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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu called the session to order.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Please remain standing for the Invocation to be delivered by Congresswoman Ann K. Hofer.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. HOFER. Take us by the hand, Lord, as we pray today on the Feast of St. John Leonardi, the founder of the College of the Propagation of the Faith.

Guide us, Lord, to the correct way. Never let go of us, so we will not stray.

At this plenary session, make known Your divine direction. Let Your Word be the underlying substance in all our discussions. Let our uppermost thoughts always be the plea in Psalm 25, verses 4 to 5, whose cry goes: "Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God, my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long."

Therefore, Lord, be the way, the path, the truth. Be the hope that keeps us going in our work here in Congress. Above the din of all the debates and discussions, let Your voice sound in our ears, let Your word echo in our hearts. In that way, Lord, we Your stewards will stay true to You, faithfully glorifying and praising You, forever and ever.

Also, Lord, receive into Your ever-caring bosom our dearly beloved colleague, Dina Abad.

Amen.

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

ROLL CALL

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll of Members.

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

The Secretary General is directed to call the roll.

The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 34, dated October 9, 2017:

PRESENT

Abayon
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo

Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Banal
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belario
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Cagas

Calderon	Go (M.)	Plaza	Teves
Calixto-Rubiano	Gonzaga	Primicias-Agabas	Tiangco
Caminero	Gonzales (A.P.)	Quimbo	Ting
Campos	Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramirez-Sato	Tolentino
Canama	Gonzalez	Ramos	Treñas
Casilao	Hernandez	Relampagos	Tugna
Castelo	Herrera-Dy	Revilla	Tupas
Castro (F.L.)	Hofer	Roa-Puno	Umali
Castro (F.H.)	Jalosjos	Robes	Unabia
Cayetano	Kho	Rocamora	Ungab
Chavez	Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)	Unico
Chipeco	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	Uy (J.)
Co	Lacson	Roman	Uy (R.)
Cojuangco	Lagman	Roque (H.)	Vargas
Collantes	Lanete	Roque (R.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Cortes	Laogan	Sacdalán	Velarde
Cortuna	Lee	Salimbangon	Velasco
Crisologo	Limkaichong	Sambar	Velasco-Catera
Cua	Lobregat	Sandoval	Veloso
Cuaresma	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto	Vergara
Cueva	Loyola	Sarmiento (C.)	Villanueva
Dalipe	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Villarica
Datol	Maceda	Savellano	Villarin
Daza	Malapitan	Siao	Violago
De Jesus	Mangaoang	Singson	Yap (M.)
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suansing (E.)	Yap (V.)
De Vera	Marcoleta	Suansing (H.)	Yu
Del Mar	Marcos	Suarez	Zamora (M.C.)
Deloso-Montalla	Marquez	Sy-Alvarado	Zamora (R.)
Dimaporo (A.)	Martinez	Tan (A.)	Zarate
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matugas	Tejada	Zubiri
Durano	Mellana		
Dy	Mending		
Elago	Mercado		
Erice	Mirasol		
Eriguel	Nava		
Ermita-Buhain	Noel		
Escudero	Nogralés (J.J.)		
Espino	Nogralés (K.A.)		
Evardone	Nolasco		
Fariñas	Nuñez-Malanyaon		
Fernando	Oaminal		
Ferrer (J.)	Ocampo		
Flores	Olivarez		
Fortun	Ong (H.)		
Fortuno	Ortega (P.)		
Fuentebella	Pacquiao		
Garbin	Paduano		
Garcia (G.)	Palma		
Garcia (J.E.)	Pancho		
Garin (R.)	Panganiban		
Garin (S.)	Panotes		
Gasataya	Papandayan		
Gatchalian	Pichay		
Geron	Pimentel		
Go (A.C.)	Pineda		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 216 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 216 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 33, dated October 4, 2017, Wednesday.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; Journal No. 33, dated October 4, 2017, is hereby approved.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the Reference of Business, and may we request that the Secretary General be directed to read the same.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6506, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) SATELLITE OFFICE IN THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 6507, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA) SATELLITE OFFICE IN THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 6508, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CITY CAMP ROAD IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Go (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6509, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE JOSE CARIÑO ROAD IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Go (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6510, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL

BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLA, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6511, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY POBLACION EAST, SAN MARIANO, BALLOY, CABULOAN, LIBSONG, AND PATAQUID, MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO BARANGAY LUMAYAO, BOLINTAGUN, UNGIB, CABALAONGAN, AND ZONE 1, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN QUINTIN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6514, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND CONSOLIDATING GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS RELATING TO ALL GAMES OF CHANCE UNDER THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION, GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD, PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENTS AND GAMING AUTHORITY”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Bondoc
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 6515, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE TAAL LAKE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO ASSEMBLYMAN MANUEL COLLANTES ROAD”

By Representative Collantes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6516, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MARTIN MARASIGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CUENCA, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO EIGHTY (80) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Collantes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6518, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING BARANGAY KISOLON TO POBLACION, SUMILAO ACROSS KULAMAN RIVER/CANYON TO SAN ROQUE TO KILABONG DOWN TO DALIRIG OF MANOLO FORTICH, BUKIDNON AS SECONDARY NATIONAL HIGHWAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta-Alba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6519, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFW) SOVEREIGN FUND”

By Representative Manalo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 6520, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE SHARE OF CITIES OR MUNICIPALITIES IN THE TAX COLLECTED IN THEIR AREA BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1158, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997”

By Representatives Cueva and Manalo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 1358, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON PREDATORY MONEY-MAKING SCHEMES VICTIMIZING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

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:

House Bill No. 4923, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY PAMPANGA IN THE CITY OF DAVAO INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PAMPANGA, BARANGAY ALFONSO ANGLIONGTO, SR., AND BARANGAY VICENTE HIZON, SR.”;

House Bill No. 4925, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY DUMALNEG IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KALAW, BARANGAY CABARITAN AND BARANGAY QUIBEL”;

House Bill No. 4937, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CARE IN THE CITY OF TARLAC, PROVINCE OF TARLAC”;

House Bill No. 4940, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LIWON IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASIPULO, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO”;

House Bill No. 4924, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY MAGUGPO IN THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE INTO FIVE (5) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MAGUGPO POBLACION, BARANGAY MAGUGPO EAST, BARANGAY MAGUGPO WEST, BARANGAY MAGUGPO NORTH AND BARANGAY MAGUGPO SOUTH”; and

House Bill No. 4943, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY CANUMAY IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CANUMAY WEST AND BARANGAY CANUMAY EAST.”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated October 4, 2017 of Salvador C. Medialdea., Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies

of Republic Act No. 10952 which was signed on October 2, 2017 by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2017 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letters dated 29 September 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-2017-055 dated 20 September 2017;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-056 dated 22 September 2017; and
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-057 dated 22 September 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Welfare of Children and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 420), re H.B. No. 6550, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF DAY CARE WORKERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 440, 748, 848, 953, 982, 1345, 1971, 2550, 3407, 3428, 3530, 3826, 3968, 4552, 4738 and 5722

Sponsors: Representatives Yu, Nograles (K.A.) Quimbo, Acop, Herrera-Dy and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 421), re H.B. No. 6551, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BICOL SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUSAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL REGIONAL GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING

THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2987

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.) Andaya and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare (Committee Report No. 422), re H.R. No. 53, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8220 IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE ALLEGED DISCREPANCIES IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE COMPUTATION OF THE PENSION OF OUR RETIRED CHIEF MASTER SERGEANTS (CMS) AND SENIOR MASTER SERGEANTS”

informing the House of its findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Bataoil and Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology (Committee Report No. 423), re H.B. No. 6557, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING OPEN ACCESS IN DATA TRANSMISSION, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL POWERS TO THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2871

Sponsors: Representatives Yap (V.) and Romualdo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology (Committee Report No. 424), re H.B. No. 6558, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POWERS OF THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7925, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 671, 1946, 3052, 3876 and 3996

Sponsor: Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6396
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6396 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 4, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6396, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF CAREGIVERS IN THE PRACTICE OF THEIR PROFESSION.

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. 34, dated October 9, 2017:

Affirmative

Abayon	Arenas	Campos	Gonzalez
Abellanosa	Atienza	Canama	Hernandez
Abueg	Bagatsing	Casilao	Herrera-Dy
Acharon	Banal	Castelo	Hofer
Acop	Bataoil	Castro (F.L.)	Kho
Advincula	Batocabe	Castro (F.H.)	Khonghun
Agarao	Belaro	Cayetano	Labadlabad
Aggabao	Belmonte (J.C.)	Chavez	Lacson
Aglipay-Villar	Benitez	Chipeco	Lagman
Albano	Bernos	Co	Lanete
Alejano	Bertiz	Cojuangco	Laogan
Almonte	Biazon	Collantes	Lee
Alonte	Billones	Cortes	Limkaichong
Alvarez (F.)	Bolilia	Crisologo	Lobregat
Alvarez (M.)	Bondoc	Cua	Lopez (B.)
Alvarez (P.)	Bordado	Cuaresma	Macapagal-Arroyo
Amante	Bravo (A.)	Cueva	Maceda
Amatong	Brosas	Dalipe	Malapitan
Andaya	Cagas	Datol	Mangaoang
Angara-Castillo	Calderon	Daza	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Antonio	Calixto-Rubiano	De Jesus	Marcoleta
Aquino-Magsaysay	Caminero	De Venecia	Marcos
		De Vera	Marquez
		Del Mar	Martinez
		Deloso-Montalla	Matugas
		Dimaporo (A.)	Mellana
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mending
		Durano	Mercado
		Dy	Mirasol
		Elago	Nava
		Erice	Noel
		Eriguel	Nogralas (J.J.)
		Ermita-Buhain	Nogralas (K.A.)
		Escudero	Nolasco
		Espino	Nuñez-Malanyaon
		Estrella	Oaminal
		Evardone	Olivarez
		Fariñas	Ong (H.)
		Fernando	Ortega (P.)
		Ferrer (J.)	Pacquiao
		Flores	Paduano
		Fortun	Palma
		Fortuno	Pancho
		Fuentebella	Panganiban
		Garbin	Panotes
		Garcia (G.)	Papandayan
		Garcia (J.E.)	Pichay
		Garin (R.)	Pimentel
		Garin (S.)	Pineda
		Gasataya	Plaza
		Geron	Primicias-Agabas
		Go (A.C.)	Quimbo
		Go (M.)	Ramirez-Sato
		Gonzaga	Ramos
		Gonzales (A.P.)	Relampagos
		Gonzales (A.D.)	Revilla

Roa-Puno	Tiangco
Robes	Ting
Rocamora	Tugna
Rodriguez (I.)	Tupas
Rodriguez (M.)	Umali
Roman	Unabia
Roque (H.)	Ungab
Roque (R.)	Unico
Sacdalan	Uy (J.)
Sahali	Uy (R.)
Salimbangon	Vargas
Sambar	Vargas-Alfonso
Sandoval	Velarde
Santos-Recto	Velasco
Sarmiento (C.)	Velasco-Catera
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Veloso
Savellano	Vergara
Sema	Villanueva
Siao	Villarica
Singson	Villarin
Suansing (E.)	Violago
Suansing (H.)	Yap (M.)
Suarez	Yap (V.)
Sy-Alvarado	Yu
Tan (A.)	Zamora (M.C.)
Tejada	Zarate
Teves	Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6396
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 210 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6396 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6431
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6431 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 4, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, House Bill No. 6431, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING BOHOL CHRONICLE RADIO CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL.

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. 34, dated October 9, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Biazon
Abayon	Billones
Abellanos	Bolilia
Abueg	Bondoc
Acharon	Bordado
Acop	Bravo (A.)
Advincula	Brosas
Agarao	Cagas
Aggabao	Calderon
Aglipay-Villar	Calixto-Rubiano
Albano	Caminero
Alejano	Campos
Almonte	Canama
Alonte	Casilao
Alvarez (F.)	Castelo
Alvarez (M.)	Castro (F.L.)
Alvarez (P.)	Castro (F.H.)
Amante	Cayetano
Amatong	Cerilles
Andaya	Chavez
Angara-Castillo	Chipeco
Antonio	Co
Aquino-Magsaysay	Cojuangco
Arenas	Collantes
Atienza	Cortes
Bagatsing	Crisologo
Banal	Cua
Bataoil	Cuaresma
Batocabe	Cueva
Belaro	Dalipe
Belmonte (J.C.)	Datol
Benitez	Daza
Bernos	De Jesus
Bertiz	De Venecia

De Vera	Marquez	Suansing (H.)	Vargas
Del Mar	Martinez	Suarez	Vargas-Alfonso
Deloso-Montalla	Matugas	Sy-Alvarado	Velarde
Dimaporo (A.)	Mellana	Tambunting	Velasco
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mending	Tan (A.)	Velasco-Catera
Durano	Mercado	Tejada	Veloso
Dy	Mirasol	Teves	Vergara
Elago	Nava	Tiangco	Villanueva
Erice	Noel	Ting	Villarica
Eriguel	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tugna	Villarin
Ermita-Buhain	Nogralas (K.A.)	Tupas	Violago
Escudero	Nolasco	Umali	Yap (M.)
Espino	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Unabia	Yap (V.)
Estrella	Oaminal	Ungab	Yu
Evardone	Olivarez	Unico	Zamora (M.C.)
Fariñas	Ong (H.)	Uy (J.)	Zarate
Fernando	Ortega (P.)	Uy (R.)	Zubiri
Ferrer (J.)	Pacquiao		
Flores	Paduano	<i>Negative</i>	
Fortun	Palma		
Fortuno	Pancho	None	
Fuentebella	Panganiban		
Garbin	Panotes	<i>Abstention</i>	
Garcia (G.)	Papandayan		
Garcia (J.E.)	Pichay	None	
Garin (R.)	Pimentel		
Garin (S.)	Pineda		
Gasataya	Plaza		
Geron	Primicias-Agabas		
Go (A.C.)	Quimbo		
Go (M.)	Ramirez-Sato		
Gonzaga	Ramos		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Relampagos		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Revilla		
Gonzalez	Roa-Puno		
Hernandez	Robes		
Herrera-Dy	Rocamora		
Hofer	Rodriguez (I.)		
Kho	Rodriguez (M.)		
Khonghun	Roman		
Labadlabad	Romualdo		
Lacson	Roque (H.)		
Lagman	Roque (R.)		
Lanete	Sacdalán		
Laogan	Sahali		
Lee	Salimbangon		
Limkaichong	Sambar		
Lobregat	Sandoval		
Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto		
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)		
Maceda	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Malapitan	Savellano		
Mangaoang	Sema		
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao		
Marcoleta	Singson		
Marcos	Suansing (E.)		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6431
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 214 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6431 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 1530
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 1530 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 5, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 1530, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INDICATE THE BLOOD TYPE

OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES.

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. 34, dated October 9, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Caminero	Fortuno	Pancho
Abayon	Campos	Fuentebella	Panganiban
Abellanosa	Canama	Garbin	Panotes
Abueg	Casilao	Garcia (G.)	Papandayan
Acharon	Castelo	Garcia (J.E.)	Pichay
Acop	Castro (F.L.)	Garin (R.)	Pimentel
Advincula	Castro (F.H.)	Garin (S.)	Pineda
Agarao	Cayetano	Gasataya	Plaza
Aggabao	Cerilles	Geron	Primicias-Agabas
Aglipay-Villar	Chavez	Go (A.C.)	Quimbo
Albano	Chipeco	Go (M.)	Ramirez-Sato
Alejano	Co	Gonzaga	Ramos
Almonte	Cojuangco	Gonzales (A.P.)	Relampagos
Alonte	Collantes	Gonzales (A.D.)	Revilla
Alvarez (F.)	Cortes	Gonzalez	Roa-Puno
Alvarez (M.)	Crisologo	Hernandez	Robes
Alvarez (P.)	Cua	Herrera-Dy	Rocamora
Amante	Cuaresma	Hofer	Rodriguez (I.)
Amatong	Cueva	Kho	Rodriguez (M.)
Andaya	Dalipe	Khonghun	Roman
Angara-Castillo	Datol	Labadlabad	Romualdo
Antonio	Daza	Lacson	Roque (H.)
Aquino-Magsaysay	De Jesus	Lagman	Roque (R.)
Arenas	De Venecia	Lanete	Sacdalan
Atienza	De Vera	Laogan	Sahali
Bagatsing	Del Mar	Lee	Salimbangon
Banal	Deloso-Montalla	Limkaichong	Sambar
Bataoil	Dimaporo (A.)	Lobregat	Sandoval
Batocabe	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto
Belaro	Durano	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Dy	Maceda	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Benitez	Elago	Malapitan	Savellano
Bernos	Erice	Mangaoang	Sema
Bertiz	Eriguel	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao
Biazon	Ermita-Buhain	Marcoleta	Singson
Billones	Escudero	Marcos	Suansing (E.)
Bolilia	Espino	Marquez	Suansing (H.)
Bondoc	Estrella	Martinez	Suarez
Bordado	Evardone	Matugas	Sy-Alvarado
Bravo (A.)	Fariñas	Mellana	Tambunting
Brosas	Fernando	Mending	Tan (A.)
Cagas	Ferrer (J.)	Mercado	Tejada
Calderon	Flores	Mirasol	Teves
Calixto-Rubiano	Fortun	Nava	Tiangco
		Noel	Ting
		Nogralas (J.J.)	Tugna
		Nogralas (K.A.)	Tupas
		Nolasco	Umali
		Nuñez-Malanyaon	Unabia
		Oaminal	Ungab
		Olivarez	Unico
		Ong (H.)	Uy (J.)
		Ortega (P.)	Uy (R.)
		Pacquiao	Vargas
		Paduano	Vargas-Alfonso
		Palma	Velarde

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Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
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Zamora (M.C.)
Zarate
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is as follows, per Journal No. 34, dated October 9, 2017:

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 1530
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 214 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 1530 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 927
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 927 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 5, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 927, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAWIT, PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO CAVITE LICENSING CENTER OF KAWIT, CAVITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure

Affirmative

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Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Banal
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)

Cayetano
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Del Mar
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)

Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramos	Zamora (M.C.)	Zubiri
Gonzalez	Relampagos	Zarate	
Hernandez	Revilla		
Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno	<i>Negative</i>	
Hofer	Robes		
Kho	Rocamora	None	
Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)		
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	<i>Abstention</i>	
Lacson	Roman		
Lagman	Romualdo	None	
Lanete	Roque (H.)		
Laogan	Roque (R.)		APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 927
Leachon	Sacdalan		ON THIRD READING
Lee	Sahali		
Limkaichong	Salimbangon		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 217
Lobregat	Sambar		affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention,
Lopez (B.)	Sandoval		House Bill No. 927 is approved on Third Reading.
Lopez (M.L.)	Santos-Recto		The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)		
Maceda	Sarmiento (E.M.)		REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that all Bills
Malapitan	Savellano		approved on Third Reading be immediately sent to the
Mangaoang	Sema		Senate of the Republic of the Philippines.
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao		
Marcoleta	Singson		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any
Marcos	Suansing (E.)		objection? (<i>Silence</i>) The Chair hears none; the motion
Marquez	Suansing (H.)		is approved.
Martinez	Suarez		The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.
Matugas	Sy-Alvarado		
Mellana	Tambunting		PRIVILEGE HOUR
Mending	Tan (A.)		
Mercado	Tejada		REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, today being a
Mirasol	Teves		Monday and pursuant to our Rules, I move that we open
Nava	Tiangco		the Privilege Hour.
Noel	Ting		
Nograles (J.J.)	Tugna		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any
Nograles (K.A.)	Tupas		objection? (<i>Silence</i>) The Chair hears none; the motion
Nolasco	Umali		is approved.
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Unabia		
Oaminal	Ungab		REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, before we recognize
Olivarez	Unico		the Member who wants to avail of the privilege hour,
Ong (H.)	Uy (J.)		may I have the honor to acknowledge the presence of
Ortega (P.)	Uy (R.)		some guests in the gallery. We have Ms. Fulgencia G.
Pacquiao	Vargas		Abellana, Mr. Emmanuel Q. Abellana, Mr. Francis Erol
Paduano	Vargas-Alfonso		G. Abellana, Ms. Manilyn G. Abellana, Mr. John Rey
Palma	Velarde		Lumayag, Mr. William Araniego, and Ms. Ivy Araniego.
Pancho	Velasco		They are guests of Hon. Henry S. Oaminal; Hon.
Panganiban	Velasco-Catera		Sabiniano S. Canama; and Hon. Anthony M. Bravo, PhD.
Panotes	Veloso		I so move, Mr. Speaker.
Papandayan	Vergara		
Pichay	Villanueva		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests
Pimentel	Villarica		of Representatives Oaminal, Bravo, and Canama,
Pineda	Villarin		please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives.
Plaza	Violago		(<i>Applause</i>)
Primicias-Agabas	Yap (M.)		The Floor Leader is recognized.
Quimbo	Yap (V.)		
Ramirez-Sato	Yu		REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, let us acknowledge

the presence of the guests in the gallery. They are the guests of Hon. Rico B. Geron, Representative, AGAP Party-List; Hon. Anthony M. Bravo, Representative, COOP-NATCCO Party-List; Hon. Sabiniano S. Canama, Representative, COOP-NATCCO Party-List. They are the Philippine Cooperative Center, Federation of Cooperative Workers Association, Philippine Federation of Electric Cooperatives, Novaliches Development Credit Cooperative, San Dionisio Credit Cooperative, National Market Vendors Confederation of Cooperatives, Philippine Army Finance Center Producers' Integrated Cooperative, Valenzuela Development Cooperative, Holy Cross Savings and Credit Cooperative, ACDI Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Cooperative Union of Cavite, Tatala Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Barangka Credit Cooperative, Cooperative Union of Marikina City, Tagalog Cooperative Development Center, Union of Catholic Church-based Cooperative, Fides Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Mabuting Pastol Multi-Purpose Cooperative, OLAPCC, Salve Credit Cooperative, Most Holy Rosary Multi-Purpose Cooperative, and Our Lady of Annunciation Parish Credit Cooperative. We also have cooperatives from Batangas:

1. SIBBAP MPC;
2. SIMCO MPC;
3. Malalim MPC;
4. Alupay MPC;
5. San Jose Farmers MPC;
6. Cooperative Union of Batangas;
7. Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood Enterprise Development Office;
8. Board of Directors from Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative, and
9. Provincial Cooperative Development Council of Batangas.

They are all guests of Hon. Rico Geron, Hon. Anthony Bravo, and Hon. Sabiniano Canama, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Mga panauhin po ng ating mga Kinatawag Rico Geron, Tony Bravo, Ben Canama, pakitindig lamang po, mula po sa sektor ng kooperatiba. Mabuhay po kayo at malugod po kayong tinatanggap ng Kamara de Representantes. *(Applause)*

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the visitors of Cong. Raul V. Del Mar of Cebu, from the JCI Cebu Inc.: Mr. Ken Ngo, JCI Philippines Vice President; Mr. Arman Baruel, the incoming President; Mr. Amiesteven Lao; Mr. Lito Lao; Mr. Dean Caratao; Mr. Krupadev Mercado; Mr. Timothy Hong; and Mr. Wai Kit Chan.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests

of Rep. Raul Del Mar, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the Third District of Negros Oriental, the Hon. Arnolfo A. Teves Jr., be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. from the Third District of Negros Oriental is recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TEVES

REP. TEVES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, everybody.

I rise here today, this afternoon, to speak on tax evasion.

Noong nakaraan, nandito iyong taga-BIR, noong budget hearing, I think, last year. Mayroon akong ibinigay na example sa kanya, na kita ng dalawang malalaking kumpanya, at itinanong ko kung bakit hindi nila napansin na kung binusisi mo iyong kita, obvious na under-declared iyong declared income nila. Hindi nila hinahabol at sa nangyari pa na iyon, parang nagdepensa pa iyong isang matandang tauhan ng BIR. Here, it happened here in plenary.

What am I trying to drive at? How does the BIR collect taxes? Nangungolekta tayo ng buwis, kung ano lang iyong sinabi ng kumpanya, hindi ba? Kung maliliit na tao, hinahabol, pero kung malaking kumpanya, bahala na, pinapabayaang, tinutulungan pa.

What is the effect of this on the majority of our Filipino brothers and sisters? Kung iyong malalaking dapat magbayad ng buwis ay hindi nagbabayad, mangungolekta naman tayo sa mahihirap nating mga kapatid. Hindi ito maganda.

Mayroong mga nagbebenta ng sabon, shampoo at beauty products, I think, it is a P2-billion industry, magkano lang iyong ibinabayad na buwis? Bakit hindi ito hinahabol? Iyong iba, iyong in-example ko sa BIR, hindi ko na lang sasabihin dito dahil ayaw ko na dumami iyong mga kalaban, pero dapat sila sana, alam na nila na it is very obvious, I already showed them. Tinanong pa ako noong taga-BIR, "Saan mo nakuha iyong figures na iyon?" Of course, I got it also from those companies. It is very easy, you check their declared income. Alam naman natin kung ilang tao iyong gumagamit or bumibili noong services o produkto nila, makikita mo doon, lumalabas, kung magkano lang per capita. So, obvious na under-declared talaga, and the taxes that we could collect will run into several billions.

Again, kung inayos natin ito, hindi na nga kailangan iyong bagong tax measure pero naipasá na

natin iyon, dagdag na lang sana iyon. Again, even if that tax measure ay hindi pa lumalabas, kung inayos na iyong koleksyon sa BIR at sa Customs, hindi na natin kailangang mangolekta ng additional buwis. There would be no need to have another legislation for additional taxes that will burden our poor brothers and sisters.

One more thing, I wrote the President a letter, I wrote all the Senators a letter on the “no x-ray, no entry” policy. Nagsalita lang ako ngayon para mapaalalahanan ang lahat na sana naman ay mabigyan ng pansin iyong sulat ko. That will only cost the country P25 billion, and definitely, the country will earn an additional P140 billion in Customs collection per year. Kikita na kaagad ng P115 billion ang ating bansa sa isang taon pa lang. Sana lang mabigyang pansin iyong ipinadala kong sulat. I sent it to the President and I sent it to all the Senators of this country.

Lastly, alam natin na tayong lahat ay nagsa-submit ng SALN. Tayo, lahat ng Congressman, lahat ng public officials ay nagsa-submit ng SALN. Ang dami palang private na individual, private na kumpanya, ang liliit ng binabayaran na buwis, hindi nakikita ng BIR at hindi tsine-check, ang dami nilang acquisition. So, doon pa lang halata na, hindi ba? Kapag nagbayad ka ng buwis, isang milyong isang taon, pero iyong property acquisitions mo, umaabot ng P500 million sa isang taon. Obvious na kaagad iyon that there is something wrong.

Again, I would just like to remind the BIR and the Customs, ayusin natin iyong trabaho natin at makakatulong tayo sa ating bansa. Nakakainis nga, parang kapag pulitiko ka ang dami kaagad duda, istrikto sa SALN. Let us also look at the private companies and individuals, para patas naman ang lahat.

That is all for now, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, again.

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

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Teves to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the Lone District of Malabon City, with his speech entitled, “Road Damage Due to Overloading,” be recognized to avail of the Privilege

Hour. Again, I move that the honorable Rep. Federico “Ricky” S. Sandoval II be recognized.

I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The session is suspended.

It was 4:52 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:53 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARIN (R.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Party-List COOP-NATCCO Rep. Anthony Bravo to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, PhD. from the Party-List COOP-NATCCO is recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BRAVO (A.)

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

Good afternoon to everyone, distinguished colleagues, and leaders of the cooperatives in the gallery.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I rise today to speak about the very special occasion we are celebrating, the “National Cooperative Month.” This celebration is significant not only to the nearly 14 million cooperative members but to the whole country, given the huge impact of cooperatives in the lives of Filipinos, especially to the vulnerable groups that have less in life.

Every opportunity, Mr. Speaker, that we see for the cooperative, or every year we stand up here to honor the men and women of the cooperative movement, and this year is no different, Mr. Speaker. We will always stand up for the cooperative sector as we collectively work towards the mainstreaming of the cooperative system as a unique business model and as a tool for social justice and poverty eradication.

This august Chamber is certainly party to the successes of the cooperative movement, having supported policies and legislation supportive to the growth of the cooperative sector. The Philippine Cooperative Code is the most important legislation for the sector that this Chamber passed. Recently, we also passed the House version of the Tax Reform Bill

which upholds the VAT exemption of cooperatives. Again, I would like to sincerely thank our distinguished colleagues for the overwhelming support on that initiative.

The United Nations regards cooperatives as partners in achieving its 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, and encourages the government to develop a supportive legal regulatory environment for the creation and development of cooperatives.

Mr. Speaker, honorable Members of this august Chamber, allow me to impart to you once again the economic and social relevance of our cooperatives and how they contribute to the sustainable and inclusive development goals of the government.

On economic contributions of cooperatives, the economic contributions of cooperatives could be best illustrated by how cooperatives allow people to help themselves by creating their own economic opportunities. These contributions or the various loans provided by cooperatives to their respective members are utilized to put up microbusinesses which, in turn, provide indirect employment and sources of income for their respective families.

Currently, the Cooperative Development Authority reports that there are 16,940 existing cooperatives or those that are operating, while there are 8,970 cooperatives that are for rehabilitation. Out of these, 9,432 cooperatives have reported total consolidated assets of P291.8 billion, Mr. Speaker. These assets could be considered an investment that will benefit not only few stockholders but millions of cooperators—7,647,776 cooperative members to be exact.

The billions of cooperative assets utilized in various economic activities and business ventures of cooperatives certainly contribute to the capital formation that fuels the economic growth of the country.

Cooperatives are tax generators. In 2016, the total tax withheld by cooperatives amounted to P6.94 billion, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to note that we have 41 billionaire cooperatives in the country, spread in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. And let me name a few: in Luzon, we have the ACDI Multipurpose Cooperative, with P15 billion assets co-owned by its 104,699 members; in the Visayas, we have the Cebu CFI Community Cooperative with P10.5 billion assets and 94,699 members; and in Mindanao, we have the First Community Cooperative, with a membership of 263,997 and an asset of P8.3 billion.

We also have big cooperative federations that unite primary cooperatives and assist in their development pursuits. The National Federation of Credit Cooperatives has 840 cooperative affiliates nationwide, with a combined membership of 4.2 million individuals and combined assets of P124 billion. The Philippine Federation of Credit Cooperatives has 792 cooperative affiliates, with combined 1.2 million members and

combined assets of P35 billion. The MASS-SPECC Cooperative Development Center currently has 308 cooperative affiliates and a combined membership of more than one million individuals and total assets of P25 billion. MASS-SPECC celebrated its 50th Anniversary last year, Mr. Speaker. In the last five decades, this cooperative federation has been at the forefront of cooperative development in Mindanao. Allow me to show you a short video, Mr. Speaker, of how MASS-SPECC has grown through the years.

The Growth of MASS-SPECC.

(Video presentation)

May I proceed, Mr. Speaker.

On the contribution of cooperatives to human community development:

Mr. Speaker, cooperatives are focused on human needs. The 26 types of cooperatives that we have in the country cater to the basic and specialized needs of their members and community. Credit and financial services are the most popular features of cooperatives, but coop services are actually extensive. Sixty-eight percent of our cooperatives are multi-purpose type which means that they are engaged in one or two business activities.

Cooperatives could be found in the production/agriculture sector, banking sector, education, electric service, transport service, health service, housing, water service, labor service, tourism, consumer and marketing, and others. Currently, due to the growing needs of vulnerable groups, the Cooperative Development Authority or the CDA already recognized other types of cooperatives organized by senior citizens, persons with disabilities, reformed MNLF and combatants, indigenous peoples, and rehabilitated drug victims. The cooperative sector also absorbs part of the country's productive labor force. The Labor Force Survey reported that there were 40.8 million employed persons in 2016. The cooperatives' share to this employment is 1.47 percent as the sector generated 599,867 jobs. It could be higher since the data of the CDA are only based on the reporting cooperatives—about 9,432 cooperatives.

At first glance, we may perhaps think that 1.47 percent is very minimal, Mr. Speaker, but if we compare it with the employment contribution of other sectors, it is still significant. For example, the Labor Force Survey 2016 revealed that the mining and quarrying sector contributed only 0.5 percent to the overall employment while the information and communication service sector has contributed 0.9 percent.

In terms of community development, every cooperative allocates 3 percent of their net surplus for Community Development Fund or CDF which funds projects for the community where they operate. In 2016, the Community Development Fund or CDF of the top 100 cooperatives alone amounts to P479.7 million or

close to half billion pesos. With the CDF, cooperatives conduct medical and dental missions, livelihood trainings, scholarship programs, feeding programs, relief operations, tree planting, and other programs for the environment or protection of the environment. It is the cooperatives' way of giving back to the community. In 2015, cooperatives have contributed a total amount of P1.5 billion of Community Development Fund as their share in community development.

Cooperatives are also tapped as conduits or delivery channels of government programs including the DSWD's 4Ps and the DTI's P3 or Pondo sa Pagbabago at Pag-asseno Program which is a social microcredit program. This is because cooperatives are strategically located in 17 regions and they are operating even in the remotest areas of the country where the intended beneficiaries could be reached.

Summing up the significant contributions of cooperatives, we would arrive at only one thing, Mr. Speaker, and that is people empowerment. These are the challenges faced by the cooperatives, Mr. Speaker. While we take pride in the gains of the sector and its contributions to the economy and the Filipino people, we also recognize that every year is a struggle as the sector faces several challenges that hinder it from realizing its full potential.

First is the overlapping or excessive regulations for cooperatives. While the CDA is the main regulatory body for cooperatives, it cannot fully regulate some types of cooperatives due to institutional incapacity. For example, transport cooperatives are regulated by the Cooperative Development Authority or CDA, the Office of Transportation Cooperatives or OTC and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board or LTFRB. It is hoped that we could streamline and harmonize regulations as it is counterproductive for cooperatives.

Second, while cooperatives are recognized as a tool for the attainment of social justice and economic development, cooperatives have not yet maximized their potential due to a weak regulatory body. The Cooperative Development Authority with its visionary cooperative regulations programs could not implement such due to the absence of necessary funding from the national government. The CDA proposed an annual budget of P1.3 billion for 2018 to meet its roadmap anchored on the current administration's socio-economic agenda and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. However, the DBM only approved P534 million, which this Chamber also approved.

Third is the imminent threat to remove the tax exemption of cooperatives. The Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion and the Fiscal Incentives Bills both seek to revoke the tax incentives of cooperatives provided for in the Philippine Cooperative Code.

Fourth is the absence of an ideal cooperative apex organization that could address the concerns of the cooperative sector. The apex body would be a unifying force of the sector with which the government will be consulting within matters relative to policies and economic programs.

Fifth, majority or 80 percent of our cooperatives remain in the micro and small category. While it has been addressed in the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9520, we need to continuously support and encourage the development of small and micro cooperatives.

I therefore call on our colleagues in this august Chamber on the following actions. At this point, Mr. Speaker, may I call on the government to support our prospects for the cooperative sector, as follows:

1) to streamline and harmonize regulations for cooperatives;

2) to strengthen the Cooperative Development Authority and to pursue policies for its possible conversion into a regular department;

3) for the government, to promote awareness of cooperatives by including cooperative education in the curriculum from elementary to college and post-graduate levels;

4) to develop market linkages for agricultural cooperatives especially in the era of ASEAN economic integration;

5) to uphold the tax incentives as stipulated in Articles 60 and 61 of the Philippine Cooperative Code or Republic Act No. 9520; and

6) to support the establishment of an ideal cooperative apex body and to legally recognize it.

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

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

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the privilege speech of the Gentleman be referred to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, we have in the gallery the guests of the Hon. Tom S. Villarin, Representative of AKBAYAN Party-List, from Sikap Laya Inc. or SILAI. We have Mr. Pancho Olata, Ms. Marlyn Gala, Ms. Nancy De Paz, Ms. Lorna Balse, Ms. Nery An Vijar, Mr. Victor Villapando, Ms. Lorenei Zoleta, Ms. Emie Deocador, Ms. Gina Villanueva, Mr.

Danilo Serrano, and others. I move that we recognize them, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Cong. Tom Villarin from AKBAYAN Party-List, please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now recognize the Gentleman from the Third District of Camarines Sur, the Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., for his privilege speech.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. from the Third District of Camarines Sur is recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BORDADO

REP. BORDADO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here to speak in behalf of the powerless, to wit: the unemployed, the marginalized, those who have been too dependent on private and public assistance for a prolonged period, those who have lost their creativity and dignity as persons, and those who have given up hope in the exercise of their fundamental rights as citizens of this Republic.

Mr. Speaker, powerlessness, which is a cause and effect of poverty, was something I had taken for granted. My parents from Bicol or Calabanga, Camarines Sur, told me that we were poor and I accepted that pronouncement matter-of-factly. Later on, Mr. Speaker, I would realize that we were not exactly in dire straits compared to other families in our barrio.

As I grew up, the said realization became more pronounced, as I was exposed by then to the multifarious situations not only in our barrio, but also in other areas of the country where the faces of hunger, destitution and utter hopelessness haunted me in my dreams and in my nightmares. In my adult years, Mr. Speaker, I had numerous opportunities to work with entities dealing with poverty alleviation. My concept of poverty and powerlessness, in turn, broadened, but not to the point of analyzing and dissecting them in a cold, detached fashion. One observation, though, seems to have been etched in my mind: that powerlessness entails a profound kind of deprivation, a denial of full participation in the economic, social and political life of society and an inability to influence decisions that affect one's life.

Mr. Speaker, the conflicting points raised by Jeffrey Sachs in his book, "The End of Poverty" and William

Easterly in the book, "The White Man's Burden" ironically fired up my resolve to delve deeper into the profundities and underpinnings of poverty. While I was, at first, amazed—and somehow impressed—by the simplicity of Sachs's prescription to end poverty, it gradually dawned on me, Mr. Speaker, that such was not the case, especially in the light of Easterly's contention, fully backed by empirical data, that the supposed aid given by the rich nations to their poor counterparts seems to have exacerbated the already miserable and convoluted situation.

Mr. Speaker, my position was further affirmed and validated by the various experiences I studied and evaluated. The introduction of poverty indicators and indices along with the profiling schemes did open up wide avenues for me to view with a high degree of objectivity on how is it to be poor in multiple contexts. Paulo Freire's expostulations on education in his book entitled, "Pedagogy of the Oppressed" gave me additional insights into how education—which is usually acknowledged, Mr. Speaker, as the "great equalizer"—can actually enslave instead of empowering and liberating people. Freire's contentions, specifically the "banking education" concept, find resonance in our educational system, buttressing in the process Renato Constantino's assertion that generations of Filipinos had been—and are still being—miseducated.

Yet, Mr. Speaker, there have to be some solutions somewhere. In due time, therefore, I segued into the idea of development, taking note of the theories, practices, traditions and narratives, among others. For me, Mr. Speaker, development assumed an entirely different dimension—at least insofar as my personal perception before reading the books was concerned—especially when viewed and filtered through the prisms of the so-called conservative tradition that subsumed the theories of economic growth and modernization.

I gained some insights into what really propelled development, including its origins and drivers, as I focused on the development narratives of modernization, conflict, reforms/crossover to transition economies, emergence of civil society, corporate social responsibility, and communitarianism.

Mr. Speaker, theories on tripartism have been particularly helpful inasmuch as we are re-evaluating our set-up there in the city of Naga in Bicol which had long institutionalized engagements with non-government organizations, people's organizations and the private sector. Indeed, I agree with the conclusion made by a researcher that there has been a focus on "the increasing capacity of governments, private sector and the NGOs to pursue development goals." Moreover, Mr. Speaker, through tripartism, sharing power with the powerless becomes possible. But then, our decades-

long partnerships with these groups need to be assessed, specifically in their impact on the city, in general, and individual resident, in particular.

Half a decade ago, Mr. Speaker, I came across a pronouncement from the Catholic Church that, and I quote:

...the universal destination of goods requires that the poor, the marginalized and in all cases those whose living conditions interfere with their proper growth should be the focus of particular concern. To this end, the preferential option for the poor should be reaffirmed in all its forces.

Today, Mr. Speaker, as Legislators, we are challenged to make the fundamental option for the poor, to speak for the voiceless and for the powerless even as we endeavor to craft laws aimed at uplifting their condition.

Given the scheme of things, Mr. Speaker, I believe that there is a need to overhaul the system. This is where the call of President Rodrigo Duterte to shift to the federal form of government comes in. Mr. Speaker, we must, however, make sure that federalism will not only strengthen the autonomy of the regions but will also develop the dignity, the freedom and the integrity of the poor and the powerless.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the honorable Gentleman to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Gentleman from Party-List AGAP, the Hon. Rico B. Geron, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Rico B. Geron from AGAP Party-List is recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. GERON

REP. GERON. Maraming salamat po, G. Ispiker. Maraming salamat po, G. Dep. Majority Leader. Isang

magandang hapon po sa inyong lahat. Mr. Speaker, esteemed colleagues in this House, fellow cooperators, ladies and gentlemen, magandang hapon po sa inyong lahat.

Party-List AGAP, the Agricultural Sector Alliance of the Philippines, joins the celebration of the Cooperative Month this October 2017, together with other party-lists. October as the Cooperative Month was declared under Presidential Decree No. 493, signed by then Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo who is now our colleague here in the House. The theme for this year's Cooperative Month celebration is "Cooperatives: Empowering the Poor and the Vulnerable Towards Job Creation and Poverty Eradication," in other words, people empowerment.

The organization of a cooperative is empowerment in itself. It gives the people a shot in the chance to make their lives better through "bayanihan" in their own collective efforts. It is people carrying and caring for each other to get through everyday life for sustenance, for confidence that he can make things better not only for himself but also for others in his community. It is said that no man is an island but if that island is a cooperative, no man can ever be alone in the island where self-reliance and sufficiency reign.

So much has been said about cooperatives—the litanies about cooperatives being a self-help organization, that it generates and provides employment for its members, that it provides livelihood for its members which filters down to the community, that it delivers services which the government cannot provide, that it is a contributor to the GNP of the country, that there are good cooperatives, that there are fly-by-night cooperatives, and that it does not ask for a capital to start up but applies for assistance to augment its capital.

Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Speaker, my esteemed colleagues, these litanies are all true. It speaks of the truth of what cooperatives are.

It might be a little deafening when the word "poor" is repeatedly stated to help the poor, to alleviate the sufferings of the poor, to help our poor brethren. I say, malamang itong mga poor na ito ay wala pa sa buhay-kooperatiba. Hindi pa sila na-indoctrinate sa buhay-kooperatiba. Walang poor sa kilusang kooperatiba. Kung miyembro ka, kahit paano, may kabuhayan ka, may pinagkakaabalahan ka para mabuhay nang matiwasay. Cooperative is life.

The theme "Cooperatives: Empowering the Poor and the Vulnerable Towards Job Creation and Poverty Eradication" aptly reflects the collective aspirations of all cooperatives in our country and elsewhere in the world. People come together to set up cooperatives precisely to address their needs, to alleviate their present condition and the lives of their community through bayanihan spirit. Cooperative is collective giving and sharing of resources for the benefit of the majority.

One of the sectors that truly benefit from cooperative system, if properly implemented, is that which is down

on its luck. One of the areas where the cooperative presence is tangibly felt is in job creation. Cooperatives give access and opportunity to the economically challenged constituencies to become educated and more productive through skills training and employment. Cooperatives hire employees for its operation and service deliveries and are therefore, on their own, venues for employment generation.

The Cooperative Development Authority or the CDA presented the statistics on the top five types of cooperatives with highest job-generating rate. The operative principle of cooperation among cooperatives can also be translated to collaboration with agencies such as technical-vocational institutions and other training providers that offer scholarships for skills training and knowledge upgrading because these are the tested avenues for lucrative association and mutual benefits. The aim of the cooperative is to train its members with skills that will contribute to its stability and sustainability and that of their cooperatives as the success of a cooperative largely depends on its members' participation. On the other hand, should these members of the cooperatives seek employment outside the cooperative, the cooperative will be assured that their training, their members' endeavors will redound to their benefit.

The cooperative is a contributor to its members' success and vice versa. I advocate that the need to collaborate for success, being self-sufficient and self-reliant in a cooperative milieu, is a virtue but it should not stop there. Finding opportunities to aid one's development is healthy to any organization or association, cooperatives included.

Collaboration at different levels and finding the right collaboration ensure success in one's endeavors. We have successful collaborations entered into by cooperatives and this is exemplified through the LandBank of the Philippines' Gawad PITAK Awards or the Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba. As the Chairperson of the Committee on Cooperatives Development, I am designated as the co-chairperson of this Gawad PITAK Program of the LandBank of the Philippines.

With your indulgence, may I present this year's outstanding performing cooperatives. My esteemed colleagues, please know your constituents' successful cooperatives: The Pinakatanging Kooperatiba Winner for the Agri-Based Category is the Bontoc Multi-Purpose Cooperative from Bontoc, Southern Leyte. The other contenders for this category are: for the First Runner-up, the Libacao Development Cooperative of Libacao, Aklan; for the Second Runner-up, the Batangas Sugar Planters Cooperative Marketing Association of Balayan, Batangas; for the Third Runner-up, the Bantug Agricultural MPC of Talavera, Nueva Ecija; and for the Fourth Runner-up, the Kooperatiba Naton

Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Tigbauan, Iloilo. These are outstanding cooperatives which took the risk to collaborate with the banking institution for their growth and progress. Now, their members in the cooperative themselves are reaping the benefits.

The Pinakatanging Kooperatiba Winner for the Non-Agri-Based Category is the Abra Diocesan Teacher and Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Bangued, Abra. The other contenders are: for the First Runner-up, the Pinoy Lingap Damayan MPC of Virac, Catanduanes; for the Second Runner-up, the Watchlife Workers MPC of Mariveles, Bataan; for the Third Runner-up, the Providers MPC of Naguilian, Isabela; and for the Fourth Runner-up, the Golden Group Gabay Puhunan Brotherhood MPC of San Fernando, Pampanga.

The LandBank Gawad PITAK also recognizes individual achievers. The Ulirang Magsasaka was awarded to Mr. Cesar Tabago, the General Manager of the Sapang Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Moncada, Tarlac. There are also the Hall of Famers Awardees, meaning, they have won two times in the Gawad PITAK Program of the LandBank of the Philippines that they have no other way to go but be an icon of success and are now qualified to join the Ginintuang Award Category, namely: the Buenavista Development Cooperative of Buenavista, province of Guimaras, and the Sacred Heart Savings Cooperative of Galimuyod, Ilocos Sur.

The Ginintuang Gawad PITAK for the Agri-Based Category is Nagkakaisang Magsasaka Agricultural Primary Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Talavera, Nueva Ecija. This Cooperative is now qualified for the Platinum Award if it wins again.

In 2016, the Cebu CFI Community Cooperative of Cebu, with no less than the mother of our colleague, Gwen Garcia, the late Judge Esperanza Garcia was the founder, was conferred the Highest Gawad PITAK Award, the Platinum Award.

The SIDC or the Soro-Soro Ibaba Development Cooperative in Batangas was the first cooperative to be conferred the Gawad PITAK Platinum Award in 2013 after having received the Ginintuang Award from the LandBank of the Philippines. Another Gawad PITAK Platinum Award is the Lamak Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Lamak, Pinamungajan, Cebu.

Indeed, cooperatives are everywhere because it is a way of life. It is life because it is a job provider.

We also have a cooperative that has been cooperating since 1982. Its membership is composed of several services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and it envisions to improve the lives of their members by providing dynamic and integrated services, the ACIDI Multi-Purpose Cooperative, and it has responded to the needs of their members especially with the crisis in Mindanao in Marawi City where our men in uniform are facing the challenges for and in behalf of our country.

Mr. Speaker, esteemed colleagues, there are realities

in coop sector which, by reason of bad strategic planning and defective decision-making, the cooperative is not operating in a cooperative way.

This Representation as Chairman of the Committee on Cooperatives Development, together with several members of the Committee including the Representatives of Palawan, Deputy Speaker Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg, Rep. Franz E. Alvarez and Rep. Gil “Kabarangay” P. Acosta, conducted an investigation in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, on the plight of the Oil Palm Growers Cooperative versus a multinational company on the initiative of Dep. Minority Leader Anthony M. Bravo and Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama.

The Committee was faced with the reality of the vulnerability of the cooperatives against the capitalist investors. We realized that the only way that the cooperative and its members can be protected is through education— educating and training them on coop governance and entrepreneurship skills. An added factor would be exposure to linkages through the Internet for more accessibility to knowledge and for total awareness on the best practices of organizations. The Committee was also able to affirm the necessity of having a cooperative development officer in the municipality, city and provincial levels to ensure that the cooperative concerns are attended to and guidance is given to cooperatives, be it a new cooperative or not. This has been addressed by the Committee on Cooperatives Development and this House when it approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 5682 which is now pending with the Senate.

The Cooperative Development Authority, the only registering agency for all cooperatives, also needs to be capacitated more through an increase in its operating capital outlay. The cooperative movement, with all the accomplishments it has achieved, for all the endeavors it has successfully delivered to its members and in the community where it operates and to our country with the least government intervention is still embattled as the revenue-collecting agency focused on removing the privileges granted to it under Republic Act No. 9520, or the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008.

The cooperative movement maintains that cooperatives are independent organizations delivering and contributing to this country’s socio-economic upliftment with no direct cost implication to the government.

As a Member of this august Chamber, I would like to commend this House, my esteemed colleagues, for standing up to the cause of the coop sector’s right to retain its tax exemption privilege as provided for under Republic Act No. 9520 or the Cooperative Code of 2008.

Tunay pong ang inyong ginawang pagsuporta upang mapanatili ang tax exemption privilege ng mga kooperatiba ay isang maliwanag na hakbang

ng pagsuporta sa ating mga maliliit na mamamayang Pilipino. Dahil po dito, maraming-maraming salamat sa inyong lahat. I am confident that the retention of tax exemption privilege of our cooperatives is *fait accompli* because the coop sector has a coop man in the Senate.

The cooperative as a basic organization at the grass-roots level has levelled up as even the most prestigious offices and organizations have cooperatives in their midst or are supporting cooperatives through their CSR or the corporate social responsibility.

It is a fact that government agencies have allocations to support the endeavors of cooperatives, such as the Department of Agrarian Reform, and the Department of Agriculture, among others. The stability of the cooperative sector is supported by the government itself so our coop sector, our coop movement must guard itself and monitor its ranks in order to keep up with cooperative principles as advocated by International Cooperative Alliance: voluntary and open membership, democratic member control, member economic participation, autonomy and independence, education, training and information, cooperation among cooperatives and concern for community.

The Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Cooperatives of this House and the Senate is monitoring the implementation of the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 through its Implementing Rules and Regulations. It has also taken cognizance of the issues and concerns of the coop sector and has intervened in behalf of the sector.

At this point, I would like to share my advocacy on the three Cs: coordination, communication, and cooperation. With the three Cs, any organization will survive all challenges to its growth and stability.

Finally, let me leave you with three lessons on successful cooperatives organizing work learned over the years among cooperators striving for economic upliftment on the basis of seven cooperative principles. One, build on hope and not on fear; two, strive for self-reliance; and lastly, maintain a democratic structure.

The Committee on Cooperatives Development, in collaboration with the Cooperative Development Authority and the LandBank of the Philippines, invites you to an exhibit on People Empowerment through Cooperatives on October 23 to 26, 2017 at the North Wing Lobby of this House.

Magandang gabi po at maraming salamat sa inyong pakikinig. (*Applause*)

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

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer

the speech of the Hon. Rico B. Geron to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, let us recognize Hon. Florida “Rida” P. Robes to avail of the Privilege Hour.

Mr. Speaker, I move to extend our Privilege Hour for another hour.

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

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Lady from the Party-List KABATAAN, Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago, with the title of her speech, “Students’ Democratic Rights,” be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago from Party-List KABATAAN is recognized to avail of her privilege.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ELAGO

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This Representation rises today on the wave of attacks on campus press and student institutions and organizations. The campus press has an invaluable contribution in the restoration and preservation of free speech and expression inside and outside of our nation’s campuses. Likewise, student councils and governments have played an essential role in the advancement of students’ democratic rights and welfare. No student leadership can be of utmost significance other than the one that is responsive to the demands of the objective condition of the Philippine educational system and the Philippine society at large. It is not enough that student leaders identify the what, where and when of our society. Student leadership must be critical in addressing the whys of our society. We must lead the students to get involved and participate on people’s issues and concerns that affect the interests of the marginalized sectors.

With their heightened participation on societal issues and concerns, most apparently, in the showing of tens of thousands of youth and students on the streets on September 21st this year, to call to stop the killings and say never again to martial law, then followed by the crackdown on student leaders and members, campus press freedom has been throttled in different parts of the country.

In the Lyceum of the Philippines University, the school’s 32-year-old official student publication, *The LPU Independent Sentinel*, faces closure as the administration planned without the consent of the members of *The LPU Independent Sentinel* to reorganize the publication. Once reorganized, its operation will be under the school administration’s control. Despite assertion and strong condemnation of the students, the LPU admin maintained its stand to revamp the student publication. Recent actions of the administration were manifested by delaying the application process for new members, removal of publication fee, and postponement of its transition to a new editorial board which essentially removed the students’ right to run, publish and manage an autonomous student publication.

Similar forms of repression have been committed against other campus publications all over the Philippines. Last month alone, a series of campus press freedom violations and attacks to democratic rights have been reported by the College Editors Guild of the Philippines or the CEGP. In Camarines Sur, on September 25, *The SPARK* publication of Camarines Sur Polytechnic College or the CSPC in Nabua learned that they are part of a watch list of the Armed Forces of the Philippines based on a text message received by one of their school officials. Included in the said watch list are other member publications of the CEGP in the said province, particularly, *The PILLARS*, a publication of Ateneo de Naga University, *The Seafarer’s Gazette* of Mariners Polytechnic College Foundation, and *The Stateans*, a publication of Central Bicol State University of Agriculture. This is not the first time that member publications of CEGP in Camarines Sur are harassed by the State forces. In March of this year, the PNP Baa, Camarines Sur warned CEGP’s member publication to not join any activities of the said formation. After a series of dialogues, the PNP in Baa admitted on live radio interview that the CEGP is under surveillance due to the progressive orientation of the guild.

In PUP’s *The Catalyst*, the school administration has taken over the local publication and also assumed control over its funds, printing and editorial policies. The administration plans to create a Student Publication Section or SPS, and currently, no guidelines have been released by the administration. But under this SPS, operations of all college-based publications and university-wide publication, *The Catalyst* will have to undergo and to be approved by the administration. The administration has been pushing for the formulation of the implementing guidelines of the SPS since last academic year, but strong opposition from the Alyansa ng Kabataang Mamamahayag or AKM ng PUP, the PUP system-wide alliance of student publications, has successfully blocked the move.

Almost always, student publications being at the forefront of forwarding the interests of students and the

Filipino people, inevitably face various forms of threat and harassment from the school administration and the State in order to suppress them. Student publications, as an alternative press have been consistent in exposing and opposing the current regime's lopsided and iron-handed approach in dealing with the systemic problems of our country. The harassment to the student publications in Camarines Sur in the form of intimidation displays the intensified State fascism. It is a calibrated attack done to neutralize progressive student papers which are critical of the Duterte regime's actions such as its war on drugs, extra-judicial killings, and martial law in Mindanao, while in the case of *The Catalyst* and *The LPU Independent Sentinel*, they only highlight the fascist nature of Philippine educational institutions, which are more than willing to violate student rights in order to preserve their reputation and protect their business interests.

On student and youth democratic rights, PUP conducted a farce election of the student regent and replaced the latter with an admin-backed representative. It also closed down student offices, tambayan spaces and intimidated student-leaders.

Meanwhile, the UP College of Mass Communication is also insistent on keeping the Faculty-Student Relations Committee Manual which is oriented towards preventing the full attainment of the Maskom students' right to organization.

An activist from Anakbayan of De La Salle University was harassed by police forces clad in civilian outfits. The said policemen went to the Lasallian student activist's home and disclosed that they knew of his progressive ties and that the police had logs of the whereabouts of progressive individuals and organizations. They also warned that his failure to end his progressive affiliations would bring about dire consequences for him and his group.

Similar incidents have also occurred to student-activists from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines in the past few days. They experienced harassment by suspected military forces either by violating their domiciles or by harassing, threatening, and robbing them outright in the streets. It is alarming that these attacks on student democratic rights are still continuing. What is more dangerous is that these attacks are intensified and supported by other suppressive apparatus of the government, citing the presence of police forces in these various repressive activities.

Meanwhile, outside campuses, Oplan Tokhang and the culture of impunity surrounding it has killed the likes of Carl Arnaiz, Kian De Los Santos, Ephraim Escudero, and most recently, Aldrin Jore, a 16-year-old student from Commonwealth High School.

Oplan Kapayapaan likewise has claimed countless lives in the countryside, one of which is Obello Bay-ao, a 19-

year-old Grade 7 student from Salugpongan Community Learning Center, slain just around September 5.

The continued implementation of martial law in Mindanao has brought nothing but havoc and death upon our Moro brothers and sisters, both young and old. And we will not let these attacks cripple the students and youth's capacity and zeal to continue demanding for their rights and welfare, for free education, free use of spaces and facilities, and the right to organize and assemble, among the democratic rights of students, youth and the Filipino people.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez.

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, the task now is to unite and fight for our democratic rights and interests, all for a just and better future for the Filipino masses.

Thank you and good afternoon.

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

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Lady from Party-List KABATAAN to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to our Rules, I move that we amend the result of the roll call earlier today, to consider the Rep. Arlene B. Arcillas, who is attending the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6016 and Senate Bill No. 1466, as present.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Lady from Party-List GABRIELA, the Hon. Emmi A. De Jesus, for her privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. Emmi A. De Jesus of GABRIELA Party-List is hereby recognized.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Hernandez relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Rane "Ranie" E. Abu.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DE JESUS

REP. DE JESUS. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Mga kapwa Kinatawan, magandang hapon.

Nitong Sabado, ika-7 ng Oktubre, minarkahan ng iba't ibang unyon at organisasyong pangmanggagawa ang Pandaigdigang Araw para sa Disenteng Trabaho o World Day for Decent Work ng pagkilos sa iba't ibang bansa, mula India, Europa, hanggang Indonesia. Taunang okasyon ito para irehistro ang panawagang disenteng trabaho sa harap ng pag-impis ng halaga ng sahod, paglaganap ng kontraktwal na paggawa, at pagdausdos ng pangkabuuang kalidad ng kabuhayan sa buong mundo, bunga ng hampas ng neoliberal na globalisasyon.

Sa konteksto ng Pilipinas, hindi mahirap maunawaan kung bakit kagyat na usapin ang disenteng trabaho at nakabubuhay na sahod. Sa pinakahuling ulat ng World Trade Organization mismo, nasa 70 percent ng mga kabuuang bilang ng trabaho sa ating bansa ay nasa impormal na sektor. Isa ito sa pinakamataas na antas ng informalization of work sa buong daigdig. Ibig sabihin, pito sa sampung manggagawang Pilipino ay walang permanenteng trabaho, walang regular at disenteng kita, at walang anumang benepisyong. Kabilang dito ang mga manininda, nagpe-pedicab, nangangalahig ng basura, home-based na mananahi ng sapatos at bag, nag-uuling at mga unpaid family workers sa bukid at plantasyon. Kadalasan, sila rin ang mukha ng mga biktima ng giyera kontra droga.

Sa mga komunidad halimbawa sa Kamaynilaan, ang karaniwang trabaho ng mga tatay ay sa construction, kung saan kadalasan ay below minimum ang sahod at project-based ang trabaho. Ang mga kababaihan naman ay nagbabalat ng bawang, nangangalahig ng basura, o di kaya ay naglalako ng samu't saring produkto sa bangketa. Bagamat sinasabi nating marangal ang mga trabahong ito, paano nga ba matatawag itong marangal kung ito ay walang katiyakan, irregular at maliit ang kita, at walang benepisyong makukuha mula rito? Hindi ba't kakatwa na sa kabila ng sinasabing ganansya mula sa ilang dekadang pag-iral ng globalisasyon, ito tayo sa kalagayang paparami nang paparami ang mga nasa impormal na sektor habang lumiliit ang bilang ng regular na trabaho? Nasa kalagayan tayo kung saan wala pa ring pambansang industriya at atrasado pa rin ang agrikultura.

Gustong ibahagi ng Representasyong ito ang kongkretong kalagayan sa Tondo. Humigit-kumulang 1,000 ang tambakero. Magugulat kayo sa termino, ang bigla na lamang tinanggal sa trabaho ng Phil Ecology Systems Corp., ito po iyong nagtatambak ng basura at sila rin iyong nangangalahig. Gútom na ang inabot ng pamilya nila na umaasa sa pangangalakal sa loob ng tambakan ng 10 araw nang walang trabaho, inagaw pa sa kanila ang tanging ikinabubuhay ng kanilang pamilya. Mula sa aktwal na kasong ito, mahirap ang pangarap na

umasenso ang mga manggagawang Pilipino sa ilalim ng administrasyong ito.

Samantala, ang mga tinatawag na “wage and salary workers” ay patuloy na humaharap sa salot na kontraktwalisasyon na ipinatutupad sa iba't ibang porma. Sa halip na tuparin ang pangakong wakasan ang kontraktwalisasyon, tila binigyan pa ng administrasyong Duterte ng ligal na bihis ang kontraktwal na paggawa sa pamamagitan ng Department of Labor, Department Order No.174. Alinsunod dito sa neoliberal na agenda, natitiyak na mura at hindi unyonisado ang lakas-paggawa sa bansa, para umano makaakit ng dayuhang pamumuhunan.

Namamayagpag pa rin ang Shoe Mart o ang SM, ang dambuhalang contractual king na pag-aari ni Henry Sy—14 na taon matapos ang makasaysayang welga ng mga manggagawa ng SM sa pangunguna ng Sandigan ng mga Manggagawa sa Shoe Mart.

Mula sa halos 20,000 kontraktwal noong 2003, umabot na ang bilang sa higit 150,000 nitong 2016 at karamihan sa mga kontraktwal sa SM ay mga kababaihan. Sa kabila nito, patuloy na pinabubulaanan ng SM ang ganitong paratang at tinatawag na “short-term” o “seasonal” workers ang mga kontraktwal para lamang makalusot.

Nagtatrabaho ang mga manggagawa ng SM sa loob ng siyam o higit pang oras nang walang bayad. Laganap din ang tinatawag na “OTTY” o “overtime thank you” o hindi bayad na overtime. Wala ring night differential pay ang mga manggagawang lumalampas sa alas-diyes ng gabi ang oras ng trabaho, bukod sa marami pang paglabag sa karapatang pangmanggagawa. Matagal nang iginigiit ng Representasyong ito, sa pamamagitan ng isang House resolution, na tingnan na ang Shoe Mart bilang promotor ng kontraktwalisasyon sa bansa. Nararapat lamang na maglunsad na ng protesta sa mga mall ni Henry Sy sa buong bansa at ilantad ang nakakabahalang mapanupil na kalagayan sa loob ng SM malls.

Ang masahol pa, nakaambang pahabain pa ang oras ng paggawa sa pamamagitan ng isinusulong na compressed work-week. Babawasan ang araw ng paggawa pero babasagin ang napagtagumpayang otso-oras na paggawa ng kilusang paggawa. Nangangahulugan ito ng pagtapyas sa sahod at benepisyong ng mga manggagawa, pagpapasahol ng mga panganib sa kalusugan at paghawan ng daan tungo sa mas matinding kontraktwalisasyon.

Regular man o kontraktwal o impormal, papatindi ang nararanasang hagupit ng mga manggagawa mula sa pagsirit ng presyo ng mga bilihin—mula sa presyo ng gasolina, LPG, sardinas, pamasaha sa taxi, hanggang sa singil sa kuryente at tubig. Sinasabing pinakamataas ang inflation rate nitong September sa loob ng nakaraang limang buwan, pero hindi naman umaagapay ang sahod ng mga manggagawa. Ang kakarampot ng P21

umento sa minimum wage ng mga manggagawa ng NCR ay madaling nilamon ng sunud-sunod na taas-presyo nitong mga nakaraang araw. Dahil itinataguyod pa rin ng kasalukuyang gobyerno ang deregulasyon ng langis at pribatisasyon ng mga batayang serbisyo at yutilidad, tiyak lalong lulusawin ng panibagong yugto ng taas-presyo ang barya-baryang sahod ng mga manggagawa. Tiyak na lalong mahihirapan ang mga nanay na pagkasyahin ang napakaliit na kita ng pamilya at masasadlak na naman sa malalim na utang para lamang matugunan ang mga batayang pangangailangan.

Mr. Speaker, naniniwala ang Representasyong ito na hindi matitiyak ang disentang trabaho sa tinatawag na “Dutertenomics” na nakasandig sa multi-trilyong imprastruktura, kung saan panandalian ang trabaho, mababa ang kita at vulnerable sa panganib na pangkalusugan ang mga manggagawa.

Sa nalalapit na pagpupulong ng mga pinuno ng Association of Southeast Asian Nations o ASEAN dito sa Pilipinas, tiyak na muling agresibong itutulak ang todong liberalisasyon ng kalakalan, pribatisasyon ng mga serbisyong panlipunan, at deregulasyon ng pamilihan ng paggawa at ng mga susing kalakal. Subalit hindi ito ang kailangan ng mga kababaihan at manggagawa. Bakit uulitin ang mga patakarang neoliberal na bigo at naipakita nang nabigong iahon ang mga Pilipino mula sa malawak na kawalan ng trabaho at kahirapan? Ang tanging transpormasyon ng ekonomiya ay magaganap sa pamamagitan lamang ng pambansang industriyalisasyon at tunay na reporma sa lupa.

Mr. Speaker, hinahamon ko ang Kapulungang ito na dinggin ang matagal nang karaingan ng mga manggagawa—regular at disentang trabaho, makabuluhang dagdag-sahod, pambansang minimum na sahod at pagkilala sa karapatang mag-union ng mga manggagawa. Kung patuloy na magbubulag-bulagan ang gobyernong ito sa mga nabanggit na panawagan, huwag ikagulat ng Pangulo ang mas malalim na pagsadsad ng kaniyang ratings at higit na pagdami ng protesta sa lansangan ng mga mamamayan.

Ito lamang, Mr. Speaker, at magandang hapon.

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

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Emmi De Jesus from the Party-List GABRIELA to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF REP. CASILAO TO THE BICAM CONF. CTTE.

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao as an additional member of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5670 and Senate Bill No. 1465 regarding the Free Irrigation Services Act.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; Rep. Ariel Casilao is so designated as an additional member to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5670 and Senate Bill No. 1465 regarding the Free Irrigation Services Act.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 4942, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PUDO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NATONIN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE.

We have been advised that the Committee on Local Government, Sponsor of the said House bill, as well as the author thereof, has no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 4942.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to concur with the Senate amendments on House Bill No. 4942 is approved.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the Party-List AKBAYAN, the honorable Rep. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarín, with his speech entitled: “Family Settlements,” be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Tomasito Villarín from Party-List AKBAYAN is recognized for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VILLARIN

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Floor Leader.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues:

Noong nagdeklara po si Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na hindi magkakaroon ng mga demolisyon nang walang relokasyon, libu-libong pamilya ng mga maralitang tagalungsod ang umasa. Umasa po sila na hindi sila basta-basta palalaysin mula sa lugar na kanilang kinatitirikan. Umasa po sila na kung sila man ay paaalisin mula sa kanilang mga tirahan, tatraturhin sila na may dangal at respeto sa kanilang pagkatao. Higit sa lahat, umasa po sila na mayroong sapat, disente at abot-kayang pabahay na naghihintay sa kanila, sa kanilang paglilipatan, malayo sa peligro pero malapit sa trabaho at serbisyo.

Iginigiit ko, Mr. Speaker, na ayon sa ating Konstitusyon, sa ilalim ng Article XIII, Sections 9 and 10, malinaw na ang karapatan para sa bahay ay iginagawad sa ating mga kabababayang Pilipino. Subalit mukhang umaasa ang ating mga kababayan sa wala.

Nitong nakaraang ika-25 ng Agosto, may higit sa 100 pamilya ang pinalayas sa kanilang mga tahanan at pinagkaitan ng tamang proseso nang na-demolish ng mga awtoridad ang kanilang mga tirahan sa Barangay North Bay Boulevard sa lungsod ng Navotas. Isiniwalat po ng mga residente na sinorpresa sila ng mga kinauukulan dahil ni walang konsultasyon at nakahandang relokasyon para sa kanilang paglilipatan. Bago mangyari ang demolisyon, nagkaroon ng isang komperensya noong ika-8 ng Hunyo, subalit sa nasabing paghaharap o komperensya, walang mga kinatawan mula sa HUDCC, NHA at Commission on Human Rights para tiyakin ang kapakanan ng mga residente. Walang maayos na konsultasyon. Walang relokasyon pero natuloy pa rin ang demolisyon.

Malinaw po, G. Ispiker, ang ating batas at polisiya. Dadaan lahat sa pre-demolition conference kapag ang usapin ay mayroong ililikas sa ating mga kababayan. Dapat mayroong klarong relokasyon na katanggap-tanggap sa mga informal settler families, at prayoridad ang on-site, in-city or near-city relocation.

Isa pang kaso ang makikita natin dito mismo sa lungsod ng Quezon. Hinaharap ngayon ng mga kababayan natin ang banta ng demolisyon ng walang siguradong relokasyon. Sa kabila ng isang verbal notice noong ika-5 ng Setyembre, may 190 pamilya sa Barangay Talayan, San Francisco del Monte ang maaaring palayasin sa kanilang mga tirahan tungo sa malalayong lugar tulad ng Rizal at Bulacan. Bagamat pumayag ang Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission doon po sa pagdinig sa kanilang budget dito sa Kamara na maibigay sa ating mga informal settler families ang 30-meter easement para sa on-city, on-site resettlement, tinanggihan ito ng Quezon City government sa pamamagitan ni G. Tadeo Palma.

Nandito po ang ating informal settler families, kasama natin ngayon sa gallery.

Bagamat mayroong nakalaang relokasyon para sa mga residente, sinabi ng Quezon City government, malinaw naman na walang kuwenta ang relokasyon kung wala namang sapat na oportunidad para sa trabaho at hanapbuhay. Gayun din, walang access sa mga batayang serbisyong pampubliko.

G. Ispiker, karaniwang isinasagawa ang demolisyon dahil ang ating informal settler families ay nasa danger zones. Dumadami din ang mga tinatawag na court-ordered demolition dahil biglaan ding inaangkin ng mga may-ari ng mga lupa o korporasyon ang mga matagal nang abandonadong private lands at biglaan na mayroong court-ordered demolitions.

G. Ispiker, mga kasama, puwede nating isa-isahin ang mga kaso ng demolisyon na nangyayari ngayon sa ilalim ng administrasyong Duterte. Sa ating mga kaibigan at mismo sa ating mga distrito at komunidad, kapansin-pansin na nanganganib ang siguridad sa paninirahan ng ating mga kababayan.

Kaya naman po ang AKBAYAN ang isa sa nangunguna para itulak dito sa Kamara ang On-Site, In-City and Near-City Relocation Program na sa ngayon ay pumasá na sa Third Reading. Umaasa din po tayo na maipapasá sa Kapulungang ito ang Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development na sana maging pangunahing ahensiya na magpapalano at magtataguyod ng people's planning. Ito rin ang mangangasiwa sa financing, production at sustainable urban renewal and development para po sa ating informal settler families.

Medyo nakakalungkot po, G. Ispiker, na nitong nakaraang budget hearing, nalaman natin na nabawasan ang kasalukuyang budget para sa pabahay. Ngayon, higit na 5.6 milyong Pilipino ang walang disenteng pabahay at mangangailangan po tayo ng P100 bilyon bawat taon sa susunod na mga limang taon para matugunan ang ganitong backlog para sa pabahay.

Lingid po sa kaalaman ng nakakarami, mayroon tatlong klaseng sistema para sa pabahay. Mayroon tayong socialized housing program; economic housing program; at ang tinatawag nating low-cost housing program. Sa ilalim ng socialized housing program, ito ay iginagawad natin sa presyong P450,000 and below para sa mga pamilya na nangangailangan ng pabahay. Sa economic housing program, kailangan ng P650,000 hanggang P1.25 milyon ang cost ng isang housing unit. At ang low-cost housing naman ay from P1.25 milyon hanggang P3 milyon ang halaga.

Sa ganitong pagse-segment ng ating pangangailangan sa pabahay, Mr. Speaker, mga kasama, 23 percent po sa sinasabi nating nangangailangan ng disenteng pabahay ay hindi talaga makaka-afford ng mismong sinasabi nating socialized housing program. Ibig sabihin, ang 23 percent na may kabuuang bilang na 5.6 milyon, marami-rami ring mga kababayan natin or almost one-fourth ang nangangailangan ng pabahay, pero hindi nila

kaya mismo ang sinasabi nating low-cost, ang sinasabi nating socialized housing program.

Kaya nangangailangan po ng iba't ibang pamamaraan ng sistemang pabahay at ang pamamaraan na iyan ay marami nang mga panukala, lalung-lalo na po sa sinasabi natin na dapat mayroong people's planning na kailangan para sa pabahay. Sa people's planning po, mas pinapakinggan natin ang mismong daing, pinapakinggan natin ang ideya ng ating informal settler families kung paano nila masosolusyonan at matutugunan ang pangangailangan sa pabahay.

Sa ganitong sistema, marami nang umusbong na mga alternatibo gaya ng tinatawag nating high-density housing program, mayroon tayong public rental housing program, mayroon tayong mga kooperatibang housing project at ang community mortgage program. Marami pang posibleng mga pamamaraan na kung saan ang financing at production ng housing units ay magiging affordable para sa ating mga kababayan. Kailangan lang makinig ang ating pamahalaan at makasama natin ang ating informal settler families sa pagpapalano ng sinasabi nating affordable and decent housing policies.

Kaya, G. Ispiker, mga kasama, hanggang ngayon po ay patuloy na umaasa ang ating mga maralitang tagalungsod, informal settler families na sana tugunan ng ating pamahalaan ang pangangailangan ng affordable and decent housing program. Umaasa sila na bilang policymakers, makatakda po tayo ng relevant at urgent na pagtugon sa lumalaking pangangailangan sa housing para sa ating mga kababayan.

Hindi po sila nawawalan at kailanman hindi natin masasabi na mawawalan ng pag-asa sapagkat sa tingin natin, ang problema sa pabahay ay nakaugat din sa gusto nating pananaw sa isang kaunlaran para sa ating mga kababayan, ang sinasabi nating sustainable development.

Maraming salamat po, G. Ispiker, at magandang araw sa ating lahat.

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

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the honorable Rep. Tom S. Villarin of Party-List AKBAYAN to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6394
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we

vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6394 and the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 5, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6394, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE MAYON VOLCANO NATURAL PARK IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY AS A PROTECTED AREA AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT.

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. 34, dated October 9, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Batocabe
Abayon	Belaro
Abellanosa	Belmonte (J.C.)
Abueg	Benitez
Acharon	Bernos
Acop	Bertiz
Advincula	Biazon
Agarao	Billones
Aggabao	Bolilia
Aglipay-Villar	Bondoc
Albano	Bordado
Alejano	Bravo (A.)
Almonte	Brosas
Alonte	Cagas
Alvarez (F.)	Calderon
Alvarez (M.)	Calixto-Rubiano
Alvarez (P.)	Caminero
Amante	Campos
Amatong	Canama
Andaya	Casilao
Angara-Castillo	Castelo
Antonio	Castro (F.L.)
Aquino-Magsaysay	Castro (F.H.)
Arenas	Cayetano
Atienza	Cerilles
Bagatsing	Chavez
Banal	Chipeco
Bataoil	Co

Cojuangco	Lanete	Roque (H.)	Tupas
Collantes	Laogan	Roque (R.)	Umali
Cortes	Leachon	Sacdalan	Unabia
Cortuna	Lee	Sahali	Ungab
Crisologo	Limkaichong	Salimbangon	Unico
Cua	Lobregat	Sambar	Uy (J.)
Cuaresma	Lopez (B.)	Sandoval	Uy (R.)
Cueva	Lopez (M.L.)	Santos-Recto	Vargas
Dalipe	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Datol	Maceda	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Velarde
Daza	Malapitan	Savellano	Velasco
De Jesus	Mangaoang	Sema	Velasco-Catera
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao	Veloso
De Vera	Marcoleta	Singson	Vergara
Del Mar	Marcos	Suansing (E.)	Villanueva
Deloso-Montalla	Marquez	Suansing (H.)	Villarica
Dimaporo (A.)	Martinez	Suarez	Villarin
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matugas	Sy-Alvarado	Violago
Durano	Mellana	Tambunting	Yap (M.)
Dy	Mending	Tan (A.)	Yap (V.)
Elago	Mercado	Tejada	Yu
Erice	Mirasol	Teves	Zamora (M.C.)
Eriguel	Nava	Tiangco	Zarate
Ermita-Buhain	Noel	Ting	Zubiri
Escudero	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tugna	
Espino	Nogralas (K.A.)		
Estrella	Nolasco	<i>Negative</i>	
Evardone	Nuñez-Malanyaon		
Fariñas	Oaminal	None	
Fernando	Olivarez		
Ferrer (J.)	Ong (H.)	<i>Abstention</i>	
Flores	Ortega (P.)		
Fortun	Pacquiao	None	
Fortuno	Paduano		
Fuentebella	Palma		
Garbin	Pancho		
Garcia (G.)	Panganiban		
Garcia (J.E.)	Panotes		
Garin (R.)	Papandayan		
Garin (S.)	Pichay		
Gasataya	Pimentel		
Geron	Pineda		
Go (A.C.)	Plaza		
Go (M.)	Primicias-Agabas		
Gonzaga	Quimbo		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramirez-Sato		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramos		
Gonzalez	Relampagos		
Hernandez	Revilla		
Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno		
Hofer	Robes		
Kho	Rocamora		
Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)		
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)		
Lacson	Roman		
Lagman	Romualdo		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6394
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 217 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6394 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6512
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6512 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of

the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 5, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6512, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TIMBABAUAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY.

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. 34, dated October 9, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Bordado	Elago	Mercado
Abayon	Bravo (A.)	Erice	Mirasol
Abellanosa	Brosas	Eriguel	Nava
Abueg	Cagas	Ermita-Buhain	Noel
Acharon	Calderon	Escudero	Nograles (J.J.)
Acop	Calixto-Rubiano	Espino	Nograles (K.A.)
Advincula	Caminero	Estrella	Nolasco
Agarao	Campos	Evardone	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Aggabao	Canama	Fariñas	Oaminal
Aglipay-Villar	Casilao	Fernando	Olivarez
Albano	Castelo	Ferrer (J.)	Ong (H.)
Alejano	Castro (F.L.)	Flores	Ortega (P.)
Almonte	Castro (F.H.)	Fortun	Pacquiao
Alonte	Cayetano	Fortuno	Paduano
Alvarez (F.)	Cerilles	Fuentebella	Palma
Alvarez (M.)	Chavez	Garbin	Pancho
Alvarez (P.)	Chipeco	Garcia (G.)	Panganiban
Amante	Co	Garcia (J.E.)	Panotes
Amatong	Cojuangco	Garin (R.)	Papandayan
Andaya	Collantes	Garin (S.)	Pichay
Angara-Castillo	Cortes	Gasataya	Pimentel
Antonio	Cortuna	Geron	Pineda
Aquino-Magsaysay	Crisologo	Go (A.C.)	Plaza
Arenas	Cua	Go (M.)	Primicias-Agabas
Atienza	Cuaresma	Gonzaga	Quimbo
Bagatsing	Cueva	Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramirez-Sato
Banal	Dalipe	Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramos
Bataoil	Datol	Gonzalez	Relampagos
Batocabe	Daza	Hernandez	Revilla
Belaro	De Jesus	Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno
Belmonte (J.C.)	De Venecia	Hofer	Robes
Benitez	De Vera	Kho	Rocamora
Bernos	Del Mar	Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)
Bertiz	Deloso-Montalla	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)
Biazon	Dimaporo (A.)	Lacson	Roman
Billones	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Lagman	Romualdo
Bolilia	Durano	Lanete	Roque (H.)
Bondoc	Dy	Laogan	Roque (R.)
		Leachon	Sacdalan
		Lee	Sahali
		Limkaichong	Salimbangon
		Lobregat	Sambar
		Lopez (B.)	Sandoval
		Lopez (M.L.)	Santos-Recto
		Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)
		Maceda	Sarmiento (E.M.)
		Malapitan	Savellano
		Mangaoang	Sema
		Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao
		Marcoleta	Singson
		Marcos	Suansing (E.)
		Marquez	Suansing (H.)
		Martinez	Suarez
		Matugas	Sy-Alvarado
		Mellana	Tambunting
		Mending	Tan (A.)

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 Uy (J.)
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 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velarde

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

CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL,
 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 34, dated October 9, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya
 Abayon
 Abellanos
 Abueg
 Acharon
 Acop
 Advincola
 Agarao
 Aggabao
 Aglipay-Villar
 Albano
 Alejano
 Almonte
 Alonte
 Alvarez (F.)
 Alvarez (M.)
 Alvarez (P.)
 Amante
 Amatong
 Andaya
 Angara-Castillo
 Antonio
 Aquino-Magsaysay
 Arenas
 Atienza
 Bagatsing
 Banal
 Bataoil
 Batocabe
 Belaro
 Belmonte (J.C.)
 Benitez
 Bernos
 Bertiz
 Biazon
 Billones
 Bolilia
 Bondoc
 Bordado
 Bravo (A.)
 Brosas
 Cagas
 Calderon
 Calixto-Rubiano
 Caminero
 Campos
 Canama
 Casilao
 Castelo
 Castro (F.L.)
 Castro (F.H.)
 Cayetano
 Cerilles
 Chavez
 Chipeco
 Co
 Cojuangco
 Collantes
 Cortes
 Cortuna
 Crisologo
 Cua
 Cuaresma
 Cueva
 Dalipe
 Datol
 Daza
 De Jesus
 De Venecia
 De Vera
 Del Mar
 Deloso-Montalla
 Dimaporo (A.)
 Dimaporo (M.K.)
 Durano
 Dy
 Elago
 Erice
 Eriguel
 Ermita-Buhain
 Escudero
 Espino
 Estrella
 Evardone
 Fariñas
 Fernando
 Ferrer (J.)
 Flores
 Fortun
 Fortunato

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6512
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 217 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6512 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6522
 ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6522 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 5, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6522, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAGUMBAYAN, BALANGA CITY, PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS BALANGA

Fuentebella	Palma	Velarde	Violago
Garbin	Pancho	Velasco	Yap (M.)
Garcia (G.)	Panganiban	Velasco-Catera	Yap (V.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Panotes	Veloso	Yu
Garin (R.)	Papandayan	Vergara	Zamora (M.C.)
Garin (S.)	Pichay	Villanueva	Zarate
Gasataya	Pimentel	Villarica	Zubiri
Geron	Pineda	Villarin	
Go (A.C.)	Plaza		
Go (M.)	Primicias-Agabas	<i>Negative</i>	
Gonzaga	Quimbo		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramirez-Sato	None	
Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramos		
Gonzalez	Relampagos	<i>Abstention</i>	
Hernandez	Revilla		
Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno	None	
Hofer	Robes		
Kho	Rocamora		
Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)		
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)		
Lacson	Roman		
Lagman	Romualdo		
Lanete	Roque (H.)		
Laogan	Roque (R.)		
Leachon	Sacdalan		
Lee	Sahali		
Limkaichong	Salimbangon		
Lobregat	Sambar		
Lopez (B.)	Sandoval		
Lopez (M.L.)	Santos-Recto		
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)		
Maceda	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Malapitan	Savellano		
Mangaoang	Sema		
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao		
Marcoleta	Singson		
Marcos	Suansing (E.)		
Marquez	Suansing (H.)		
Martinez	Suarez		
Matugas	Sy-Alvarado		
Mellana	Tambunting		
Mending	Tan (A.)		
Mercado	Tejada		
Mirasol	Teves		
Nava	Tiangco		
Noel	Ting		
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tugna		
Nogralas (K.A.)	Tupas		
Nolasco	Umali		
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Unabia		
Oaminal	Ungab		
Olivarez	Unico		
Ong (H.)	Uy (J.)		
Ortega (P.)	Uy (R.)		
Pacquiao	Vargas		
Paduano	Vargas-Alfonso		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6522
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 217 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6522 is approved on Third Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR
Continuation

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we reopen the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the First District of Lanao del Norte, the honorable Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour. The title of his speech is "The Failed Experiment of the ARMM."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Representative Mohamad Khalid Dimaporo from the First District of Lanao del Norte is recognized to avail the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DIMAPORO (M.)

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

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, *assalam malaykum warakmatullahi wa barakato.*

The filing of House Bill No. 6475 may mark the beginning of the end of an alleged defunct government institution—the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. The birth of the Bangsamoro Basic Law

began with the proclamation of then President Benigno Aquino that the ARMM is a “failed experiment.”

The purpose of my speech today is to revisit the creation of the ARMM, present the autonomous government as it is today, and close with a few House resolutions that the Seventeenth Congress can work on for the benefit of the ARMM.

To begin with, the ARMM was a product of the peace agreement with the MNLF. The MNLF was founded in 1972 in Malaysia by Muslim student activist, Nur Misuari. When President Marcos declared Martial Law in September 1972, the government purged the country of Muslim revolutionary groups. The remnants of these groups gravitated to the MNLF because of the leadership being located in Malaysia, in which Malaysia supported by providing weapons and funding. Eventually, Nur Misuari then convinced Libya to shift their support from the traditional Muslim elites to the Moro National Liberation Front. This significantly established the MNLF as an organization to lead the Muslim insurgency in the Republic of the Philippines.

The MNLF rebellion is founded on its legislative ideology as stated in their Manifesto which espoused an independent State, the Bangsamoro Republic, for all people of the southern Philippines, Mindanao and Palawan. With the help of military advisers from Libya and Malaysia, the MNLF employed guerilla tactics against the Armed Forces of the Philippines. The successful tactics employed by the MNLF forced the national government to negotiate in January 1975.

In addition, international pressure from the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the OIC, urged the Philippine government to reach a political settlement with the MNLF. On December 23, 1976, the MNLF and the Philippine government signed the Tripoli Agreement. The Agreement subjected to a plebiscite, 10 of 13 provinces to be incorporated in the Autonomous Region. At that time, the terms were not acceptable to the MNLF and led to the collapse of the peace talks.

Internal squabbling with the MNLF ranks led to breakaway groups such as the MILF, MNLF-reformists, and tribal factions of the MNLF, coupled by military losses from AFP operations. Misuari was forced to shift his demands from full independence to regional autonomy. He attempted to negotiate with the Corazon Aquino administration but failed. The administration instead worked with local politicians to create the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao or Republic Act No. 6734 by virtue of a referendum for inclusion in the ARMM. The MNLF was not consulted and therefore opposed the ARMM.

During the Ramos administration, the peace talks restarted with the governments of Indonesia and Libya as mediators. This ultimately led to the Jakarta Accord signed on September 2, 1996, which officially

ended the MNLF’s fight against the government. The Jakarta Accord included accelerated development, an investment fund through special zones of peace and development, integration of MNLF combatants to the AFP, an amendment to the ARMM Law, and the political installation of Nur Misuari as Governor of the ARMM.

Now, 35 years later, we find ourselves negotiating peace with another armed group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. In his speech on the Framework Agreement with the MILF, then Pres. Benigno Aquino called for a new political entity—the Bangsamoro, and described the ARMM as a “failed experiment”. Thus, his administration initiated change in the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao.

On June 30, 2011, Pres. Benigno Aquino signed Republic Act 10150, providing for the synchronization of the elections in ARMM with the national and local elections. Section 3 of the Republic Act provided the President the power to appoint a Regional Governor, Regional Vice Governor, and members of the Regional Assembly. The act to appoint officials for the ARMM instead of allowing incumbents to hold over their office until the rescheduled elections was perceived by many as a violation of the spirit of autonomy.

Malacañang defended Republic Act No. 10150 by stating that Mindanao deserves a clean slate. The Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao has become a corrupt and oppressive institution especially under the Ampatuan administration, as is evident with the occurrence of the Maguindanao massacre on November 3, 2009. President Aquino’s intention was to rid the region of regional leaders and their command votes as a means to revitalize the democratic process within the ARMM. The President ordered an audit and found ghost projects, ghost schools, ghost teachers, and non-remittance of GSIS premiums for government employees. The objective of the postponement of the ARMM election was to install professional and competent people to correct the governance defect in the ARMM system and institutionalize reform. Malacañang’s anointed one was former Anak Mindanao Party-List Representative Mujiv Hataman.

After Malacañang’s declaration of ARMM as a failed experiment six years ago, I would like to share with the public the presentation of the 2018 budget deliberations of ARMM’s budget in the Committee on Appropriations, to provide a “snapshot” of what ARMM is today.

Let me start with the historical budget of ARMM. From 1991 to 2013 the ARMM budget had a gradual increase in relation to the growth of the nation’s economy. The most important aspect of the graph is how it illustrates the sharp increase in the budget during the Hataman administration from 2013 to 2017.

Concurrently, the ARMM percentage share of the

National Budget fluctuates from 0.48 percent to 1.62 percent. The Hataman administration received the largest share of the National Budget in comparison to other ARMM governors. This is evidence of the significant financial backing of the Aquino administration of Regional Governor Mujiv Hataman as a means to institutionalize governance reforms. After all, you cannot have governance reforms without budgetary support.

Now, with full financial backing from the Aquino administration, one must ask, what happened to the failed experiment that is the ARMM?

The following accomplishments have been presented in the 2018 ARMM budget briefing:

1. They have achieved ISO certification for the Office of the Regional Governor and TESDA;
2. Six LGUs were awarded with the SGLG in 2016. These were the province of Maguindanao, Lamitan City in Basilan, municipalities of North Upi and Parang in Maguindanao, Wao in Lanao del Sur, and Jolo in Sulu. There are now 25 potential recipients of the SGLG in 2017;
3. The ARMM administrations prior to Hataman racked up debt with the GSIS. Eighty percent of ARMM employees are public school teachers. The current administration of ARMM settled more than P2 billion worth of DepEd ARMM debt to GSIS;
4. They succeeded in “ghost busting” in DepEd. “Ghost busting” refers to the data manipulation of the Department of Education’s enhanced basic information system. The enrollment number of students is bloated, with the objective to increase the school’s MOOE. There were 76,423 non-existent students found for the school year 2015-2016;
5. Local revenue collection increased from 737,680 in 2011 to 1,732,880 in 2016;
6. The administration activated previously nonfunctional policy-making bodies such as the Regional Economic Development Planning Board, Regional Peace and Order Council, and Crisis Management Committee;
7. In the ARMM’s bid to have a more transparent government, they established database management programs such as E-ARMM, e-farm, ETAPPS, RPMES, and so forth;
8. The Regional Human Rights Commission and the ARMM Darul Ifta’ were operationalized by Muslim Mindanao Act No. 288 and Muslim Mindanao Act No. 323, respectively;
9. The ARMM strongly supports the peace process with the MILF and has prepared for its transition to the Bangsamoro;
10. They passed good governance conditions that led to the 2014 performance-based bonus and the 2015 performance enhancement incentives;
11. The administration settled 97 out of 277 rido or blood feud between warring clans, for the year 2017;

12. A 24/7 operation center was established in response to the Marawi crisis, through ARMM-HEART or Humanitarian Emergency Action Response Team, which was established by ARMM Executive Order No. 11, signed in March 2013;

13. ARMM Governor Hataman implemented a special program called ARMM-HELPS, which incorporates health, education, livelihood, peace and governance, and synergy with non-ARMM partners to converge for a more focused barangay intervention program by the government. Programs include birthing clinics, barangay health stations, medicine, water and sanitation projects, day care centers, community learning centers, fish ports, livelihood projects for cooperatives. To date, they have covered more than 400 barangays;

14. The Hataman administration is implementing the ARMM-BRIDGE Program. This is another special project that stands for Bangsamoro Regional Inclusive Development of Growth and Empowerment.

The program addresses the most marginalized in the ARMM. The model empowers indigent families by providing them with four basic needs: food, water, housing and electricity. The program has been implemented to 5,600 families. These families received housing with solar panels, a community water system, and community garden, along with other livelihood-assistance projects;

15. The Polloc Freeport in Maguindanao generated almost P30 million in income for 2016;

16. Fishery production increased and ARMM became the number one fishery producer in the country with more than 800 thousand metric tons in 2016;

17. Tourist destinations in Maguindanao and Tawi-Tawi were promoted and increased tourist arrivals to more than 200,000 in 2016;

18. ARMM investments increased totaling more than P15 billion from 2013 to 2017; and

19. Infrastructure development was only given a P1 billion budget in 2012 compared to a P10 billion budget in 2017. This comes with stringent and innovative reforms under DPWH-ARMM.

There are 11 reforms/accomplishments in DPWH that were implemented:

1. no lump-sum appropriations and re-gravelling projects in the Public Works Act;
2. clean and honest competitive bidding;
3. procurement of 62 units of heavy equipment and 19 project monitoring vehicles;
4. development of the Expanded ARMM Roads Mapping and Management System (E-ARMM) that establishes a database containing information on roads, connectivity conditions, and create a network between DPWH-ARMM regional office and its 8 DEOs;
5. creation of a system of transparency in project implementation by utilizing Google Earth mapping,

geo-tagging, and drone surveillance technology that are all accessible to the public via website and social media;

6. conduct of feasibility studies for high impact water supply projects, roads, and drainage systems;

7. creation of the Information, Communications and Technology Management Division to oversee implementation of all IT systems in ARMM-DPWH and its 8 DEOs;

8. renovation of the regional offices, district engineering office and area equipment service buildings;

9. reform of the DPWH organization and personnel;

10. enhancement of the capability of ARMM-DPWH by creating new offices such as Basilan DEO with 45 positions, Lanao del Sur Second DEO with 54 positions, and Maguindanao First DEO with 54 positions; and

11. DPWH-ARMM is on the road to becoming ISO 9001 certified and is also implementing other resource programs to be more effective as an organization.

The Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao today is a far cry when it was declared a failed experiment six years ago. The reason we should be concerned is because failure in the ARMM affects all of us in Mindanao. If there is a high incidence of poverty and a culture of corruption, then there exists a socio-economic environment that is the breeding ground of internal security threats such as insurgents and terrorism. What the incumbent administration showed me is that governance in the ARMM can work. But the critical ingredients for true change to happen in Muslim Mindanao is the financial commitment of the national government to fund key socio-economic programs and good leaders who are willing to institutionalize public service.

ARMM was called by President Benigno Aquino as a “failed experiment.” I disagree. The failure in the ARMM experiment was not the ARMM. The failure is in the national government and its inability to deliver its promise to the people in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

One example is what happened in the 2017 Budget process. P8 billion worth of infrastructure was successfully carved out of the ARMM budget. P8 billion was transferred to the DPWH, but when the budget was scrutinized by the Senate, Senator Ping Lacson questioned the P8 billion transfer of funds from ARMM to the DPWH and labelled it as “pork barrel.” News circulated in mass media and social media of Senator Lacson’s findings. It was then converted to the P8-billion fund for CHED’s free tertiary education tuition.

This is why the people of ARMM clamor for change. It is difficult to get the national leadership to sympathize with the needs of the regional government.

P8-billion worth of Development Funds was taken out of the ARMM budget and converted into the free tuition program. If the good Senator had a problem with transfer of funds by the House of Representatives, why did they not just return it to the ARMM, especially since it is a region wrought with poverty and in need of development?

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I am not from the ARMM, but what transpired in the 2017 Budget was unjust, in my opinion. So, I appeal to Secretary Diokno to restore the P8 billion intended for the ARMM this coming budget cycle, in preparation for the 2019 fiscal year.

I have learned a lot as Vice Chairman of Appropriations for the ARMM budget. The presentations given in our committee shattered my prejudice against ARMM as a fatally corrupt institution.

But still, there are still some lingering concerns that have piqued my curiosity, in which I implore Congress to take action by virtue of the following resolutions filed:

1. A resolution directing the Committee on Muslim Affairs to mediate between the Department of Budget and Management and the ARMM to further increase the budget of ARMM’s line agencies.

The budget allocated for the regional departments in ARMM such as the DILG, the DSWD, the DOT, and the CDA lack program funds. All they are practically given is budget for salary and office expenses, limiting their capability to serve their constituents.

I hope this problem can be explored and resolved in the Committee on Muslim Affairs.

2. A resolution directing the appropriate committee to assess the administrative relationship between DepEd ARMM and DepEd Central Office.

Quality education ensures more economic options for the next generation. There have been reports of unavailable funds such as chalk allowance, teachers’ items, and the implementation of certain DepEd programs by DepEd ARMM.

I hope the issues can be resolved in the appropriate committee for the benefit of the teachers and students in the ARMM.

With the urgency of the Bangsamoro Basic Law as priority legislation, the existence of ARMM is close to an end. The ARMM has been called a “failed experiment,” but over the last six years, it has been given a chance to reform. We can learn a lot from the ARMM experience as the government transitions to the Bangsamoro.

I hope the House can revisit what caused the ARMM to fail when it deliberates on the Bangsamoro Basic Law. Otherwise, we may be simply changing a “failed experiment” with another experiment.

Thank you dear colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Assalam malaykum warakmatullahi wa barakato!

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

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6465
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6465 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 5, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6465, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE NORTHWESTERN MINDANAO STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NMSCST) IN THE CITY OF TANGUB, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN MINDANAO (UNM) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 34, dated October 9, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya

Abayon

Abellanos
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Banal
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes

Cortes
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Del Mar
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan

Leachon	Roman	<i>Abstention</i>	
Lee	Romualdo		
Limkaichong	Roque (H.)	None	
Lobregat	Roque (R.)		
Lopez (B.)	Sacdalan		APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6465
Lopez (M.L.)	Sahali		ON THIRD READING
Macapagal-Arroyo	Salimbangon		
Maceda	Sambar		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 217
Malapitan	Sandoval		affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention,
Mangaoang	Santos-Recto		House Bill No. 6465 is approved on Third Reading.
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sarmiento (C.)		The Floor Leader is recognized.
Marcoleta	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Marcos	Savellano		NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6513
Marquez	Sema		ON THIRD READING
Martínez	Siao		
Matugas	Singson		REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote
Mellana	Suansing (E.)		on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6513 and direct
Mending	Suansing (H.)		the Secretary General to read the title of the measure,
Mercado	Suarez		and call the roll for nominal voting.
Mirasol	Sy-Alvarado		I so move.
Nava	Tambunting		
Noel	Tan (A.)		THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any
Nogralles (J.J.)	Tejada		objection? (<i>Silence</i>) The Chair hears none; the motion
Nogralles (K.A.)	Teves		is approved.
Nolasco	Tiangco		
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Ting		<i>Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of</i>
Oaminal	Tugna		<i>the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to</i>
Olivarez	Tupas		<i>the Members on October 5, 2017, pursuant to Section</i>
Ong (H.)	Umali		<i>58, Rule X of the House Rules.</i>
Ortega (P.)	Unabia		
Pacquiao	Ungab		THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No.
Paduano	Unico		6513, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY
Palma	Uy (J.)		TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MASAO IN THE
Pancho	Uy (R.)		MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF
Panganiban	Vargas		ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY.
Panotes	Vargas-Alfonso		
Papandayan	Velarde		<i>The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the</i>
Pichay	Velasco		<i>roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules</i>
Pimentel	Velasco-Catera		<i>of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of</i>
Pineda	Veloso		<i>the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is</i>
Plaza	Vergara		<i>as follows, per Journal No. 34, dated October 9, 2017:</i>
Primicias-Agabas	Villanueva		
Quimbo	Villarica	<i>Affirmative</i>	
Ramirez-Sato	Villarin		
Ramos	Violago	Abaya	Almonte
Relampagos	Yap (M.)	Abayon	Alonte
Revilla	Yap (V.)	Abellanosa	Alvarez (F.)
Roa-Puno	Yu	Abueg	Alvarez (M.)
Robes	Zamora (M.C.)	Acharon	Alvarez (P.)
Rocamora	Zarate	Acop	Amante
Rodriguez (I.)	Zubiri	Advincula	Amatong
Rodriguez (M.)		Agarao	Andaya
		Aggabao	Angara-Castillo
<i>Negative</i>		Aglipay-Villar	Antonio
		Albano	Aquino-Magsaysay
None		Alejano	Arenas

Atienza	Escudero	Nogralas (J.J.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Bagatsing	Espino	Nogralas (K.A.)	Savellano
Banal	Estrella	Nolasco	Sema
Bataoil	Evardone	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Siao
Batocabe	Fariñas	Oaminal	Singson
Belaro	Fernando	Olivarez	Suansing (E.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (J.)	Ong (H.)	Suansing (H.)
Benitez	Flores	Ortega (P.)	Suarez
Bernos	Fortun	Pacquiao	Sy-Alvarado
Bertiz	Fortuno	Paduano	Tambunting
Biazon	Fuentebella	Palma	Tan (A.)
Billones	Garbin	Pancho	Tejada
Bolilia	Garcia (G.)	Panganiban	Teves
Bondoc	Garcia (J.E.)	Panotes	Tiangco
Bordado	Garin (R.)	Papandayan	Ting
Bravo (A.)	Garin (S.)	Pichay	Tugna
Brosas	Gasataya	Pimentel	Tupas
Cagas	Geron	Pineda	Umali
Calderon	Go (A.C.)	Plaza	Unabia
Calixto-Rubiano	Go (M.)	Primicias-Agabas	Ungab
Caminero	Gonzaga	Quimbo	Unico
Campos	Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramirez-Sato	Uy (J.)
Canama	Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramos	Uy (R.)
Casilao	Gonzalez	Relampagos	Vargas
Castelo	Hernandez	Revilla	Vargas-Alfonso
Castro (F.L.)	Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno	Velarde
Castro (F.H.)	Hofer	Robes	Velasco
Cayetano	Kho	Rocamora	Velasco-Catera
Cerilles	Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)	Veloso
Chavez	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	Vergara
Chipeco	Lacson	Roman	Villanueva
Co	Lagman	Romualdo	Villarica
Cojuangco	Lanete	Roque (H.)	Villarín
Collantes	Laogan	Roque (R.)	Violago
Cortes	Leachon	Sacdalan	Yap (M.)
Cortuna	Lee	Sahali	Yap (V.)
Crisologo	Limkaichong	Salimbangon	Yu
Cua	Lobregat	Sambar	Zamora (M.C.)
Cuaresma	Lopez (B.)	Sandoval	Zarate
Cueva	Lopez (M.L.)	Santos-Recto	Zubiri
Dalipe	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)	
Datol	Maceda		
Daza	Malapitan	<i>Negative</i>	
De Jesus	Mangaoang		
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)	None	
De Vera	Marcoleta		
Del Mar	Marcos	<i>Abstention</i>	
Deloso-Montalla	Marquez		
Dimaporo (A.)	Martinez	None	
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matugas		
Durano	Mellana		
Dy	Mending		
Elago	Mercado		
Erice	Mirasol		
Eriguel	Nava		
Ermita-Buhain	Noel		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6513
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 217 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6513 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6521
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6521 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 5, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6521, entitled: AN ACT UPGRADING THE BATAAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN INTO A LEVEL 3 TEACHING AND TRAINING HOSPITAL TO BE NOW KNOWN AS THE BATAAN GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 34, dated October 9, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Andaya	Bordado	Garin (R.)
Abayon	Angara-Castillo	Bravo (A.)	Garin (S.)
Abellanosa	Antonio	Brosas	Gasataya
Abueg	Aquino-Magsaysay	Cagas	Geron
Acharon	Arenas	Calderon	Go (A.C.)
Acop	Atienza	Calixto-Rubiano	Go (M.)
Advincula	Bagatsing	Caminero	Gonzaga
Agarao	Banal	Campos	Gonzales (A.P.)
Aggabao	Bataoil	Canama	Gonzales (A.D.)
Aglipay-Villar	Batocabe	Casilao	Gonzalez
Albano	Belaro	Castelo	Hernandez
Alejano	Belmonte (J.C.)	Castro (F.L.)	Herrera-Dy
Almonte	Benitez	Castro (F.H.)	Hofer
Alonte	Bernos	Cayetano	Kho
Alvarez (F.)	Bertiz	Cerilles	Khonghun
Alvarez (M.)	Biazon	Chavez	Labadlabad
Alvarez (P.)	Billones	Chipeco	Lacson
Amante	Bolilia	Co	Lagman
Amatong	Bondoc	Cojuangco	Lanete
		Collantes	Laogan
		Cortes	Leachon
		Cortuna	Lee
		Crisologo	Limkaichong
		Cua	Lobregat
		Cuaresma	Lopez (B.)
		Cueva	Lopez (M.L.)
		Dalipe	Macapagal-Arroyo
		Datol	Maceda
		Daza	Malapitan
		De Jesus	Mangaoang
		De Venecia	Mangudadatu (Z.)
		De Vera	Marcoleta
		Del Mar	Marcos
		Deloso-Montalla	Marquez
		Dimaporo (A.)	Martinez
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matugas
		Durano	Mellana
		Dy	Mending
		Elago	Mercado
		Erice	Mirasol
		Eriguel	Nava
		Ermita-Buhain	Noel
		Escudero	Nogralas (J.J.)
		Espino	Nogralas (K.A.)
		Estrella	Nolasco
		Evardone	Nuñez-Malanyaon
		Fariñas	Oaminal
		Fernando	Olivarez
		Ferrer (J.)	Ong (H.)
		Flores	Ortega (P.)
		Fortun	Pacquiao
		Fortuno	Paduano
		Fuentebella	Palma
		Garbin	Pancho
		Garcia (G.)	Panganiban
		Garcia (J.E.)	Panotes

Papandayan	Suarez
Pichay	Sy-Alvarado
Pimentel	Tambunting
Pineda	Tan (A.)
Plaza	Tejada
Primicias-Agabas	Teves
Quimbo	Tiangco
Ramirez-Sato	Ting
Ramos	Tugna
Relampagos	Tupas
Revilla	Umali
Roa-Puno	Unabia
Robes	Ungab
Rocamora	Unico
Rodriguez (I.)	Uy (J.)
Rodriguez (M.)	Uy (R.)
Roman	Vargas
Romualdo	Vargas-Alfonso
Roque (H.)	Velarde
Roque (R.)	Velasco
Sacdalan	Velasco-Catera
Sahali	Veloso
Salimbangon	Vergara
Sambar	Villanueva
Sandoval	Villarica
Santos-Recto	Villarin
Sarmiento (C.)	Violago
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yap (M.)
Savellano	Yap (V.)
Sema	Yu
Siao	Zamora (M.C.)
Singson	Zarate
Suansing (E.)	Zubiri
Suansing (H.)	

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6521
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 217 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6521 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that all Bills approved on Third Reading be transmitted to the Senate of the Philippines.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1359, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GIVE HONOR AND RECOGNITION TO MEDAL WINNERS OF THE PHILIPPINE TEAM THAT COMPETED AT THE 5TH ASIAN INDOOR AND MARTIAL ARTS GAMES”

By Representative Del Rosario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1360, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT TO PROVIDE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS A REPORT ON THE UTILIZATION OF SAVINGS IN THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS FOR THE YEARS 2011 TO 2016”

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

House Resolution No. 1361, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO ASSESS THE BUDGET PROVIDED TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS AND ITS SEVEN (7) BUREAUS FOR THE YEARS 2010-2017 IN COMPARISON TO THEIR PERFORMANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF MUSLIM FILIPINOS FOR THE YEARS 2010 TO 2017”

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

House Resolution No. 1362, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, AND COMMISSION ON AUDIT TO SUBMIT THEIR OPINION REGARDING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS’ HAJJ REVOLVING FUND PROPOSAL TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS”

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

House Resolution No. 1363, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CONCESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (MWSS) AND WATER CONCESSIONAIRE WHICH PRIVATIZED WATER SERVICES AND RESULTED TO INCESSANT WATER RATE HIKES IN MANILA ARISING FROM THE FOREIGN CURRENCY DIFFERENTIAL ADJUSTMENTS (FCDA) AND ITS EFFECTS AMONGST STAKEHOLDERS”

By Representatives Brosas and De Jesus
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1364, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION TO EFFECT THE IMMEDIATE CONVERSION, REORGANIZATION, AND/OR UPGRADING, AS THE CASE MAY BE, OF THE CALOOCAN CITY POLICE STATION INTO A POLICE DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO OR IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551 AND FURTHER AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9708, THEREBY REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION POLICE OFFICE”

By Representatives Malapitan, Erice, Bataoil, Martinez, Gatchalian, Sandoval, Tiangco and Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1365, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ACDI MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND

LEADERSHIP IN THE UPLIFTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF ITS MEMBERS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE”

By Representatives Geron, Bravo (A.) and Canama
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1366, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE VICTO NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP IN THE UPLIFTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF ITS PARTNER COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE”

By Representatives Geron, Bravo (A.) and Canama
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1367, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LAMAC MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP IN THE UPLIFTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representatives Geron, Bravo (A.) and Canama
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1368, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SAN DIONISIO COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE (SDCC) FOR PIONEERING COOPERATIVISM IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN THE UPLIFTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF ITS MEMBERS”

By Representatives Geron, Bravo (A.) and Canama
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1369, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO ANAK MINDANAO (AMIN) REPRESENTATIVE, CONGRESSWOMAN SITTI DJALIA A. TURABIN-HATAMAN FOR HER EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE 16TH AND 17TH CONGRESS”

By Representative Mending
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1370, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE AGRARIAN DISPUTE BETWEEN FARMERS AND EMERITO M. RAMOS AND SONS PROPERTY OVER THE 372-HECTARE LANDS IN BRGY. LANGKAAN I DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE”

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

House Resolution No. 1371, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE AGRARIAN DISPUTE BETWEEN 300 AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES (ARBs) AND HEIRS OF GEN. EMILIO AGUINALDO OVER THE 188-HECTARE LANDS IN BARANGAYS TARTARIA AND LUMIL IN SILANG TOWN, CAVITE, INVOLVING THE CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARDS (CLOAs) AND FILING OF TRUMPED UP CHARGES AGAINST THE FARMERS”

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

House Resolution No. 1372, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLING OF PEASANT ACTIVIST JASON MONTALLA, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF MAG-UUMA NANAGKAHIUSA (MANA) BY ALLEGED ELEMENTS OF THE 78TH INFANTRY BATTALION OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY (IBPA) IN ALBUERA TOWN, LEYTE”

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

House Resolution No. 1373, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON AGRARIAN REFORM, NATURAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN

AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FILING OF TRUMPED-UP CHARGE AGAINST TWENTY FIVE FARMERS OF BRGY. MAOANAN, RIZAL, CAGAYAN AS PART OF LAND GRABBING AND MEANS TO DISPLACE THEM FROM THEIR FARMS”

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

House Resolution No. 1374, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING FOR THE NATIONAL CONDEMNATION OF THE HISTORICAL INJUSTICE AND ATROCITIES UNDER THE HOWLING WILDERNESS MILITARY CAMPAIGN COMMITTED BY THE AMERICAN COLONIAL FORCES IN THE ISLAND OF SAMAR IN 1901”

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

House Resolution No. 1375, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. KELLIE DIONE J. CAMORO FOR WINNING THE MISS PHILIPPINES QUEEN AND BEAUTY UNIVERSE 2017 TITLE DURING THE INAUGURAL MISS PHILIPPINES PAGEANT ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2017”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1376, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN SUPPORT OF OMBUDSMAN CONCHITA CARPIO-MORALES, OVERALL DEPUTY OMBUDSMAN MELCHOR ARTHUR CARANDANG, AND THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN IN PURSUIT OF ITS MANDATE AS VANGUARDS AGAINST CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS TO ENJOIN OTHER GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS TO RESPECT THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AS SET FORTH BY THE CONSTITUTION”

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

House Resolution No. 1377, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, AS TO THE ALLEGATION OF CORRUPTION

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT) THAT LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF THEN DICT SECRETARY RODOLFO SALALIMA WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING OUR ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICIES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1378, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, WITH REGARD THE RECENT ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE NAVY AND SEVERAL VIETNAMESE FISHERMEN, RESULTING TO THE DEATH OF TWO, IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SAME FROM HAPPENING AGAIN IN THE FUTURE AS WELL AS TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO COME UP WITH A CLEAR STRATEGY IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1379, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE TO ALLOT A BUDGET EQUIVALENT TO 2% OF THE COUNTRY’S GDP TO EFFECTIVELY INCREASE OUR COUNTRY’S DEFENSE SPENDING AT PAR WITH OUR ASEAN COUNTERPARTS”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 1380, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SOUTHEAST ASIAN (SEA) GAMES TRIATHLETE PARTICIPANTS, GOLD MEDALISTS MARION KIM MANGROBANG AND NIKKO BRYAN HUELGAS, AND SILVER MEDALISTS MARIA CLAIRE ADORNA AND JOHN LEERAMS CHICANO”

By Representatives Velasco-Catera, Velasco, L.A. and Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1381, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE REPORTED IRREGULARITIES IN THE PUBLIC BIDDING FOR THE LTO PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES FOR CY 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php 998,800,000.00) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1382, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE LOCAL WATER UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF LOCAL WATER SUPPLY IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF BACOLOD AND FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT WILL ENSURE QUALITY AND ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY WITHIN THE DISTRICT”

By Representative Gasataya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 1383, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN PHILIPPINES (UNP) FOR PRODUCING TOPNOTCHERS IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE NAMELY: DR. LOVE PATEL AND DR. NIRAV PRAJAPATI”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 1384, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE PUBLIC IN COORDINATION WITH THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN PRESERVING AND RESTORING PRESIDENTIAL HOUSES AND HOUSES OF HEROES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY FOR THE PROMOTION OF PHILIPPINE HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 1385, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE

ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION AND VIABILITY OF THE CAMIGUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION OF ITS MANDATE TO SUPERVISE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, AND THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ITS DUTY TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS”

By Representative Romualdo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1386, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE MASS SHOOTING AT THE LAS VEGAS STRIP”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1387, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF THE VETERAN BROADCASTER JOSE MALGAPO TARUC, JR., ALSO KNOWN AS JOE TARUC”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1388, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MAN HEE LEE, CHAIRMAN AND PEACE ADVOCATE OF HEAVENLY CULTURE, WORLD PEACE, RESTORATION OF LIGHT (HWPL) FOR THE SUCCESSFUL 3RD ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 18TH WORLD ALLIANCE OF RELIGIONS PEACE (WARP) SUMMIT IN SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1389, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE IN CENTRAL MEXICO”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1390, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WARMEST GREETINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 62ND BIRTHDAY OF KAEDUARDO V. MANALO, EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1391, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING VICE CONSUL FRANCIS MAYNARD MALEON AND ASSISTANCE TO NATIONALS (ATN) OFFICER JAKE FERNANDEZ FOR THE COURAGEOUS AND SUCCESSFUL RESCUE OF FILIPINO HUMAN-TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN CONGO”

By Representative Mangudadatu (Z.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 1392, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO WON MEDALS FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 5TH ASIAN INDOOR AND MARTIAL ARTS GAMES HELD LAST SEPTEMBER 17-27, 2017 IN ASHGABAT, TURKMENISTAN”

By Representative Mangudadatu (Z.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1393, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE BANKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS TO ADOPT CURRENCY INDICATORS TO AID VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE TO IDENTIFY BANKNOTES”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Resolution No. 1394, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROCEDURE OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) IN GRANTING PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES

OF ACCREDITATION TO ELECTRONIC GAMING SYSTEM (EGS) SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THE MANNER OF SELECTING AND AWARDING THE PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE INTERNET GAMING CAFES”

By Representatives Oaminal and Tugna
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability (Committee Report No. 425), re H.R. No. 654, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE SALE OF PASKUHAN VILLAGE IN PAMPANGA BY THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA) TO SM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SMDC) REPORTEDLY UNDER THE FORMER’S ASSET PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ASCERTAINING THE REAL OWNERSHIP OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AMIDST CERTAIN ASSERTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, AS WELL AS TO DETERMINE WHETHER CORRECT PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED AND WHETHER THE CONDITION IMPOSED BY ITS FORMER OWNER JESUS LAZATIN HAS LEGAL EFFECT AND TO DETERMINE IF THE SAME WAS COMPLIED WITH OR NOT”

informing the House of its findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Pimentel, Gonzales and the Members of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Welfare of Children (Committee Report No. 426), re H.B. No. 6570, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING LEAVING CHILDREN BELOW EIGHT YEARS OLD UNATTENDED IN MOTOR VEHICLES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2235 and 3581

Sponsors: Representatives Yu, Revilla and Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations

(Committee Report No. 427), re H.B. No. 6571, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN SERVICE PROGRAM FOR DESERVING STUDENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 898, 2166, 2951, 3472, 3586, 4025, 5990, 6213, 6286 and 6361

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 428), re H.B. No. 6572, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (PQF), ESTABLISHING THE PQF-NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL (NCC) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5366, 5586, 5600 and 6288

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 429), re H.R. No. 1397, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DISMISSING THE IMPEACHMENT COMPLAINT FILED BY JACINTO V. PARAS AND FERDINAND S. TOPACIO AGAINST COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN ANDRES D. BAUTISTA”

recommending its adoption

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Fariñas, Castro (F.H.), Veloso, Leachon, Oaminal, Fuentebella and Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 430), re H.B. No. 3492, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT MACABEBE, PAMPANGA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION

ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR” recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.), Veloso and Bondoc
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of the following measures:

1. House Bill No. 544, from the Committees on Government Reorganization and Youth and Sports Development to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;
2. House Bill No. 4530, from the Committees on Government Reorganization and Youth and Sports Development to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;
3. House Bill No. 3494, from the Committee on Natural Resources to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
4. House Bill No. 4793, from the Committee on Women and Gender Equality to the Committee on Population and Family Relations;
5. House Bill No. 4870, from the Committee

on Women and Gender Equality to the Committee on Population and Family Relations;

6. House Bill No. 5923, from the Committee on Labor and Employment to the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Labor and Employment;

7. House Bill No. 6287, from the Committee on Higher and Technical Education to the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Labor and Employment; and

8. House Bill No. 6205, from the Committee on Welfare of Children to the Committee on Labor and Employment.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. GARIN (O.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The session is adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon tomorrow, October 10, 2017.

It was 7:14 p.m.