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No. 29

## CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez called the session to order.*

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

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

## PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Please remain standing for a one-minute prayer and meditation.

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

## ROLL CALL

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 29, dated September 26, 2017:*

## PRESENT

Abayon  
Abellanos

Abu  
Abueg

Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta  
Advincula  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Albano  
Alejano  
Almario  
Almonte  
Alonte  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amatong  
Angara-Castillo  
Antonio  
Aquino-Magsaysay  
Aragones  
Arcillas  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Baguilat  
Banal  
Barbers  
Barzaga  
Bataoil  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Benitez  
Bernos  
Bertiz  
Billones  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Brosas  
Bulut-Begtang  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero

Campos  
Canama  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco  
Cerafica  
Cerilles  
Chavez  
Chipeco  
Co  
Collantes  
Cortes  
Cortuna  
Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Dato  
De Jesus  
De Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (A.)  
Dimaporo (M.K.)  
Duavit  
Elago  
Enverga  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Espino  
Estrella  
Eusebio  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Fernando  
Ferrer (J.)

Flores	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Ungab	Villarica
Fortun	Oaminal	Unico	Villarin
Fortuno	Ocampo	Uy (J.)	Violago
Garbin	Olivarez	Uy (R.)	Yap (M.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Ong (E.)	Uybarreta	Yap (V.)
Garcia-Albano	Ong (H.)	Vargas	Yu
Garin (R.)	Ortega (P.)	Vargas-Alfonso	Zamora (M.C.)
Garin (S.)	Ortega (V.N.)	Villanueva	Zamora (R.)
Gasataya	Pacquiao	Villaraza-Suarez	Zubiri
Gatchalian	Paduano		
Geron	Palma		
Go (A.C.)	Pancho	THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.	
Go (M.)	Panganiban	Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 222 Members responded to the call.	
Gonzaga	Panotes		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Papandayan		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With 222 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.	
Gonzalez	Primicias-Agabas	The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.	
Gullas	Quimbo		
Hernandez	Radaza		
Hofer	Ramirez-Sato		
Jalosjos	Relampagos	REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal of the previous session.	
Javier	Roa-Puno		
Kho	Robes		
Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)		
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Is there any objection? ( <i>Silence</i> ) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.	
Lacson	Roman		
Lagman	Romualdo		
Lanete	Roque (R.)		
Laogan	Sacdalán	REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the Reference of Business.	
Lazatin	Sagarbarria	I so move, Mr. Speaker.	
Lee	Sahali		
Limkaichong	Salimbangon		
Lopez (C.)	Salo	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Is there any objection? ( <i>Silence</i> ) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.	
Loyola	Salon		
Maceda	Sambar		
Madrona	Sandoval		
Malapitan	Santos-Recto		
Manalo	Sarmiento (C.)	REFERENCE OF BUSINESS	
Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Savellano	<i>The Secretary General read the following House Bills on First Reading and Communications, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:</i>	
Marcoleta	Siao		
Mariño	Singson		
Marquez	Suansing (E.)		
Martinez	Suansing (H.)		
Matugas	Tambunting	BILLS ON FIRST READING	
Mellana	Tejada		
Mending	Teves	House Bill No. 6429, entitled:	
Mercado	Tiangco	“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ANDRES BONIFACIO COLLEGE BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8120 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE ANDRES BONIFACIO COLLEGE BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS	
Mirasol	Ting		
Montoro	Tinio		
Nava	Tolentino		
Nieto	Treñas		
Noel	Tugna		
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tupas		
Nogralas (K.A.)	Ty		
Nolasco	Unabia		

AND STATIONS FOR TELEVISION IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO FOR EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES' TO ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS"

By Representative Bravo (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6430, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE MEDINA HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEDINA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL FROM THE NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, CONVERTING IT INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MEDINA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Unabia  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6432, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING PAG-ASA ISLAND CLUSTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALAYAAN, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION AND PROTECTED AREA, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6433, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE DIFFERENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT TO WEAR BODY-WORN CAMERAS DURING THE CONDUCT OF THEIR OPERATIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6434, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 408 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 TO EXPAND THE CLASSES OF OFFENSES COVERED BY THE KATARUNGANG PAMBARANGAY"

By Representative Cuaresma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6435, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO UNDERPARENTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cuaresma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 6436, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FORMAL AND ACCREDITED SCHOOLING IN THE COUNTRY'S VARIOUS DETENTION CENTERS"

By Representative Erice  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6437, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU IN HONOR OF THE HEROISM OF LAPU-LAPU AGAINST FERDINAND MAGELLAN DEPICTED IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN"

By Representative Radaza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 6438, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) IN CALBAYOG CITY, PROVINCE OF SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

House Bill No. 6439, entitled:

"AN ACT BANNING THE DRINKING OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGE IN OPEN PUBLIC AREAS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6440, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANTI-HAZING LAW OF 1995, SECTION 4 ON THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ACT"

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

House Bill No. 6441, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PROVIDE CLEAR PATHWAYS OR OPEN SPACES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION THAT WILL SERVE AS SPRINTING, JOGGING AND RUNNING PATHS TO THE CITIZENS EVERY WEEKENDS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND FITNESS CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Cayetano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 5947, 5948, 6158, and 6381;

Reps. Rene L. Relampagos, Ben P. Evardone, Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D., Marlyn B. Alonte, Wes Gatchalian, Henry C. Ong, Lorna C. Silverio, Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III, Alberto T. Ungab, and Reynaldo V. Umali for House Bill No. 6251;

Rep. Melecio J. Yap Jr. for House Bill No. 5898;

Rep. Ricardo “RJ” T. Belmonte Jr. for House Bills No. 1396 and 5362;

Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada for House Resolution No. 973;

Reps. Marlyn B. Alonte, Glona G. Labadlabad, Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera, and Tom S. Villarín for House Bill No. 180;

Rep. Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II for House Bills No. 6089, 6144, and 6354;

Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for House Bills No. 6158, 6219, and 6372;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bill No. 6093;

Reps. Divina Grace C. Yu, Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, M.D., Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, Alexandria P. Gonzales, and Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao for House Bills No. 440, 748, 848, 953, 982, 1345, 1971, 2550, 3407, 3428, 3530, 3826, 3968, 4552, 4738, and 5722;

Reps. Divina Grace C. Yu, Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, Romeo M. Acop, Estrellita B. Suansing, Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Alexandria P. Gonzales, Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, and Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte for House Bill No. 894;

Rep. Lorna C. Silverio for House Bills No. 5041 and 5194;

Reps. Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro and Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV for House Bill No. 56;

Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar for House Bill No. 2881;

Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III for House Bill No. 6158;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bill No. 1660;

Reps. Celso L. Lobregat and Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bill No. 245;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No. 1496 and 1907;

House Bill No. 6442, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH A HIV/AIDS TESTING CENTER, TO FOSTER A MORE EFFECTIVE HEALTH SECURITY SCHEME, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CONTROL AND DETECTION MECHANISM AND FACILITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6443, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING ALL FORMS OF MEDIA IDENTITY THEFT, ANY PERSON CREATING, PRETENDING AND STEALING THE IDENTITY OF ANOTHER PERSON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6444, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF DASHBOARD CAMERAS ON MOTOR VEHICLES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6445, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SECOND SATURDAY OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL FITNESS DAY”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6446, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE CAPACITY OF THE FILIPINO SPOUSE TO REMARRY WHEN THE ALIEN SPOUSE HAS OBTAINED A FOREIGN JUDICIAL DECREE OF ABSOLUTE DIVORCE, AMENDING

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bill No. 243;

Reps. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang and Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bill No. 2660;

Rep. Gary C. Alejano for House Bill No. 713;

Rep. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe for House Bill No. 4018;

Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano for House Bill No. 5158;

Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna for House Bill No. 4838;

Rep. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo for House Bills No. 56, 177, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 796, 797, 798, 1330, 1779, 1858, 1859, 1870, 1871, 1872, 2192, 2193, 2286, 2287, 2396, 2498, 2514, 2531, 2620, 2625, 2627, 2628, 2881, 4344, 4703, 4774, 5274, and 5549 and House Resolution No. 769;

Reps. Bayani F. Fernando and Arnel U. Ty for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia for House Bill No. 170; and

Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes for House Bills No. 3, 180, 2622, 2624, 2625, 4344, 4703, 4898, 5213, 5524, and 6028.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 15 August 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2016 Annual Audit Reports on the following government-owned or controlled corporations:

1. APO Production Unit Inc. (APU);
2. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) (CY 2015-2016);
3. Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA);
4. Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP);
5. Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) (CY2015-2016);
6. Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) (CY2015-2016);
7. Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF) (CY2015-2016);
8. Home Guaranty Corporation (HGC) (CY2015-2016);
9. Intercontinental Broadcasting Corporation (IBC);
10. Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) (CY2015-2016);
11. LBP Resources and Development Corporation (LBRDC) (CY2015-2016);
12. Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA);
13. Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA);
14. Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA);

15. Metropolitan Waterworks & Sewerage System (MWSS);

16. National Development Company (NDC);

17. National Electrification Administration (NEA);

18. National Food Authority (NFA);

19. National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC) (CY2015-2016);

20. National Housing Authority (NHA);

21. National Irrigation Administration (NIA);

22. National Power Corporation (NPC);

23. National Tobacco Administration (NTA);

24. National Transmission Corporation (NTC);

25. Philippine Aerospace Development Corporation (PADC);

26. Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR);

27. Philippine Center for Economic Development (PCED);

28. Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) (CY2015-2016);

29. Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA);

30. Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) (CY2015-2016);

31. Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA);

32. Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC);

33. Philippine National Construction Corporation (PNCC);

34. Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC);

35. PNOC-Alternative Fuels Corporation (PNOC-AFC);

36. PNOC-Development & Management Corporation (PNOC-DMC);

37. PNOC-Exploration Corporation (PNOC-EC);

38. PNOC-Malampaya Production Corporation (PNOC-MPC);

39. PNOC-Renewables Corporation (PNOC-RC);

40. PNOC-Shipping & Transport Corporation (PNOC-STC);

41. Philippine National Railways (PNR);

42. Philippine Pharma Procurement, Inc. (PPPI);

43. Philippine Ports Authority (PPA);

44. Philippine Postal Corporation (PPC);

45. Philippine Postal Savings Bank, Inc. (PPSBI) (CY2015-2016);

46. Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA);

47. Power Sector Assets & Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM);

48. Small Business Corporation (SBC) (CY2015-2016);

49. Social Security System (SSS) (CY2015-2016);

50. Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA);

51. Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA);

- 52. Tourism Promotions Board (TPB) (CY2015-2016);
  - 53. Trade and Investment Development Corporation of the Philippines (TIDCORP) (CY2015-2016); and
  - 54. Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP).
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Management letter on the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA), Pili, Camarines Sur for the year ended December 31, 2016, per letter dated August 16, 2017 of Marsia A. Ruero, State Auditor IV, Audit Team Leader, Audit Team No. R5-03, Audit Group NGS-SUCs and other NGS Stand-Alone Agencies, Commission on Audit.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Letter dated August 22, 2017 of Minerva I Morales, President, Catanduanes State University, submitting to the House of Representatives the Status of Allotment Releases, Obligations and Balances as of the months ending May 31, 2017, June 30, 2017, and July 31, 2017, pursuant to Section 91 of Republic Act No. 10924.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Letter dated August 24, 2017 of Austere A. Panadero, Undersecretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting the Department's Annual Report on Cash Advances as of December 31, 2016, pursuant to Section 76 of Republic Act No. 10924.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Consolidated Annual Audit Report on the Autonomous Regional Government, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao for the year ended December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Letter dated August 29, 2017 of Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting the following documents/reports, to wit:

- 1. Status Report on Donations as of December 31, 2016 and June 30, 2017;
- 2. Status of Trust Fund – Income from Grants and Donations as of December 31, 2016 and June 30, 2017;
- 3. Status of Trust Fund – Central Office as of December 31, 2016 and June 30, 2017; and

- 4. Performance Bonds and Deposits – Central Office as of December 31, 2016 and June 30, 2017.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6215  
ON THIRD READING

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6215 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed pursuant to Article VI, Section 26(2) of the Constitution.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6215, entitled: AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 29, dated September 26, 2017:*

*Affirmative*

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| Abaya      | Almario          |
| Abayon     | Almonte          |
| Abellanosa | Alonte           |
| Abu        | Alvarez (F.)     |
| Abueg      | Alvarez (P.)     |
| Acharon    | Amatong          |
| Acop       | Angara-Castillo  |
| Acosta     | Antonio          |
| Advincula  | Aquino-Magsaysay |
| Agarao     | Aragones         |
| Aggabao    | Arcillas         |
| Albano     | Arenas           |

Bagatsing	Ermita-Buhain	Mellana	Salo
Baguilat	Escudero	Mending	Salon
Banal	Espino	Mercado	Sambar
Barbers	Estrella	Mirasol	Sandoval
Barzaga	Eusebio	Montoro	Santos-Recto
Bataoil	Evardone	Nava	Sarmiento (C.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Fariñas	Nieto	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Belaro	Fernando	Noel	Savellano
Belmonte (F.)	Ferrer (J.)	Nogralles (J.J.)	Siao
Belmonte (J.C.)	Flores	Nogralles (K.A.)	Singson
Benitez	Fortun	Nolasco	Suansing (E.)
Bernos	Fortuno	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Suansing (H.)
Bertiz	Garbin	Oaminal	Tambunting
Biazon	Garcia (G.)	Olivarez	Tan (S.)
Billones	Garcia (J.E.)	Ong (E.)	Tejada
Bolilia	Garcia-Albano	Ong (H.)	Teves
Bondoc	Garin (R.)	Ortega (P.)	Tiangco
Bordado	Garin (S.)	Ortega (V.N.)	Tolentino
Bravo (A.)	Gasataya	Pacquiao	Tugna
Bravo (M.V.)	Gatchalian	Paduano	Tupas
Bulut-Begtang	Geron	Palma	Ty
Calderon	Go (A.C.)	Pancho	Unabia
Calixto-Rubiano	Go (M.)	Panganiban	Ungab
Caminero	Gonzaga	Panotes	Unico
Campos	Gonzales (A.P.)	Papandayan	Uy (R.)
Canama	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pichay	Uybarreta
Castelo	Gonzalez	Pimentel	Vargas
Castro (F.H.)	Gullas	Pineda	Vargas-Alfonso
Catamco	Herrera-Dy	Primicias-Agabas	Velasco
Cayetano	Hofer	Quimbo	Velasco-Catera
Cerafica	Jalosjos	Radaza	Veloso
Cerilles	Javier	Ramirez-Sato	Villanueva
Chavez	Kho	Relampagos	Villaraza-Suarez
Chipeco	Khonghun	Roa-Puno	Villarica
Co	Labadlabad	Robes	Villarin
Collantes	Lacson	Rodriguez (I.)	Violago
Cortes	Lagman	Rodriguez (M.)	Yap (A.)
Cortuna	Lanete	Roman	Yap (M.)
Cosalan	Laogan	Romualdo	Yap (V.)
Crisologo	Lazatin	Roque (R.)	Yu
Cuaresma	Lee	Sacdalan	Zamora (M.C.)
Cueva	Limkaichong	Sagarbarria	Zamora (R.)
Dalipe	Lopez (C.)	Sahali	Zubiri
Datol	Loyola		
De Venecia	Maceda	<i>Negative</i>	
De Vera	Madrona		
Defensor	Malapitan	Alejano	De Jesus
Del Mar	Manalo	Atienza	Elago
Deloso-Montalla	Mangaoang	Brosas	Tinio
Dimaporo (A.)	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Casilao	Zarate
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marcoleta	Castro (F.L.)	
Duavit	Mariño		
Enverga	Marquez	<i>Abstention</i>	
Erice	Martinez		
Eriguel	Matugas	None	

REP. ALEJANO. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I vote “No” and I will explain my vote, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Gentleman will later be given three minutes to explain his vote.

REP. ALEJANO. Mr. Speaker, I vote “No” to the 2018 proposed budget and I will explain my vote later. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Yes, the Gentleman will be given three minutes after the nominal voting.

REP. ATIENZA. We vote “No,” and I would like to point out that the reasons and the questions we asked in the debate on General Principles have remained unanswered by this final version that we have. So, we vote “No.”

REP. BORDADO. Mr. Speaker, I am voting “Yes,” but may I be allowed to explain my vote later.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Yes, the Gentleman will be given three minutes to explain his vote later.

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, ang boto ko po ay “No,” at nais ko pong makapagpaliwanag mamaya.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Noted.

REP. CASILAO. Mr. Speaker, my vote is on the negative, and I would like to explain my vote later.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Noted.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No,” and I will explain my vote later.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Noted.

REP. DE JESUS. My vote is “No” and I would like to explain my vote later.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Noted.

REP. DEL MAR. Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” with my prerogative to explain my vote later.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Noted.

REP. ELAGO. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No” and I reserve my right to explain my vote later. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Noted.

REP. ERICE. Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” but with a strong reservation on the budget cut of the Commission on Human Rights.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “Yes” but I will explain my vote later with respect to my strong reservation on the budget of the Commission on Human Rights, which has not been fully restored.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Noted.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” but, at the same time, I would like to manifest that I will submit a written explanation of my vote.\*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Noted.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I vote “No” and will explain my vote later.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Noted.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, I will explain my vote later.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Noted. What is your vote, Representative Villarín?

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, I vote a critical “Yes” with strong reservation.

REP. ZARATE. Mr. Speaker, I vote “No” and I reserve my right to explain my vote.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The manifestation is noted.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The result shows 220 affirmative votes, 9 negative votes and no abstention.

House Bill No. 6215 is approved on Third Reading. *(Applause)*

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Honorable Alejano is recognized and given two minutes.

REP. ALEJANO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, and my dear colleagues.



I vote “No” on the proposed 2018 National Budget because of the following reasons: one, the 2018 National Budget is a budget that aims to spur development and provides job for the poor, yet, at the same time, funds the government’s war on illegal drugs, a program that is based on dubious and questionable data and lacks the holistic approach to address the root causes of the drug problem in the country. This war has so far claimed thousands of lives of the poor that this budget supposedly aims to serve. Two, it promises to provide fast and efficient delivery of social services, yet, at the same time, finances agencies that are inept from their mandated duties but are adept in spreading divisive, fake, and malicious news to the Filipino people and against those that criticize the policies of this administration. Three, the proposed budget has not fully restored the proposed budget of the Commission on Human Rights and, thus, would diminish its capacity to perform its mandate of protecting the human rights of the Filipino people. Four, the proposed national budget completely disregards the constitutional mandate of the government to protect our national interest and territorial integrity. Instead, it supports the administration’s strategy of silence and inaction on the harassment and incursions of China into our territory and subservience to its wishes. This budget deliberately excluded funding to support the arbitral ruling which should have strengthened our claims in the West Philippine Sea. We maintain that the government should actively and extensively pursue this mandate.

In relation to the budget of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, in spite of the Armed Forces being continually plagued by the multitude of security problems that pose a challenge in the fulfillment of their mandate which is to secure the sovereignty of the State and integrity of the national territory, our defense spending remains low. Kakarampot lang po ang budget para sa pagpapalakas ng ating Armed Forces. Hence, I cannot give my support and approval to a budget that patronizes killings, desecrates the rule of law, overlooks inefficiency and incompetence, slowly erodes our democratic processes, and effectively neglects the exclusive enjoyment of its citizens over the country’s national wealth by foregoing the government’s obligation of defending its territory.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARÍÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to manifest that Rep. Manuel Luis “Manny” T. Lopez arrived in the Hall and he is voting “Yes” on the GAB 2018.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With the additional vote of Honorable Lopez, the affirmative vote is corrected. Therefore, there are 221 affirmative votes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. Arlene D. Brosas is hereby recognized. You have three minutes.

#### REP. BROSAS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. BROSAS. Yes, Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa ko Kinatawan, ang Representasyon pong ito ay tutol sa House Bill No. 6215 o sa tinatawag ng Representasyong ito na Destroy, Destroy, Destroy Budget.

Ang P3.767 trillion Budget ng 2018 ay 12.4 percent na mas mataas kumpara sa budget ngayong 2017. Ayon sa Budget Message ng Pangulo, ito ay an indication that we need to put in more work in order to sustain the change in governance which we have begun. Gayunpaman, sa aming pagsusuri sa 2018 Budget, nangahulugan ito ng demolisyon na walang relokasyon, kawalan ng katiyakan sa maayos na pabahay at pamumuhay, at pasakit pa sa mga mamamayan na masasagasaan ng TRAIN o Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion.

Sa kabila ng patuloy na pagpapaabot ng mga kahilingan ng mamamayan, nananatiling pabor sa mga malalaking negosyador ang 2018 Budget. Habang P1.097 trillion ang nakalagak sa BBB projects para sa mga daan, tulay at iba pang imprastrakturang nakadikit sa malaki at pribadong korporasyon, nananatiling P1.4 bilyon lamang ang sa pabahay para sa mga mahihirap. Kapos na kapos para tugunan ang 5.7 milyong backlog na matagal nang idinaraing ng maralita, kung saan, P625 milyon lamang ang para sa resettlement programs ng NHA. Alam natin na hindi kayang punan ng budget na ito ang kakulangan sa pabahay. Nakakapangamba ang pahayag ni Department of Budget and Management Secretary na may budget sa BBB para sa pagwawalis sa mga komunidad. Para bang sinasabi natin na may pera tayo para palayasin ang maralita ngunit wala para tiyakin ang kanilang karapatan sa pangmasang pabahay. Taliwas ito sa mga pangako ni Pangulong Duterte noong nahalal na walang demolisyon kapag walang relokasyon.

Sabi ng Pangulo, ang 2018 Budget ay para sa peaceful and safer communities with enhanced opportunities for the advancement and support by convenient reliable services from their government. Matatag, maginhawa, panatag pero binawasan ang pondo para sa mga direktang serbisyo kagaya ng kalusugan at edukasyon, ngunit malaki ang pagtaas ng pondo para sa pandarahas at pagpatay. Sa 2018 Budget natin makikita na may martial law man o wala ay malinaw ang pag-atake sa mga karapatang pantao ng

mamamayan, karapatang mabuhay nang may dangal, dignidad at malayo sa karahasan. Walang kapanatagan dulot ang milyong pondo para sa Oplan Double Barrel. Walang kaginhawahang dulot ang tila limos na budget para sa kalusugan at edukasyon. Walang kapanatagan sa isang budget na pabor sa mga programa at polisiyang kontra-mahihirap at suporta sa oligarkiya.

Buong tapang na inirerehistro ng Representasyong ito ang pagtutol sa anti-mamamayan, kontra-Pilipino at maka-oligarkiyang 2018 Budget ng pamahalaang Duterte.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Abigail Faye C. Ferriol-Pascual of the Party-List KALINGA, along with the Hon. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado, would like to register their “Yes” votes for this measure as well, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Two hundred twenty-three affirmative votes as corrected.

The Hon. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao is hereby recognized. You have three minutes.

#### REP. CASILAO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. CASILAO. Salamat, Mr. Speaker. Magandang hapon sa ating lahat, mga kasamahan ko sa Kongreso.

Ipinapahayag ng Kinatawang ito ang pagtutol sa 2018 National Budget batay sa apat na sumusunod na kadahilanan:

Una, Mr. Speaker, hindi nito nireresolba ang mga pundamental na isyu o concern sa ating bansa at mamamayan. Pangunahin ay ang mga pundamental na panawagan ng ating magsasaka para sa tunay na reporma sa lupa, pambansang industriyalisasyon at pag-unlad sa kanayunan, pagtaas ng sahod ng mga manggagawa, pangmasang pabahay ng mga maralita, paggalang sa mga batayang karapatan at pagbibigay ng mga kinakailangang serbisyong panlipunan.

Pangalawa, Mr. Speaker, ang 2018 National Budget ay kontra-magsasaka. Ang P9.9 bilyon na budget para sa Department of Agrarian Reform ay wala pang isang porsiyento o 0.26 percent lamang sa kabuuang P3.767 trilyon. Nangangahulugan ito, Mr. Speaker, na ang administrasyong ito ay walang planong resolbahin ang ilang siglo nang problema ng kawalang lupa sa ating bansa. Ang pinagsamang budget ng AFP at ng PNP ay sobra-sobra sa tinatayang kailangang pondong P150 bilyon para ipatupad ang libreng pamamahagi ng lupa sa ilalim ng CARP-covered na mga lupain at tinukoy na isang milyong ektarya ng GRP Peace Panel sa usaping pangkapayapaan, ngunit ang budget na ito ay mas piniling

badyetan ang panunupil kaysa ang pagpapatupad ng tunay na pundamental na pagbabago sa ating lipunan.

Samakatuwid, sa halip na makatutulong ang 2018 Budget para sana masolusyonan o maibsan ang nagaganap na armadong tunggalian sa pagitan ng pwera sa GRP at NDFP. Hindi ito ang tunguhin ng budget na ito, bagkus, pumapabor ito sa solusyong militar na ilang dekada nang pinatunayang bigo at hindi epektibo.

Pangatlo, ang pinagsamang budget ng AFP at ng PNP na P271 bilyon ay pondo para sa panunupil ng mamamayan. Ito ay mapupunta sa Oplan Double Barrel Reloaded, sa all-out war, giyera kontra-terorismo kuno, giyera sa mamamayang Bangsamoro, sa malawakang militarisasyon at pag-aerial bombings ng mga komunidad ng magsasaka, pang-surveillance at pagpataw ng mga trumped-up charges sa mga kritiko ng Malacañang, pang-extrajudicial killings at pang-human rights violations. Ang 2018 Budget ay pasista at kontra-mamamayang budget. Ang nagaganap ding pagtakda ng P1,000 badyet sa CHR ay naglantaad kung papaano pinahalalagahan ng Kongresong ito ang proteksiyon sa karapatang pantao ng mamamayan. Sa aming pagtingin, ang pagbawi o abolition sa budget na ito ay bunga ng malawakang pagkondena ng iba’t ibang sektor.

Panghuli, Mr. Speaker, ang mahigit P1 trilyong “Build, Build, Build,” na budget ay para sa interes ng dayuhang monopolyo. Ito ay hindi para sa mamamayang Pilipino at maralita kundi para akitin ang mga malalaking negosyo sa ating bansa, siguraduhin ang kanilang ganansiya at magbigay ng oportunidad pangnegosyo. Ito ay para ipreserba ang katangiang export-oriented ng pambansang ekonomiya, para pabilisin ang paghuthot sa mga produktong agrikultural, likas na yaman at pambansang patrimonya.

Kung sinsero ang infrastructure program na ito, dapat na unahin ang pagpapatupad sa tunay na reporma sa lupa, ang karapatan ng mamamayan sa disentang pabahay at komunidad, at sa mga aspetong ito, dito dapat bumatay ang mga proyektong imprastruktura, at hindi ang kabaligtarang ang mamamayan ang pinapalayas at aangkop sa mga ito.

Kaya, Mr. Speaker, ang boto ng Kinatawang ito ay “No” dahil ang 2018 National Budget ay kontra-magsasaka, kontra-mamamayan, maka-dayuhan at pasista.

Maraming salamat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. is recognized. You are given three minutes.

#### REP. BORDADO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. BORDADO. Mr. Speaker, I am thanking the House leadership for reconsidering its position vis-à-vis the P1,000 budget of the Commission on Human Rights.

Mr. Speaker, I am worried, however, that the cut of more than P100 million from the budget originally proposed by no less than the President himself, His Excellency President Rodrigo Duterte, would impact in a negative way on the capability of the Commission on Human Rights to fulfill its constitutionally mandated duties.

Mr. Speaker, how I wish that the original budget would be restored in the bicameral conference.

I am also hoping, Mr. Speaker, that the cuts in the MOOE of government hospitals including that of the Bicol Medical Center would somehow be reduced, if not altogether restored. On the other hand, I commend the House leadership for allocating P40 billion to push for the implementation next year of the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act.

So, Mr. Speaker, despite some misgivings which I hope can be addressed immediately, I am voting "Yes" on the passage of House Bill No. 6215.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. France L. Castro is hereby recognized. You are given three minutes.

#### REP. CASTRO (F.L.) EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, bumoto po ang Kinatawag ito ng "No" sa panukalang budget ng 2018 sa mga sumusunod na kadahilanan:

Unang-una, ito ay budget na may nakakabit na mga panibagong utang. Utang tayo ng P888.2 bilyon mula sa domestic and foreign sources—mga utang ito na babayaran ng mamamayang Pilipino hindi lang sa 2018 kundi malamang hanggang sa mga dekada pang susunod, mga utang ito na may nakakabit na mga kondisyong tatali sa ating pampulitikal at pang-ekonomiyang soberanya. One-third din ng budget ay ang ambisyosong infrastructure projects sa ilalim ng Build, Build, Build na napag-alaman nang magpapalobo sa ating mga utang pambansa mula sa kasalukuyang \$123 bilyon hanggang higit sa P1 trilyon sa loob ng 10 taon.

May nakakabit ding mga panibagong buwis ang budget na ito, dahil ito ay popondohan ng mga bagong excise tax sa langis, buwis sa sugar-sweetened beverages at pinalawig na VAT sa ilalim ng TRAIN na babangga sa mamamayan lalung-lalo na sa mga mahihirap.

Saan naman pupunta o gagastusin ang dagdag na kitang ito ng gobyerno batay sa panukala ng 2018 Budget? Sino ang makikinabang sa dagdag na utang at dagdag na buwis na ito?

Mr. Speaker, sa pag-aaral natin sa panukalang ito at mula sa mga debate noong mga nakaraang linggo, malinaw na hindi ang mamamayang Pilipino ang makikinabang. Higit isang trilyong piso ang para sa

Build, Build, Build na wawasak sa mga komunidad na tatamaan ng mga proyektong para sa mga higanteng asyenda at agrocompanies, industrial and economic zones, manufacturing and service centers, and tourist areas.

Samantala, tinapyasan ng lagpas na 80 percent ang pondo ng DSWD para sa pagpapatayo at pagme-maintain ng homes for the elderly, bahay ampuhan, crisis centers para sa mga bata at mga kababaihang biktima ng abuso, at iba pang mga imprastrakturang nagbibigay ng direktang serbisyo para sa mga mahihirap at marginalized sector. Tinapyasan din ang pondo ng DepEd para sa pagpapatayo at pagme-maintain ng mga eskwelahan at classroom. Malaki ang kaltas sa MOOE at Capital Outlays para sa mga pampublikong ospital, at state universities and colleges. Bukod dito ay malaki ang budget sa mga giyera kontra-droga, mga giyerang kontra-mamamayan, kontra-mahirap, kontra-Moro, at kontra-Pilipino. Inaming P323,000 ang ginagastos sa bawat bomba na ibinabagsak sa mga sibilyang komunidad, mga sibilyang istraktura gaya ng mga eskwelahan ng mga Lumad, na alinsunod din sa utos mismo ng ating Pangulo.

Walang inilaang budget para sa makabuluhang salary increase para sa mga guro at kawani. Ang tanging nakalaan lamang ay P500 increase sa ilalim ng E.O. No. 201. Walang budget para sa walang kamatayang problema ng shortages sa public education, kasama na ang sapat na MOOE para sa operasyon ng ating mga pampublikong eskwelahan. Walang budget para sa monetary at non-monetary benefits na ipinangako ng gobyerno sa public school teachers sa ilalim ng tatlong collective negotiation agreements. Hanggang ngayon ay wala pa tayong nakikitang budget para sa libreng edukasyon sa SUCs sa kabila ng pagpasá ng batas na R.A. No. 10931.

Dagdag na utang, dagdag na buwis. May pondo para sa mga giyera laban sa mamamayan at proyektong ang magbebenepisyo lamang ay ang komprador at oligarko, ngunit walang pondo sa tamang pasuweldo at batayang serbisyo ng mamamayan.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Hon. Emmi A. De Jesus is recognized. You have three minutes.

#### REP. DE JESUS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. DE JESUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ang boto ng Representasyong ito ay "No" bilang mahigpit na pagtutol sa House Bill No. 6215.

Nang mabilisang inaprubahan ng Kapulungang ito on Secong Reading ang 2018 Duterte Budget sa gitna ng malakas na bagyo noong Setyembre 12, 2017, tila nagmistulang babala ito sa mga mamamayan na sasalantahin tayo ng mas malaking bagyo dala ng House Bill No. 6215.

Mr. Speaker, there is nothing commendable in convening this Chamber amid the heavy rains and flooding only to railroad a national budget that will swamp Filipinos with more economic burdens, ensure the continuation of bloodbath against the poor, and inundate communities with mega-infrastructure projects. By approving a patently anti-people national budget, this Chamber is unleashing a catastrophe that will wreak havoc on the lives of the Filipinos.

In the course of the deliberations, it has become clear that the P3.767 trillion 2018 National Budget stands diametrically opposed to what is being projected in the President's Budget Message. It is said that this budget is consistent with the vision, "Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay" for all Filipinos—supposedly a life that is strongly rooted, comfortable, and secure. Is not this budget the actual opposite? Are not majority of Filipinos fated to suffer a life that is wobbly, uncomfortable, and insecure under a national budget that prioritizes investments over workers' rights, roads over homes and hospitals, and corporate subsidies over meaningful social protection programs?

Paano magkakaroon ng matatag na pamumuhay ang mga Pilipino kung patuloy na nakasandig sa paghihikayat ng dayuhang pamumuhunan ang balangkas ng paglikha ng trabaho? Walang matatag na lokal na ekonomiya kung patuloy na nakaugat ito sa external na factor. Mr. Speaker, the Duterte administration's thrust is no different from the neoliberal paradigm of previous administrations, relying on lopsided trade and investment relations to spur jobs and economic growth. Hungkag at mapanlinlang ang national industrialization strategy kung hindi naman ito nakabalangkas sa pagtatatag ng mga batayang industriyang pag-aarian at patatakbuhan ng mismong Estado. Sa halip, sinusuhayan lamang ito ng low value-added na produksyon sa bansa na nakadugtong sa imperyo ng mga foreign capitals.

Walang maginhawang pamumuhay kung ang national budget na ito ay nakaangkas sa mga panibagong buwis na pangunahing papasanin ng mga mahihirap. Walang maginhawang pamumuhay kung sa Budget na ito ay mahigit P1 bilyon sa MOOE ang para sa mga pampublikong ospital lamang samantalang sinesementuhan ng administrasyong Duterte ang korporatisasyon at pagnenegosyo sa kalusugan. Walang kapanatagan sa pambansang budget na ito kung ang napakalaking halaga ay nakalaan para sa "Build, Build, Build Program" na maaaring maging "Destroy, Destroy, Destroy" na ang epekto nito para sa mahihirap. Inamin mismo ng DBM at ng DPWH na sasagasa ang mga proyekto sa mga mahihirap. Paano mapapanatag ang pamilyang Pilipino kung sila ay nasa bingit ng kaliwa't kanang demolisyon para magbigay daan sa mga dambuhalang proyekto?

Walang kaginhawaan at kapanatagan kung wala ni isang sentimong nakalaan para sa libre at pangmasang

pabahay, kung may kakarampot lang na P623 milyong budget ang NHA para sa resettlement o ang ibig sabihin ay demolisyon, samantalang may P2.1 bilyong subsidy sa electricity bill ang malalaking korporasyon, may P900 milyong subsidy para sa Oplan Double Barrel Reloaded, may P124 bilyon para sa EDCA Counterpart Fund na pakikinabangan lamang ng tropang Kano, at bilyun-bilyong automatic appropriations na pambayad lang sa interes.

Walang kaginhawahan at kapanatagan ang mga kababaihan kung papanatiliing korporatisado ang serbisyong pangkalusugan at iba pang batayang serbisyo at nananatiling nanlilimos ang mga nanay sa mga barya-baryang social benefit programs kung laging nakatarak ang pangamba sa panahon ng pagkakasakit at disgrasya.

Mr. Speaker, the 2018 National Budget, being the current administration's first full budget, speaks volumes of how the Duterte administration is no different from, or alarmingly even worse than its predecessors. Walang transformative sa pambansang budget na ito, kung ang pagtatransorma sa kaban ng bayan ay tutungo lamang sa higit na pandarambong at sa mga pribadong negosyo.

For this reason, mahigpit at malakas na inirerehistro ng Kinatawang ito ang pagtutol sa pag-aapruba ng House Bill No. 6215.

Maraming salamat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Hon. Raul V. Del Mar is recognized. You are given three minutes.

#### REP. DEL MAR EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. DEL MAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I vote in favor of the budget notwithstanding the fact that, unfortunately, this House has not fully restored the allocation of adequate resources for the Commission on Human Rights, that it may fully perform its mandate. At least, this Chamber has been enlightened enough to reconsider the outrageous and preposterous motion to reduce the CHR budget to a pittance of just P1,000.

As I had already previously manifested, this arbitrary and capricious proposal is in fact unconstitutional as it would effectively prevent a constitutional office such as the CHR from performing its functions and duties that are provided for in the Constitution itself, an action this Chamber cannot do unilaterally to itself, that is to remind us that we who are unable to do directly cannot do indirectly.

I am pleased though that reason and necessity have prevailed, as we are providing for P508 million, but still, it is P143 million short as compared to our recommended amount of P678 million for the CHR in this Bill—even as we believe that this remains insufficient. If this

Chamber takes the view that the CHR must do more, then we should be prepared to give it more resources and not less. We should note that the proposed National Expenditure Plan submitted by the DBM already reduced the CHR's original request of P1.7 billion to only P678 million or a billion pesos less. Now, for this House to further reduce the amount to P508 million only sends wrong signals about the importance we place on human rights. We must strengthen our institutions, and not weaken them.

I have heard, Mr. Speaker, so many voices in this Chamber saying that the CHR must expand its mandate and conduct more monitoring and investigation to violations of both State authorities, as well as non-State actors. For this reason alone, we should thus increase its budget and do all we can to empower and strengthen it. I believe the CHR, throughout its 30-year existence has been doing its best under difficult circumstances. I know that they can do better with support from the Congress; if some Members of this House have a cause against the CHR's current leadership, then, there are available remedies to pursue them, but we must do so always with the view of strengthening our institutions within the framework of the Constitution and the rule of law.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago is recognized. You have three minutes.

#### REP. ELAGO EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. ELAGO. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, this Representation votes "No" on House Bill No. 6215, because while we were poring over the voluminous budget books, we see not "Build, Build, Build" emblazoned on its pages, but the words, "Kill, Kill, Kill."

The 2018 Budget kills the national economy. It is pro-big business as it allots billions of funds for public-private partnership projects and is founded on a tax reform effort that proposes to lower taxes, both for the rich and for corporations, while at the same time raising indirect taxes through value-added tax that will invariably affect the poor.

It is debt-driven as it is highly dependent on foreign and domestic borrowings. Our debt per capita increased by 6 percent, from P61,670 in 2017 to P65,616 in 2018.

The 2018 Budget kills. With the P3.45 billion allotment for the war on drugs, about P900 million is for an intensified Oplan Double Barrel Reloaded alone. It is apparent that the end of the war on drugs will not see the light of day, despite the public outrage against killings by law enforcers with utter disregard for due process and human rights.

While the House Committee on Appropriations has allocated P40 billion for the implementation of the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education, this

amount contains a big chunk of guaranteed profits for private higher education institutions. These billions should have been used to restore the budget cuts of our SUCs and further augment their funding for capital and faculty development.

The Filipino people continue to suffer and die from the absence or lack of social services because of the use of public coffers to self-serving interests. In fact, the 2018 Budget is prone to abuse and corruption with at least P500 billion budget lodged under the Special Purpose Funds which are lump sums and discretionary in nature. And who could set aside maintaining the questionable five-fold increase in the Confidential and/or Intelligence Funds for 2018 from the 2016 appropriation, all of which are spent in a secretive and discretionary manner?

There are also questionable provisions in the 2018 Budget such as impoundment, that enlarges the leeway given to the President and the Executive department to juggle funds. Mr. Speaker, *dati ito ay ipinagbabawal. Hindi natin ito pinapayagan noon. Natanggal na nga ang probisyon na ito nitong huling taon, pero bakit ngayon ay pinapayagan na natin ang impoundment?* This fine print in the national budget essentially empowers the President to choose not to release portions of the budget, as long as he can justify that it is no longer required. This essentially widens the President's discretion over the national budget and can be abused to serve patronage politics. This Representation fears that this may open a situation wherein the President and the Department of Budget and Management will be able to circumvent the General Appropriations Act by impounding the release of public funds at any time of the year and, thus, crumple upon the Congressional power of the purse.

The implementation of anti-people policies, all of these host abuses and corruption that kill. All in all, the proposed 2018 Budget can be characterized as a pro-big business, debt-driven, anti-people, and corruption-prone budget framed to implement and further exacerbate neoliberal attacks against the Filipino people, thereby a budget that kills our future. Abuses, crimes, drugs, corruption and tyranny must be killed and not lives.

Instead of funding the drug war, martial law, Oplan Kapayapaan, national ID system, and other grave moves, we must rechannel these funds to stop the killings, defend human rights, and prioritize the implementation of genuine agrarian reform and national industrialization. These are significant reforms that will propel our national economy and the socio-economic conditions of our people upwards.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Hon. Edcel C. Lagman is hereby recognized. You have three minutes.

## REP. LAGMAN EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I voted “Yes” for House Bill No. 6215, General Appropriations Bill, because I am fully aware that the government needs a national budget for 2018. However, my affirmative vote was with a strong reservation on the budget for the Commission on Human Rights which has not been fully restored by this Chamber.

As originally proposed, the new appropriations for the CHR was P623.3 million as reflected in the General Appropriations Bill, as filed. What was restored was P508.5 million or a cut of P114.8 million. The obliterated amount of P114.8 million consisted of the following: P47.040 million for human rights protection; P24.441 million for human rights promotion; P33.39 million for human rights policy advisory; and P10 million for equipment and Capital Outlays.

The reduced budget of CHR of P508.5 million is even lower than its current budget of P724.9 million. With its slashed budget, the CHR will be hampered in its human rights protection and promotion advocacy program particularly in the face of the continuing summary killings in connection with the current administration’s bloody war against illegal drugs, which errant policy against human rights is fully funded under the General Appropriations Bill.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my “Yes” vote but with a strong reservation as I have stated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Honorable Sy-Alvarado is recognized. The Gentleman has three minutes.

## REP. SY-ALVARADO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mr. Speaker, mga kasama, ako ay tumatayo ngayon kasama po ang mga mamamayan ng lalawigan ng Bulacan sa pagbibigay ng suporta sa budget ng ating gobyerno para sa taong 2018.

Ako po ay naniniwala, Mr. Speaker, na mayroon pa tayong areas kung saan kailangan natin dagdagan ang budget katulad ng budget natin kontra sa pagbabaha, budget natin sa edukasyon, at budget natin para sa maayos na pamamahay o tahanan ng ating mga kababayan. Ngunit, Mr. Speaker, ako po ay masaya sapagkat ako ay naniniwala na ang ating Pangulo ang mangangasiwa ng ating budget. Dahil po sa kanya at sa lakas ng aking tiwala sa ating Pangulo, ako po, kasama ng aming lalawigan, ay bumoboto ng “Yes”—yes to the President and yes to our budget.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Honorable Tinio is hereby recognized. The Gentleman has three minutes.

## REP. TINIO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. TINIO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

Una po, nais kong i-rehistro ang pagtutol sa naging proseso ng pagboto on Third Reading sa House Bill No. 6215.

Hindi man lamang po ipinaalam ng Mayorya sa Kapulungan ang mga amyenda na ginawa ng small committee at ipinaloob sa Third Reading version na ating pinagbotohan, kaya wala pa po, bukod sa mga iilang kasama natin dito, ang nakakaalam kung ano ang mga pagbabagong ginawa mula sa version ng Second Reading hanggang sa pinagbotohan natin ngayon. Nais ko pong irehistro iyan for the record.

Ngayon, bakit po ako bumoto ng “No”? Una, ang tanong, para kanino ba ang House Bill No. 6215 na nagpapanukala ng P3.7 trillion na budget ng pambansang gobyerno para sa 2018?

Ito ay budget na pangunahing pakikinaabangan ng mga malalaking negosyante, asyendero at ang kanilang mga kasosyong dayuhan. Hindi ito lulutas sa malaganap na kahirapan, bagkus, patuloy na lalaki ang agwat sa pagitan ng iilang mayaman sa nakararami sa mahigit 90 porsiyento ng mahihirap, at lalala ang kawalan ng pagkakapantay-pantay sa ating lipunan.

Kung susumahin, ang budget na ito ay budget para sa patuloy na pagkita o pagtubo ng iilan at mga dayuhan, budget para sa social safety net para sa nakararaming ilalaglag, at budget para sa panunupil sa mga tututol at lalaban sa ganitong kaayusan.

Tanging ang pagpapaunlad ng agrikultura sa pamamagitan ng tunay na repormang agraryo at ang pambansang industriyalisasyon ang lilikha ng disentang trabaho at lulutas sa kahirapan at magdadala sa ating lipunan sa higit sa pagkakapantay-pantay, ngunit hindi ito ang popondohan ng House Bill No. 6215. Kapos ang pondo sa agrikultura at sa repormang agraryo, samantalang barya lamang ang nakalaan para sa lokal na industriya at maliliit na negosyo.

Pananatilihin ng administrasyong Duterte ang 2-tier wage system sa pribadong sektor na magpapanatiling mababa ang suweldo o ang sahod. Mananatiling kapos ang suweldo sa pampublikong sektor habang babawasan ang mga benepisyo ng government employees dahil maglalaan ng pondo para sa pagdoble ng suweldo ng mga pulis at militar. Mananatiling malaganap ang kontraktwalisasyon sa pribado at pampublikong sektor.

Sa halip na pondohan at suportahan ang direktang produksyon at ang lokal na producers alinsunod sa ideolohiyang neoliberal, pagbubuhusan ng budget na ito ang imprastraktura dahil ito daw ang hinahanap ng foreign investors. Kaya mahigit na P1 trilyon sa budget

na ito ay para sa Build, Build, Build Program ng Duterte administration na magpopondo sa mga enggrandeng proyekto na hinahanap umano ng foreign investors—mga highway, riles, daungan, airport, at iba pang mga pangangailangan ng export manufacturing, ng service sector, kabilang na ang mga BPO, mga mall, real estate development, turismo, at para sa pag-e-export ng hilaw na materyales mula sa pagmimina at agrikultura.

Samantalang, wala, kapos o binawasan ang pondo para sa disente at murang pabahay, sementadong kalsada hanggang sa antas ng barangay, malinis na tubig at sanitasyon para sa lahat, at murang kuryente at telekomunikasyon, kasama na ang Internet para sa lahat.

Bagamat wala nang PDAF, pinanatili ng budget na ito ang congressional pork barrel at ang presidential pork barrel.

Kung sa usapin ng serbisyong panlipunan, popondohan upang makapagpalitaw ng skilled labor force, again, para sa export-oriented economy, para sa labor export policy natin, para sa export manufacturing, sa BPO at turismo. Ito ang konteksto ng patuloy na pagpopondo sa K to 12 at sa Free Higher Education. Alinsunod sa dogma ng neoliberalismo, ang mga serbisyong panlipunan ay patatakbuhan ayon sa mga prinsipyo ng pribatisasyon at komersyalisasyon kaya babawasan o pinanatiling kapos ang pondo para sa operasyon ng edukasyon, ng kalusugan at iba pa. At ang pinakamalaking social safety net ay nananatiling ang budget para sa 4Ps ng DSWD.

Pondo rin ito para sa panunupil, para sa mga tututol ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Honorable Tinio is being reminded that he has already consumed five minutes. Please wrap up.

REP. TINIO. Popondohan po nito ang tatlong giyera ng Duterte administration: ang giyera kontra sa mamamayang Moro na kasalukuyang nakatuon sa pagwasak sa Marawi at nagpataw ng martial law sa buong Mindanao; giyera kontra sa droga na nagdulot ng libu-libong EJKs sa hanay ng maralita sa kalunsuran habang pinalulusot ang mga producer at smuggler ng droga; at giyera kontra sa mahihirap na magsasaka, katutubo at Lumad sa buong kanayunan.

Kasama rin dito ang inisyal na pagbawas sa pondo ng CHR na ibinalik ngunit hindi buo ang pagbalik. Lahat nang ito ay popondohan ng isang regressive tax regime na lalong palalalain ng tax reform program o TRAIN, at pakikinabangan ng malalaking negosyante—mayaman at maykaya—habang ipapasa ang tax burden sa maralita na pipigain para sa dagdag na revenue ng gobyerno.

Dahil sa lahat po ng mga ito ay bumoto po ako ng “No.”

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Honorable Villarín is hereby recognized. The Gentleman has three minutes.

#### REP. VILLARIN EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

AKBAYAN is casting a critical “Yes” vote as it expresses strong reservations on the 2018 Budget.

House Bill No. 6215 is an aggressive spending measure, heavy on infrastructure but very light on social reforms. It allocates negligible amounts for asset and agrarian reform for sustainable agriculture, human settlements and reproductive health, but gives lump sum amounts for Intelligence Funds for a P900-million EJKs measure under the PNP and other destructive measures on human rights.

House Bill No. 6215 is also a budget that looks down on human rights, by cutting down P114 million of the CHR’s budget for operational funds on human rights protection, promotion and advisory.

While this Representation acknowledges that the P3.7-trillion budget has a pump-priming effect on the economy, its trickle-down effect on the marginalized and disadvantaged sectors will be negligible.

The P700-billion increase in the 2018 Budget will be shouldered by new taxes passed on to consumers. This will be a big burden to the poor and marginalized.

Mr. Speaker, overall, House Bill No. 6215, while it has noble objectives, falls short on principles and values.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Honorable Zarate is hereby recognized. The Gentleman has three minutes.

#### REP. ZARATE EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

G. Ispiker, “No” ang boto ng Kinatawáng ito sa panukalang 2018 Budget o House Bill No. 6215, dahil kabaligtaran ito sa sinasabi ng Budget Message ng ating Pangulo. Hindi po ito maghahatid ng matatag, maginhawa at panatag na buhay para sa mamamayan.

Naniniwala ang BAYAN MUNA, G. Ispiker, na maliban sa ilang pagtaas ng budget sa ilang ahensya, wala itong ipinag-iba sa mga ipinasáng budget ng nakalipas na mga administrasyon. Hindi ito tumutugon sa mga pangunahing problema ng mamamayan, binabawasan ang mga serbisyong panlipunan kagaya ng kalusugan at pabahay, habang nagbibigay ng malaking subsidy sa malalaking lokal at dayuhang korporasyon, at nagpapanatili at nagpapalubha sa tinatawag nating “state of impunity.”

Wala kahit ni katiting na pagkukunwari ang panukalang budget ng 2018 para sa pagpapatupad ng pambansang industriyalisasyon at tunay na repormang agraryo para lutasin ang deka-dekadang suliranin ng kahirapan sa bansa. Sa kabaligtaran, G. Ispiker, itinatali ang pagtugon sa kahirapan sa maluhong imprastruktura sa mantrang “Build, Build, Build” Program na kakain ng halos sangkatlo o 29.12 percent ng kabuuang P3.767-trillion budget para sa 2018. Bukod pa rito sa bilyun-bilyong ilalaan bilang dole-out para sa CCT, pantawid kuryente, social assistance to commuters at iba pa para sa diumano ay pinakamahirap na 50 percent na maaapektuhan ng pabigat na tax reform program, lahat ito, Mr. Speaker, ay pagsasamantala at nakaasa sa napalaking utang na babayaran at papasanin pa rin ng ating mamamayan.

G. Ispiker, nakaangkla ang budget sa pagpapatupad ng pabigat sa mamamayang Tax Reform Package o TRAIN na hindi pa nga nagiging batas, pero isinama na sa panukalang budget para pagkukunan ng hindi bababa sa P133.8 billion in revenues. Bilyun-bilyon ang pipigain mula sa mamamayan sa anyo ng mga panibagong buwis sa petrolyo, sugar-sweetened beverages at pag-alis ng ilang VAT exemptions.

Kabaligtaran ng panukalang “malasakit” sa mamamayan, at “pagprayoridad” diumano sa serbisyong panlipunan, kakaltasan ang MOOE ng mga pampublikong ospital ng 28 percent o halos P1.5 billion, ang operasyon ng drug abuse treatment at rehabilitation centers sa buong bansa na sobra sa P2 billion, at ang pabahay para sa mahihirap ng 70.20 percent o P4.41 billion lamang ang kabuuang inilaan sa pabahay, pero may P56 billion, G. Ispiker, na inilaan para sa right-of-way expenses kung saan kasama ang pagpapalayas sa mga mamamayan at demolisyon ng mga kabahayang dadaanan ng mga priority infrastructure projects ng gobyerno.

Samantala, todo-bigay ng suporta ang panukalang batas sa malalaking lokal at dayuhang kumpanya. Bukod sa P30 billion na Risk Management Fund, aabot sa P117.03 billion ang Tax Expenditures o tax incentives sa mga piling kumpanya. Hindi pa kabilang dito ang incentives para sa dalawang kumpanya, ang Mitsubishi at Toyota, sa halagang P1.6 billion sa ilalim ng Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy o CARS.

Pinapatindi, G. Ispiker, ng panukalang Budget 2018 ang “state of impunity” at malulubhang paglabag sa karapatang pantao sa pamamagitan ng paglalaan ng P900 million para sa Oplan Double Barrel Reloaded, patuloy na pagpopondo sa budget ng CAFGU na implicated sa pagpaslang ng mga Lumad, pagpopondo sa hindi pa naisasabatas na National ID system, paglalaan ng panibagong P25 billion sa AFP Modernization, at sa mas mataas na Confidential and/or Intelligence Funds na aabot ng P6.2 billion.

Walang tunay na pagbabago, walang “Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay” na aasahan ang mga mamamayan sa panukalang Budget ng 2018. Kagaya ng mga naunang budget, nakabatay ito sa pagpapanatili ng atrasado, nakaasa sa dayuhan, at hindi maka-mamamayang kaayusan ng ating lipunan. Dapat lamang na ibasura ang panukalang budget na ito, G. Ispiker.

Kaya muli, inirerehistro ng Kinatawang ito ang botong “No” ng BAYAN MUNA para sa panukalang budget.

Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6215 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With 223 affirmative votes, 9 against and no abstention, House Bill No. 6215 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of Journal No. 28, dated September 25, 2017.

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

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests in the gallery of the Hon. Jorge T. Almonte from the First District of Misamis Occidental. They are the doctorate degree students, as well as the Political Science major students of Misamis University in Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental, headed by Dr. Virgilio Onganiza.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Please stand to be acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Isagani S. Amatong from the Third District of Zamboanga del Norte. They are from the Andres Bonifacio College in Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte, headed by its High School Principal, Mme. Angie V. Atenta, together with Mr. Antonio Tagulob and Avita G. Zamora.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Please stand to be acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)



CONSIDERATION OF H. JT. RES. NO. 15  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Joint Resolution No. 15, contained in Committee Report No. 386, as reported out by the Committee on Housing and Urban Development.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Joint Resolution No. 15, entitled: JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO AWARD TO OTHER QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES THE UNAWARDED HOUSING UNITS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP)/PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP)/BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP)/BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP)/BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) HOUSING PROJECTS, AWARDED HOUSING UNITS THAT ARE NOT YET OCCUPIED AND WHOSE OWNERSHIP AND POSSESSION ARE SURRENDERED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE AWARDEES, AND HOUSING UNITS WHOSE RESPECTIVE AWARDS WERE CANCELLED BY REASON OF DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF AMORTIZATION OR FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL LOAN AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS.

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

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Chairperson of the Housing and Urban Development Committee, the Hon. Alfredo "Albee" B. Benitez from the Third District of Negros Occidental.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Honorable Benitez is hereby recognized.

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Committee, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of the resolution as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member of the House who intimated the intent to interpellate or to speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The period of sponsorship and debate is terminated.

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

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

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, since there are no Committee nor any Member of the House of Representatives who intimated to introduce any individual amendments, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

The period of amendments is hereby terminated.

REP. BELARO. At this juncture, Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Joint Resolution No. 15, as contained in Committee Report No. 386.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). As many as are in favor of House Joint Resolution No. 15, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay.*

APPROVAL OF H. JT. RES. NO. 15  
ON SECOND READING

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

House Joint Resolution No. 15 is hereby approved on Second Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS  
ON SECOND READING

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following local Bills on Second Reading:

1. House Bill No. 6316, under Committee Report No. 372, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING NORTHEASTERN BROADCASTING SERVICES, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISABELA PROVINCE AND REGION II;

2. House Bill No. 6394, under Committee Report No. 379, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE MAYON VOLCANO NATURAL PARK IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY AS A PROTECTED AREA AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT;

3. House Bill No. 3979, under Committee Report No. 385, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING TWO PARCELS OF LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CEBU AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES;

4. House Bill No. 6418, under Committee Report No. 387, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES TO BE KNOWN AS THE "FOUNDATION DAY OF CATANDUANES";

5. House Bill No. 2097, under Committee Report No. 388, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PASAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE "FOUNDATION DAY OF PASAY CITY"; and

6. House Bill No. 6426, under Committee Report No. 390, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED

WITHIN THE CITY OF SURIGAO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider their respective Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship speeches on the said measures.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on the said local Bills, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments and approve the Committee amendments, if any, as contained in their respective committee reports of the aforementioned Bills.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, there being no individual amendments, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

The period of amendments is hereby terminated.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the omnibus approval of the following local Bills on Second Reading: House Bill No. 6316, House Bill No. 6394, House Bill No. 3979, House Bill No. 6418, House Bill No. 2097, and House Bill No. 6426.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

## VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). As many as are in favor of the approval of the Bills enumerated in the omnibus motion, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF LOCAL BILLS  
ON SECOND READING

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

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

## CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1292

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1292.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 1292, entitled: A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO ACTRESS AND CONGRESSWOMAN VILMA SANTOS-RECTO FOR WINNING THE MOST COVETED MOVIE ACTRESS OF THE YEAR AWARD IN THE 33<sup>RD</sup> PHILIPPINE MOVIE PRESS CLUB'S STAR AWARDS FOR MOVIES FOR THE FILM "EVERYTHING ABOUT HER".

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1292.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

## ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1292

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

## CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1337

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1337.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 1337, A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO SUPPORT THE APPEAL OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE RETURN OF THE BELLS OF BALANGIGA THAT WERE TAKEN AS TROPHIES OF WAR BY AMERICAN MILITARY TROOPS IN 1901.

REP. EVARDONE. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. Ben P. Evardone is recognized.

REP. EVARDONE. I think this Resolution does not require approval on Second Reading. I think—because it is not a joint resolution, Mr. Speaker. I think this requires only an adoption by this Body.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt the resolution. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

## ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1337

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

House Resolution No. 1337 is adopted.

REP. EVARDONE. Mr. Speaker, can I make a short manifestation in support of the adoption of the resolution?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Honorable Evardone is hereby recognized.

REP. EVARDONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Distinguished colleagues, magandang hapon po.

This Representation is in support of House Resolution No. 1337, principally authored by the honorable Speaker, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, this Representation and the Hon. Raul A. Daza from Northern Samar.

Mr. Speaker, the phrase “healing the wounds of war” was precisely written by modern society to convey the serious purpose of doing the literal version of that – which is to heal the pestering wounds that still remain in the bloodied, ruined places visited by wars and conflicts.

The greater emphasis was on healing the wounds in the locales brutalized by *conquista*, the colonized places that bore the horrific brunt of the colonizer’s impunity. In our country, when we talk about scenes of war as scenes of horrific brutality under the *conquista*, we are talking about one place, Balangiga in Eastern Samar.

What happened, Mr. Speaker, in Balangiga? Here, I quote President Duterte who, in his second State of the Nation Address, vividly described what happened in this town 116 years ago today, and I quote:

In 1901, there was a place known as Balangiga in Eastern Samar. It was the time of the Philippine-American War. A combined group of Filipino villagers and guerrillas, in an effort to defend Samar Island from the alien invaders, attacked and overwhelmed a US infantry garrison.

Forty-eight American officers and men were slain in the attack. On the Filipino side, the casualty count was 28 killed and 22 wounded. In retaliation, US gunboats and patrols were sent to Balangiga with the order to make a desert of Balangiga and reduce Samar Island into an island of howling wilderness where every male citizen from the age of 10 and above and capable of bearing arms would be put to death.

The church bells of Balangiga were seized by the Americans as the spoils of war. Those bells are the reminders of the gallantry

and heroism of our forebears who resisted the American colonizers and sacrificed their lives in the process. Krag against bolo—Krag was the standard rifle issued to American troops—and that is how historians described the Philippine-American War.

In a plea that might as well be our plea for close to 120 years, President Duterte said, “Give us back those bells, they are ours. They are part of our national heritage.”

Mr. Speaker, two of the three bells seized as spoils are on display at the Trophy Park inside the F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming. One is at Camp Red Cloud, a US base in South Korea.

The unreturned bells, Mr. Speaker, put into doubt the resolve of modern society to heal the wounds of war. A total of 116 years had passed and the US has yet to heal a pestering historical gangrene of its own making—seizing the bells of the town church after massacring the townspeople and reducing the place into a howling wilderness.

Today, we ask for closure and healing. Give us the Balangiga bells, and I repeat what our President has said, “Give us back those bells. They are ours, and they are part of our national heritage.”

Mr. Speaker, we cannot but ask about the motivation for keeping those bells. Is it to forever embarrass the people that had to fight a new colonizer at another front, after 400 years of fighting the Spanish conquest? But what kind of bizarre vanity would frame that mindset? No former colony has embraced the US as the Philippines. The late Ka Blas Ople said and I quote: “America is our chief armorer, chief trading partner, and main cultural mentor. Minus a tweak or two, that remains the reality in our US-tied country.”

At the very least, Mr. Speaker, healing the wounds of Balangiga and returning its bells should have been the first Order of Business of the Commonwealth Government. Or, is it just an unintended effort to keep those spoils of war? The rehabilitation of Germany after World War II was a US-led effort. The Marshall Plan undertook a massive post-war rehabilitation effort to get that part of Europe back to its feet. Until today, the US-led effort stands as the most comprehensive, the costliest, the largest post-war effort in human history.

The town of Balangiga has survived carnage, the brutal weather cycles of the Pacific-facing islands, the underfunding of the forgotten places far from Imperial Manila. It asks just one thing from the Americans— heal the wounds you have inflicted, give closure to an unclosed, bloodied chapter of our lives. Give us those bells, they are ours. They are part of our national heritage. Let those bells toll in Balangiga, in our native land to help heal the pestering historical gangrene left by a brutal *conquista*.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Honorable Sy-Alvarado is recognized.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Pwede po ba akong magbigay ng ilang katanungan sa ating kasama, Mr. Speaker?

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.) Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago of KABATAAN Party-List for her manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. Sarah Elago is hereby recognized.

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to give a short manifestation as regards the return of the Balangiga bells as the youth convenor of the Lingganay ng Kalayaan or Bells of Freedom Campaign Movement for the return of Balangiga bells and the fight for the historical justice against US wars of aggression in the Philippines.

I hope that we can work not only for the return of the Balangiga bells as well as other war booties seized from the Philippines during the Philippine-American War, but also to seek an apology from the US government for the atrocities committed by U.S. troops in Samar from 1901 to 1902 and the Bud Dajo Massacre in 1906 and similar incidents during the Filipino-American War, and also, and most importantly, to bring to public attention the lessons of the Philippine-American War and the continuing need to defend our territory, sovereignty and national dignity.

Iyon lamang po, maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.) Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the First District of Bulacan, the Hon. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for his manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Honorable Alvarado is hereby recognized.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Maraming salamat, Floor Leader. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

Sa atin pong mga kasama dito sa ating plenaryo, ako po ay natutuwa sapagkat mayroon tayong kasamang tumayo, tumindig at nagsalita patungkol dito sa

dalawang kampanyang ito na matagal nang hinihintay na umuwi sa Balangiga. Ito pong mga bell na ito o mga kampanyang ito, Mr. Speaker, ay isang sampal sa bansang Pilipinas dahil sa katotohanan po, ako ay naniniwala na sa labanan, nanalo ang mga Pilipino sa labanang ito. Ngunit dahil hindi matanggap ng mga Amerikano o ng ating mga mananakop na ang kanilang pinagmamalaking rehimen ay tatalunin lamang ng iilan sa ating mga kawal na Pilipino ay minasaker nila ang isang buong probinsya kung saan mahigit 50,000 sa ating mga kababayan ay kanilang napatay.

Mr. Speaker, karumal-dumal po iyong nangyaring krimen noong mga panahong iyon, ngunit sa pagbabalik po ng mga bells na ito o ng mga kampanang ito, ako ay maniniwala na paunti-unti ay maghihilom iyong matagal nang sugat na hanggang ngayon ay dumudugo pa rin.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat po sa ating mga kasama.

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

#### REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

REP. GONZALES (A.P.) Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees:

1. House Resolution No. 1309 re the anomalous electricity supply agreements between First Catanduanes Electric Cooperative, Power One Corporation and Catanduanes Power Generation Incorporated, to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability and Committee on Energy;

2. House Resolution No. 1311 re the status and quality of implementation of laws providing for special protection of children, including but not limited to, Republic Acts No. 7610, 9208, 9262, 9344, and 9775, to the Committee on Welfare of Children;

3. House Resolution No. 1314 re the agrarian dispute between farmers and JC Agri Development, Inc. (JCADI), firm of Soriano Family of Agusan del Norte, on the 210-hectare agricultural land covered by Tubay Agricultural Processing Center (TAPCEN) located in Brgy. Doña Rosario, Tubay town of the said province, to the Committee on Agrarian Reform;

4. House Resolution No. 1315 re the plight of agricultural workers under NGPI – Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative (NGPI – ARB MPC) with the Department of Agrarian Reform – Approved Petition for Individual Titling of part of the 3,826.24 hectares of agricultural land being leased by Filipinas Palmoil Plantation, Inc. in the towns of San Francisco and Rosario, Agusan del Sur, to the Committee on Agrarian Reform;

5. House Resolution No. 1316 re the impact of the implementation of Republic Act No. 8550 - Fisheries Code and its amendments to Republic Act No. 10654 and other government programs and policies on the small fisherfolk sector of Region XIII or CARAGA Region, to the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources;

6. House Resolution No. 1318 re the development by the United States Armed Forces of a “Gray Eagle” Drone in Mindanao, and call for its immediate withdrawal from our territory, to the Committee on National Defense and Security;

7. House Resolution No. 1319 re the deployment of Gray Eagle Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) to Mindanao by U.S. forces and its implication to national security, to the Committee on National Defense and Security;

8. House Resolution No. 1320 re the issues surrounding the reclaimed lands by the Republic Real Estate Corporation and the Pasay City local government occupied by the Cultural Center of the Philippines and other government offices, to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;

9. House Resolution No. 1322 re the death of Horacio Tomas Castillo III as a result of alleged hazing by members of Aegis Juris Fraternity, to the Committee on Junitice;

10. House Resolution No. 1323 re the killing of Lumad student, Obillo Bay-ao by a member of the Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit (CAFGU) and a member of the paramilitary group Alamara, and calling for an immediate investigation in aid of legislation into the same, to the Committee on Human Rights; and

11. House Resolution No. 1324 re the alleged violations of Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. of the terms of its registration under the Motor Vehicle Development Program with the end in view of reviewing the effectiveness of this policy in reviving the automotive industry of the country, to the Committee on Ways and Means.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

#### CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF H. RES. NO. 1119

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of House Resolution No. 1119, entitled: A RESOLUTION CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT TO AMADO GABRIEL ESTEBAN, PH.D., FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION AND BRINGING HONOR AND PRESTIGE TO THE PHILIPPINES AS PRESIDENT OF TWO MAJOR ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, from the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). 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 transmit to the Senate House Bill No. 6215 as approved on Third Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until September 27, 2017, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The session is adjourned until four o'clock, September 27, 2017.

*It was 5:59 p.m.*