainable growth ng ating mga kooperatiba sa buong bansa.

Our farmers have long been clamoring for the abolition of the collection of irrigation service fees or ISFs because it is one of the burdens especially of our subsistence farmers. Under the leadership of President Duterte, the farmers will now be enjoying free irrigation service fee with the infusion of P2 billion in the 2017 budget for irrigation services.

Napakalaking tulong sa ating mga magsasaka ang libreng patubig at nakatutuwa na posible na ito ngayon. Hindi na pabigat sa ating mga magsasaka ang irrigation service fee at mas makakapag-invest sila sa ibang gastusin tulad ng punla at pataba sa kanilang mga pananim. Nagpapasalamat ako sapagkat ipinasá ng Mababang Kapulungan ang Free Irrigation Services Act na aming isinulong simula pa noong nakaraang Kongreso. Naniniwala akong madali na itong maipapasá sa Senado at sa Bicameral Conference Committee para maging ganap na batas.

Recently, Mr. Speaker, the P3 or Pondo Para sa Pagbabago at Pag-asenso program was launched by the Department of Trade and Industry to address the

need of microenterprises and micro-entrepreneurs for credit. According to DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez, the P1-billion Social Credit Fund will be delivered to microenterprises through partnerships with non-bank financial institutions like Microfinance-NGOs and cooperatives or through direct lending by the Small Business Corporation.

Muli, nakatutuwa pong malaman na pinalawak pa ng gobyerno ang access ng mga ordinaryong tao sa pautang para sa kanilang maliliit na negosyo. Ang mga kooperatiba ay magsisilbing conduits katulad sa programang P3 upang masigurong makararating sa tamang mga benepisyaryo ang pondong inilaan ng Kongreso sa programang ito.

Tiyak na makikinabang ang ating mga kababayang nasa informal na sektor, ang maliliit na manininda, may-ari ng sari-sari stores, mga micro-entrepreneurs na tinatawag, upang magkaroon ng livelihood opportunities.

These are just some of the initiatives of the Duterte administration that will help the poorest sectors participate in the economic and social mainstream. With these positive developments, I feel that the President is genuine in his declarations to help those who have less in life and give them the chance to live a decent life.

I would like to believe that the government, not just the President, is supportive of our vision for the poor and marginalized. The cooperative movement embraces the basic sectors, that is why we want the government to be fully supportive of our vision for sustainable and inclusive growth of cooperatives. Cooperatives are strong partners of the government in uplifting the lives of the poor and the underprivileged Filipinos, Mr. Speaker. Article 2 of Republic Act No. 9520 declares that it is the policy of the State “to foster the creation of cooperatives as practical vehicle for promoting self-reliance and harnessing people power towards attainment of economic development and social justice.”

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, we need to promote and develop self-help organizations such as cooperatives. Cooperatives are not or may not only be the solution to combat poverty but they are certainly part of the solution to address poverty. I believe that most of the Members of this august Chamber will agree on this.

Having said that, Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity, on behalf of the cooperative movement in the country, to express our sincerest gratitude to Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez and the House leadership for listening to the appeal of the Filipinos and for showing concern to the poor and the marginalized sector.

Ang pagsang-ayon ng House leadership sa pananatili ng VAT exemption ng mga kooperatiba ay tunay na nakatataba ng puso. Kahit na nga malakas ang pressure mula sa Department of Finance ay pinakinggan pa rin at nirespeto ang posisyon ng mga Kinatawan ng mamamayan. Siyempre po, hindi mangyayari ito kung

hindi ninyo sinamahan ang panawagang ito, mga mahal na Kinatawan. Kaya lubos po akong nagpapasalamat, lalung-lalo na po sa 167 Kinatawan ng mga Distrito at Party-List na tuwirang pumirma upang panatilihin ang VAT exemption ng mga kooperatiba sa TRAIN Bill na ipinasá natin noong nakaraang May 31.

The support that we got from you, my dear colleagues, was overwhelming and I believe that this show of support proves that we are, indeed, the Representatives of our people. We listen and we care about the plight of our people.

Several months of lobbying by our cooperative leaders to their respective District and Party-List Representatives have been fruitful. Now, our lobbying continues to the Senate. We hope that the Senate will likewise support the retention of the cooperative tax exemption in the proposed tax reform law. The series of national and regional cooperative show of force that the cooperative sector conducted was undeniably successful as well. As if those were not enough, our cooperative leaders from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao also showed up here and filled the galleries of Congress for four consecutive days to register our strong message and appeal for legislators' support, at hindi po tayo nabigo, Mr. Speaker, honorable colleagues. Our campaign against the repeal of cooperative tax exemption was victorious primarily because thousands of cooperators of primary cooperatives, national and regional cooperative federations and unions, and various stakeholders actively participated. The warm bodies in the gallery that some of you saw and talked with during the plenary deliberations on the Tax Reform Bill are real. They are the ordinary Filipinos who will be affected should the tax privilege of cooperatives be repealed.

It pains me, Mr. Speaker, when there are accusations of having many fake or bogus cooperatives that are only after the tax perks. It pains me, Mr. Speaker, when officials declare that the tax leakage in cooperative sector is big, to the tune of P25 billion. These are irresponsible remarks unless there is concrete evidence that supports the claim.

The Department of Finance and the BIR had repeatedly used this argument as to why the VAT exemption must be lifted, and now, they are again using the same argument in Senate deliberations. While we acknowledge that there may be some groups which are indeed abusing the tax exemption privileges given to cooperatives, it is still not right to punish the whole cooperative movement. Hindi naman po yata tama, Mr. Speaker, na sunugin natin ang buong bahay dahil mayroong anay na nakatira dito. Kumbaga po sa kampanya laban sa droga, ang tinotokhang lang po ay iyong mga identified drug users or drug pushers at hindi po ang buong komunidad. Mr. Speaker, our cooperatives are not tax evaders. Our cooperatives are, in fact, job generators and tax makers.

Data from the Cooperative Development Authority showed that in 2015, 9,826 reporting cooperatives have provided direct employment to 463,789 Filipinos and withheld taxes amounting to P6.3 billion which was remitted to the national government.

We commit to the government that we will police our own ranks. We further commit to this leadership, this hall of Congress that, indeed, we will police our own ranks. We will encourage the national and the regional cooperative federations to ensure that their respective member cooperatives are real and are operating based on the cooperative values and principles that we instill in each and every cooperator.

An official of the DOF said that there is a big tax leakage in the cooperative sector because the CDA cannot audit cooperatives properly. If that is the case, Mr. Speaker, then we should strengthen the CDA and equip it with the necessary resources and powers to perform its regulatory and supervisory functions as well.

I believe that the CDA is working doubly hard in monitoring and in investigating the cooperatives that are deemed not compliant. In fact, it has issued show-cause orders to 3,848 cooperatives in 2016, and has recommended the dissolution of 690 cooperatives and the liquidation of 154 cooperatives, Mr. Speaker. Furthermore, there are 14 cooperatives that were dissolved under consolidation and six cooperatives dissolved under merger. A total of 3,564 cooperatives have been dissolved, 572 cooperatives cancelled and 677 cooperatives that were delisted.

Mr. Speaker, if the DOF or the BIR feels that the cooperatives are not audited well, the BIR can, in fact, examine the books of accounts and accounting records of cooperatives as provided for in Section 16 of the Joint Rules and Regulations implementing Articles 60, 61 and 144 of Republic Act 9520, executed by the CDA and the Department of Finance.

Simply put, Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, the cooperatives will cooperate with the efforts of the government to weed out unscrupulous groups who are abusing the tax privileges of cooperatives. We will not tolerate the activities of these pseudo-cooperatives that are circumventing the law to evade the payment of taxes. We condemn such acts for they are giving the cooperative sector a bad name. In fact, I am contemplating on filing a House Resolution to investigate this matter in aid of legislation.

Rest assured, Mr. Speaker, that we are one with the government in making the tax collection efforts efficient and effective. We are one with the government in implementing tax reforms. As what the President has said in his SONA, "Revenues are the lifeblood of the government which enables us to provide for the people's needs." Equitable taxes will indeed fund better services for Filipinos. Hence, like the President, we hope that the Senate will pass the Tax Reform Bill soon.

We remain hopeful that the sustainability and growth of cooperatives will flourish under the Duterte administration. Along with our aspiration to preserve the cooperative tax exemption, as stipulated in Republic Act No. 9520, we are also hopeful that we could further aid the growth of the sector to make them more responsive and more active drivers of change in our communities. First, we need to institutionalize the cooperative democratic participation in local and national governance. Let us rationalize whether the CDA will be transformed into a department or whether cooperatives will remain as a commission under the Office of the President. Second, Mr. Speaker, the cooperative sector also needs to have representation in local governance as one of the sectoral representatives. Third, let us pass the bill that will make the appointment of cooperative development officers from barangay to provincial levels mandatory. These are just some mechanisms that will level up the participation of the cooperative sector in local and national development.

At this point, Mr. Speaker, let me say that cooperatives are pro-change and development. We support the socio-economic agenda and the poverty-reduction initiative of the Duterte administration.

Thank you very much. Mabuhay po ang buong sambayanang Filipino. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the wonderful speech of the Hon. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., to the Committee on Rules for its proper disposition, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Could you repeat that motion?

REP. BELARO. I move that we refer the impassioned and wonderful speech of the Hon. Anthony Bravo for its disposition to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Well, the motion seems unprecedented because of superlatives added.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). There is a motion to terminate the Privilege Hour. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 1, dated July 24, 2017.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). There is a motion for the approval of Journal No. 1, dated July 24, 2017. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn session to ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Before you move, are you not going to add any adjectives to the great speech of the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman?

REP. BELARO. That was before.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Well, anyway, that has already been terminated, but you will have your chance tomorrow on your motion for reconsideration of the approval of tomorrow's Journal.

Go ahead, Mr. Floor Leader.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until July 25, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The session is adjourned until tomorrow...

REP. BELARO. Twenty-six, sorry, 26.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). ...July 26, 2017, Wednesday, at exactly 4:00 p.m.

It was 6:26 p.m.