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CALL TO ORDER

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

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Everybody is requested to rise for the singing of the National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 36, dated October 11, 2017.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 238 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 238 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1397 RE: DISMISSAL OF IMPEACHMENT COMPLAINT AGAINST COMELEC CHAIRMAN ANDRES D. BAUTISTA

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1397, contained in Committee Report No. 429.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, House Resolution No. 1397, entitled: RESOLUTION DISMISSING THE IMPEACHMENT COMPLAINT FILED BY JACINTO V. PARAS AND FERDINAND S. TOPACIO AGAINST

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

** See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN ANDRES D. BAUTISTA.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize to sponsor the adoption of the Committee Report, our honorable Chairman of the Committee on Justice, the Gentleman from the Second District of Oriental Mindoro, the Hon. Reynaldo V. Umali.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. UMALI. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, distinguished Members of this august Body.

I hereby submit as Chair of the Committee on Justice Committee Report No. 429, which is a resolution dismissing the impeachment complaint filed by Jacinto V. Paras and Ferdinand S. Topacio against Commission on Elections Chairman Andy Bautista. To abbreviate my sponsorship remarks, may I just read into the records, Mme. Speaker, the dispositive portion of this report, and I quote:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Committee on Justice finds, resolves and concludes that the impeachment complaint filed by complainants Paras and Topacio against COMELEC Chairman Bautista is INSUFFICIENT IN FORM. Accordingly, and pursuant to the previous ruling of the Committee during the impeachment proceedings against President Duterte as contained in Committee Report No. 257 and adopted by the House in Plenary on May 30, 2017, the said complaint is hereby DISMISSED.

So, Mme. Speaker, I hereby submit this Committee Report for the consideration of the Body.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Garin relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu

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

REP. FARIÑAS. We second the...

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker.

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker.

REP. FARIÑAS. I move that we recognize Hon. Gwendolyn F. Garcia of Cebu, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Hon. Gwen Garcia from Cebu is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (G.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This Representation must object to the Committee Report consistent with my position that the impeachment complaint with the charges contained therein must be heard and tried in the Senate, perhaps, also, in order for Chairman Bautista to be given the opportunity to answer these charges, and so, I must object to the Committee Report, Mr. Chair.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. I move that the Gentleman from Surigao del Norte, the Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers, be recognized, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Hon. Ace Barbers from Surigao del Norte is recognized.

REP. BARBERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader, and of course, thank you to the good Chairman of the Committee on Justice.

Following the thoughts of our distinguished colleague, Congresswoman Garcia, this Representation likewise objects to the Committee Report in order for the Committee to give the Chairman of the Commission on Elections the opportunity to explain because it is perceived that there were some infractions that were committed by no less than the Chair of the Commission and we never heard any reply to the accusations hurled at him.

So, Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader, and to all my distinguished colleagues, I object to the adoption of the Committee Report.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Majority Leader.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker.

REP. FARIÑAS. I move that the Gentleman from Albay be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Gentleman from the First District of Albay, Honorable Lagman, is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May we ask the distinguished Chairman of the Committee

on Justice to tell and explain to this Body why the Committee—why the impeachment complaint against COMELEC Chairman Andy Bautista was dismissed for insufficiency in form.

I think, the Members of the Chamber of this House of Representatives should be informed on the basis of the dismissal of the complaint filed against COMELEC Chairman Andy Bautista.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. I move that the Sponsor...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is the distinguished Sponsor willing to reply to the question of the Gentleman from Albay?

REP. UMALI. Gladly, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Proceed.

REP. UMALI. The impeachment complaint was dismissed and was recommended for dismissal after the Committee members, on a vote of two in favor of the sufficiency, and 25 or 26 against the same, voted to dismiss the complaint for insufficiency in substance by reason of the defective verification that was signed by the complainants.

And so, by reason of that, there was a lengthy discussion on the matter and notwithstanding that the Committee and the majority of the Members or one-half or the majority of the Members voted to dismiss the same for insufficiency in form.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, distinguished Chairman.

But I was asking, what was the reason for saying that the complaint against COMELEC Chairman Andy Bautista was defective in form? What was the finding of the Committee where the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of declaring the impeachment complaint insufficient in form?

REP. UMALI. If I may just read, the verification made by the complainants Jacinto Paras or former Congressman Paras, and Atty. Ferdinand Topacio, if I may just go over these documents—anyway, it did not conform to the rules. I do not have the complaint with me now, but it did not contain the verification as required by our rules. The verification stated that the complainants had personal knowledge and/or belief of the allegations contained therein, which is not consistent with how our rules require that it must be based on authentic records and no authentic records were appended to the complaint and for which reason, it was dismissed for insufficiency in form.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, distinguished Chairman, but let me just quote from the Committee Report of the Committee on Justice with respect to this particular issue, and I quote passages from page 11.

After the discussions for and against the motion of Rep. Roque to admit the substitute verification, there being several objections to the said motion, the Chair put the matter to a vote. With only two (2) votes in favor, and twenty-seven (27) against, the motion of Rep. Roque to admit the substitute verification was DENIED.

I recall that among those who objected to the admission of the substitute verification was no less than our distinguished Majority Leader.

Let me continue:

Having denied the motion to admit the substitute verification, the Committee proceeded to deliberate on the sufficiency in form of the Paras-Topacio Complaint as filed. Rep. Gwendolyn Garcia, another endorser of the Paras-Topacio Complaint, moved to find the said complaint sufficient in form. The motion was objected to by Reps. Lagman, Roger Mercado, Oaminal, Salo and Vincent Crisologo.

The objectors noted that the Verification in Paras-Topacio Complaint, as filed, states that the allegations in the complaint are true and correct based on the “knowledge and belief” of the complainants, and based on their “reading and appreciation of documents and other records pertinent thereto.” The same arguments and objections to the previous motion of Rep. Roque were also raised by the objectors to the motion of Rep. Garcia, especially considering that Verifications based on “knowledge and belief” are considered as unsigned pleadings under case law. It was also noted that the fact that the complainants filed a substitute verification is an admission that the original verification of the complainants to the impeachment complaint was defective as to form.

Will the distinguished Chairman confirm?

REP. UMALI. Yes, I do, that is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. That was the established quotation from the Committee Report.

May we know whether the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice is sustaining the report and

requesting the approval of the dismissal of the complaint against COMELEC Chairman Andy Bautista?

REP. UMALI. Yes, I am, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. LAGMAN. I join the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice in sustaining the Committee Report and the approval of the dismissal of the complaint against Chairman Andy Bautista as being insufficient in form.

REP. PICHAY. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Our parliamentary status now is that the honorable Chairman of the Committee on Justice submitted the Committee Report of the Committee on Justice finding dismissal of the case. May I refer you, for the benefit of the membership, to Section 11 of Rule No. III of the Rules of Procedure in Impeachment Proceedings.

It states:

Section 11. *Where Dismissal Recommended.*

– When the report of the Committee on Justice dismisses the complaint, it shall submit to the House a resolution for the dismissal of the verified complaint and/or resolution of impeachment. A vote of at least one-third (1/3) of all the Members of the House shall be necessary to override such resolution, in which case the Committee on Justice shall forthwith prepare the Articles of Impeachment.

So, there was a motion for the adoption of the report which was objected to. Now, I move, Mr. Speaker, that we divide the House by voting by ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). By roll call.

REP. FARIÑAS. ... roll call, pursuant to Section 12 of our Rules.

REP. PICHAY. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry, please.

NOMINAL VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). We are now in the process of voting. The Secretary General is directed to call the roll of Members for voting on

the dismissal of the impeachment complaint against COMELEC Chairman Andres Bautista.

*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 is reflected in Journal No. 36, dated October 11, 2017.**

REP. PICHAY. Mr. Speaker, before we go on voting, may I have a parliamentary inquiry. It is very vital to the voting.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Roll call of Members, in consideration of House Resolution 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.

REP. ACOP. Mr. Speaker, may I be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Yes, Representative Acop.

REP. ACOP. To be consistent with my vote during the Committee hearing, I still move for the dismissal of the case against Chairman Bautista.

REP. ACOSTA. My vote is “Yes.”

REP. ALEJANO. Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” for the dismissal of the impeachment complaint.

REP. ALVAREZ (P.). Mr. Speaker, I believe that the charges against the Chairman of the Commission on Elections, Chairman Bautista, are very serious. Therefore, I vote “No” on the Committee Report.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANTONINO. The Representation from the Fourth District of Nueva Ecija votes “No” on the Committee Report.

REP. BAG-AO. Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” on the dismissal of the impeachment complaint for insufficiency in form, actually also in substance.

REP. BERTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I vote “No.”

REP. BORDADO. Mr. Speaker, I am supporting the position taken by the Committee to dismiss the impeachment charges.

REP. BRAVO (A.). I vote “Yes,” Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, consistent with my vote in the Committee level, I vote “Yes” on the Committee Report.

REP. CHIPECO. Mr. Speaker, may I be allowed to explain my vote.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). After the voting.

REP. CHIPECO. No, just one sentence, Mr. Speaker.

I think this is the chance when we shall be able to give meaning to why all the 33 percent ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the vote of the distinguished colleague?

REP. CHIPECO. This is the first time, I think, we shall be able, the House will be able to give meaning as to why it is only 33 percent to overcome the vote and this is also the chance for ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Please state the vote.

REP. CHIPECO. I will cast my vote, Mr. Speaker. This is the chance ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You can explain the vote after the voting.

REP. CHIPECO. ... for everybody—for Mr. Bautista to explain very well in the Senate, in impeachment. So, Mr. Speaker, I vote “No.”

REP. COJUANGCO. Mr. Speaker, I vote “No.”

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mr. Speaker, to be consistent with my stand during the Committee hearing, I vote “Yes” on the Committee Report dismissing the charges against the COMELEC Chairman because of insufficiency in form.

Thank you very much.

REP. DEL MAR. Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” for the adoption of the Committee Report.

REP. DIMAPORO (M.). Mr. Speaker, I join our Deputy Speaker, Deputy Speaker Gwen Garcia, in her objection. My vote is “No.”

REP. FERRER (J.). Mr. Speaker, consistent with my vote in the Committee level, I vote “Yes.”

REP. FORTUN. Mr. Speaker, consistent with my position in the Committee, I vote “Yes” on the Report, dismissing the impeachment complaint.

REP. GARBIN. Mr. Speaker, in consonance with my decision to support the Resolution and the Committee Report, I vote “Yes.”

REP. GARCIA (G.). Mr. Speaker, consistent with my position and the position of our respected Speaker of the House of Representatives, I vote “No.”

REP. GARIN (O.). I vote “No,” Mr. Speaker.

REP. GASATAYA. Mr. Speaker, this Representation votes “No” for the adoption of the Committee Report.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). I vote “Yes” for the Committee Report.

REP. HERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, consistent with my position in the Committee Report, I vote “Yes” to the dismissal of the complaint.

REP. KHO. My vote is “Yes.”

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” and I reserve the right to explain my vote.

REP. MACEDA. Mr. Speaker, to be consistent with having affixed my signature on the Committee Report being tackled today, which means that I agree in toto with everything that is contained in it, I vote “Yes.”

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, consistent with my earlier stand in the Committee dismissing the complaint, I vote “Yes.”

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, consistent with my vote in the Committee, I vote “Yes.”

REP. RAMIREZ-SATO. Mr. Speaker, I side with the Committee Report dismissing the impeachment complaint on the ground of insufficiency in form. I strongly affirm my vote.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, as an endorser of the impeachment complaint, and in support of the vote of my Speaker and Deputy Speaker Gwen Garcia, I vote “No.” Impeach Andres Bautista.

REP. SALIMBANGON. Mr. Speaker, in support of the stand of the Speaker and the objection of Deputy Speaker Garcia, I vote “No.”

REP. SILVERIO. Mr. Speaker, I am not a lawyer, and consistent with the Committee's Report, wisdom to dismiss the complaint, and after thorough scrutiny by our lawyer-Members, I vote "Yes."

REP. SUAREZ. Mr. Speaker, consistent with my congressional resolution, questioning the performance of the Chairman of COMELEC during the last 2016 elections, I am voting "No."

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mr. Speaker, kasama po ako ng Committee on Justice na pumapayag na mai-dismiss itong impeachment complaint laban kay Chairman Andy Bautista sa kadahilanang insufficient in form.

Maraming salamat po.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I vote "Yes."

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, consistent with my vote in the Committee level, I vote "Yes."

REP. UMALI. Mr. Speaker, I cannot go against my Committee Report, I vote "Yes."

REP. VELARDE. Mr. Speaker, as well explained by Deputy Speaker Garcia earlier before the voting, I vote "No."

REP. VERGARA. Mr. Speaker, consistent with the spirit that each and every Member of this Body must be given the chance to examine the allegations in a proceeding as serious as an impeachment, I vote in the negative.

REP. VILLARICA. Mr. Speaker, consistent with the position I took in the Committee, I vote "Yes."

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, I vote "Yes," having participated in the deliberations of the Committee and I believe there was insufficiency in form in the impeachment complaint.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE. Mr. Speaker, I vote "Yes" on the Committee Report.

REP. FARIÑAS. I vote "Yes," consistent with my vote in the Committee.

RESULT OF THE VOTING ON H. RES. NO. 1397
RE: DISMISSAL OF IMPEACHMENT
COMPLAINT AGAINST COMELEC
CHAIRMAN ANDRES D. BAUTISTA

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The voting on House Resolution No. 1397, under Committee Report

No. 429, shows 75 voted in affirmative, 137 voted in negative, 2 in abstention. It is about House Resolution No. 1397, dismissing the impeachment complaint filed by Jacinto V. Paras and Ferdinand S. Topacio against Commission on Elections Chairman Andres D. Bautista. The vote shows that the resolution is overridden and pursuant to Section 11, Article III of the Rules of Procedure in Impeachment Proceedings, a vote of at least one-third of all the Members of the House shall be necessary to override such resolution, in which case and I am directing the Committee on Justice to prepare the Articles of Impeachment immediately. So ordered.

Hon. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized to explain his vote.

REP. LAGMAN EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The vote in the Committee was overwhelming, 26 in favor and 2 against the determination of the Committee that the complaint against COMELEC Chair Bautista is insufficient in form.

With the solid support by the members of the Committee to that determination, I think we should have supported the integrity of our Committee system. The rejection of the Committee Report is a virtual no confidence vote against the leadership of the Committee on Justice.

The dismissal of the impeachment complaint due to insufficiency in form was based on precedent in the case of the *Jimenez-Mallari complaint against the Chief Justice* whose verification was virtually identical to the verification of the impeachment complaint against the COMELEC Chairman. Since both were flawed, the same result should obtain a dismissal based on insufficiency in form. There was even an attempt to file a substitute verification which was a virtual admission that the original verification was defective, fatally defective.

The distinguished Presiding Officer said that the Committee on Justice should now prepare the Articles of Impeachment. To my mind, Mr. Speaker, that is grossly premature because this Chamber voted only on the sufficiency of form because the issue before this Body is whether to sustain or reject the recommendation of the Committee that the impeachment complaint against COMELEC Chairman Andres Bautista is insufficient in form. So, only form was discussed and voted upon this afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

Considering that only the sufficiency in form was voted upon, the Plenary should return to the Committee on Justice, for further proceedings, the complaint against the COMELEC Chair Bautista, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Your Honor, you have already spent the three-minute rule.

REP. LAGMAN. ... we start with the determination of sufficiency in substance.

In view of the foregoing, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chairman, I voted "Yes" on the dismissal of the impeachment complaint and I urge the leadership of this House to return the impeachment complaint to the Committee on Justice for further proceedings because we only voted on the sufficiency in form of the impeachment complaint.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, there being no other colleague of ours who wishes to explain his or her vote, I move that we proceed to the 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 Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6539, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARAMAG AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6540, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION SATELLITE OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIBAWA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6541, entitled:

"AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE OF THE PALOMPON

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10599, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE PALOMPON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE PALOMPON POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE MARCELINO R. VELOSO NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' "

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6542, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10054 ENTITLED 'AN ACT MANDATING ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS TO WEAR STANDARD PROTECTIVE MOTORCYCLE HELMETS WHILE DRIVING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR' OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MOTORCYCLE HELMET ACT OF 2009' "

By Representative Velarde
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6543, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A DENTAL UNIT IN EVERY RURAL HEALTH UNIT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS PART OF THE PRIMARY APPROACH IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6544, entitled:

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

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6545, entitled:

"AN ACT PREVENTING DRUG OVERDOSE RELATED DEATHS"

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6546, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 6547, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS TWO AND FOUR OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO NON-AGENARIANS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6548, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) SATELLITE OFFICE IN MANOLOFORTICH, BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta-Alba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6549, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD PASSING THROUGH THE BARANGAY ROADS FROM SARONG RIVER PASSING THROUGH BARANGKAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SARONG PROPER TO SITIO TAGPISA OF BARANGAY OCAYAN LEADING TO NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BATARAZA WHICH IS MORE OR LESS 17 KILOMETERS, AND FROM BARANGAY SANDOVAL PASSING THROUGH BARANGAYS IWAHIG AND IGANG-IGANG TO SARONG PROPER, AND FROM SARONG RIVER PASSING THROUGH BARANGKAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SARONG PROPER AND SITIO TAGPISA OF BARANGAY OCAYAN TO NATIONAL HIGHWAY WHICH IS MORE OR LESS 16 KILOMETERS, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6552, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL

CAMPUSES OF THE COMPOSTELA VALLEY STATE COLLEGE IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10598 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY TO BE KNOWN AS COMPOSTELA VALLEY STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Gonzaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6553, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO OWN AND POSSESS FIREARMS AND STREAMLINING THE REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL PROCESS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT’ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6554, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING EDUCATION ON THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE GRADE 12 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Bag-ao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6555, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE MALUNGGAY INDUSTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (S.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6556, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SYSTEM OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR ADDRESSING THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE PROVIDING FOR ITS PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND APPROPRIATING

FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 6559, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6560, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO COVERED EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6561, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE MANDATORY GUIDELINES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6562, entitled:

“AN ACT COMPILING THE TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES INTO AN OFFICIAL ‘RULES OF THE ROAD HANDBOOK’ ”

By Representative Erice
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6563, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE RIGHTS OF MOBILE PHONE SUBSCRIBERS BY REGULATING PRICES, REQUIRING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE DETAILED BILLING OF PREPAID CREDITS, NUMBER PORTABILITY, LOWERED PULSE RATE, AND OTHER SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6564, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MEMORIAL FOR THE VICTIMS OF SUPER TYPHOON YOLANDA IN TACLOBAN CITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6565, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCENTIVES AND CREDIT FACILITIES FOR CONSUMERS OF SMALL SOLAR POWER SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 6566, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS) AS A FORM FOR CERTIFICATION FOR LABELLING ORGANIC PRODUCTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10068, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT OF 2010, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6567, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SENIOR CITIZENS CARE AND NURSING CENTER IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES”

By Representative Aquino-Magsaysay
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6568, entitled:

“AN ACT PROCLAIMING THE CHOCOLATE HILLS AS NATIONAL PATRIMONY AND GEOLOGICAL MONUMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THEIR PILLAGE, DEFACEMENT AND DESPOIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6569, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE ZIGA MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF TABACO AS THE DR. LORENZO P. ZIGA MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN EXTENSION

HOSPITAL OF THE BICOL REGIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6576, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO SOLO PARENTS BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000”

By Representatives Villarica and Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 6581, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TEN (10) DAYS OF BEREAVEMENT LEAVE WITH PAY TO ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6582, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY DOMANPOT AND POBLACION WEST, MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO BARANGAY POBLACION EAST, MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, 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. 6583, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY CALEPAAN, MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO BARANGAY PALARIS, MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, 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. 6593, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM, CREATING THE PHILIPPINE RAILWAY AUTHORITY, THE PHILIPPINE RAILWAY CORPORATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Sarmiento (C.), Bondoc, Calixto-Rubiano, Unico, Ferrer (J.), Vargas, Fernando, Enverga and Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION, THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6594, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT OLDER OR DISABLED PERSONS ARE PROTECTED FROM INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AND TO IMPROVE OUTREACH EFFORTS AND OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OLDER OR DISABLED PERSONS VICTIMIZED BY SUCH VIOLENCE”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 6595, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP OF COUPLES, PROVIDING FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Roman, Abu, Abueg, Alonte, Eriguel, Garcia (G.), Garin (S.), Noel and Singson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 6596, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6969, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND HAZARDOUS AND NUCLEAR WASTES CONTROL ACT OF 1990’, TO ADOPT A MORE SYSTEMATIC AND COMPREHENSIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, TO FOSTER THE IMPOSITION OF ALL EXISTING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES, INCREASING ITS PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 6597, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TAX INCENTIVE TO MEDICAL DOCTORS WHO RENDER FREE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO INDIGENT PATIENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

MEDIA REGULATORY BOARD, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Bill No. 6598, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8367, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE REVISED NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION ACT OF 1997’, TO FOSTER THE INDUSTRIES FRUGALITY AND THE ACCUMULATION OF SAVINGS, TO PROMOTE JUDICIOUS UTILIZATION OF CREDIT AMONG THE MEMBERS OF NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Resolution No. 1395, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT, PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN”

By Representatives Banal, Quimbo, Del Mar, Acosta-Alba, Billones, Bag-ao, Belmonte (J.C.), Bordado, De Venecia, Erice, Sarmiento (E.M.), Lagman, Villarín, Amatong, Alcalá, Santos-Recto, Ramirez-Sato, Deloso-Montalla, Agarao, Revilla, Relampagos, Limkaichong, Rocamora, Fortun, Abaya and Daza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 6599, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT’, TO FOSTER THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL TO MAINTAIN PRICE STABILITY CONDUCTIVE TO A BALANCED AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY, TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN MONETARY STABILITY AND THE CONVERTIBILITY OF THE PESO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Resolution No. 1396, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF THE CONGRESSWOMAN FROM THE LONE DISTRICT OF BATANES, HON. HENEDINA R. ABAD”

By Representative Lee
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 6600, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE TWO PERCENT (2%) OF OUR ANNUAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) TO THE MANDATORY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER (CCT) PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Resolution No. 1398, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO STRONGLY CONDEMN AND CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE 47 POLITICAL KILLINGS, AND THE CONTINUING KILLINGS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST THE FARMERS, LUMADS AND THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO”

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

House Bill No. 6601, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SOCIAL

House Resolution No. 1399, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SERIES OF

KILLINGS IN GUIHULNGAN, NEGROS AND THE CONTINUING ATTACKS AGAINST THE FARMERS AND THE PEOPLE OF GUIHULNGAN CITY”

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

House Resolution No. 1400, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF VETERAN BROADCASTER JOSE M. MALGAPO, JR., OR MANONG JOE TARUC”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1401, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DECLINE IN FOREIGN INVESTMENTS TO THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO PROPOSE POLICIES THAT WOULD ARREST THE REPORTED DECLINE AND IMPROVE THE COUNTRY’S POSITION IN ATTRACTING FOREIGN INVESTMENTS”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1402, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF HONORABLE HENEDINA ‘DINA’ RAZON-ABAD, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF BATANES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1403, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE HENEDINA R. ABAD, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF BATANES”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1404, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO LOOK INTO THE ORDER OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR KEPCO SALCON POWER CORPORATION AND CENTRAL NEGROS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO COLLECT FROM MEMBER-CONSUMERS PHP232 MILLION IN UNNOMINATED CONTRACT QUANTITIES STARTING OCTOBER 25, 2015”

By Representative Gasataya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1405, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE HENEDINA ‘DINA’ R. ABAD OF LONE DISTRICT, BATANES”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1406, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT INQUIRY AND/OR INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE PROLIFERATION OF BITCOIN AND OTHER CRYPTOCURRENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE INVESTORS”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1407, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF CAPT. ILUMINADO D. MANALO, FATHER OF REPRESENTATIVE JESULITO A. MANALO OF THE ANGKLA PARTY-LIST”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATION

Letters dated October 5 and 6, 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-2017-058 dated 15 September 2017;

2. Circular Letter No. 974 dated 29 September 2017; and
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-059 dated 28 September 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 452), re H.B. No. 6602, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE HERACLEO CASCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARIA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE HERACLEO CASCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PEDRO MARISCAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5143

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Bautista-Bandigan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 453), re H.B. No. 6603, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALBAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SUGAL, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE KALBAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS EMELIANO S. FONTANARES SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5141

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Bautista-Bandigan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms (Committee Report No. 454), re H.B. No. 6604, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE RATES OF POLITICAL PROPAGANDA ON TELEVISION, RADIO AND PRINT DURING AN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN PERIOD AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9006, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE FAIR ELECTION ACT’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4898 and 5922

Sponsors: Representatives Tugna, Fariñas, Nieto, Antonio, Vergara, Suansing (E.), Sy-Alvarado and Bulut-Begtang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples (Committee Report No. 455), re H.B. No. 6605, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS TRAINING CENTER IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1777

Sponsors: Representatives Catamco and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for a few minutes suspension of the session.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

It was 5:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. FARIÑAS. May I move for the election of the following Members to various Committees:

The Majority Leader, Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas, read the names of the House Members elected to the various Committees, per Journal No. 36, dated October 11, 2017.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION

As Chairperson:
Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
GLOBALIZATION AND WTO

As Chairperson:
Rep. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D.

As member:
Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

As Chairperson:
Rep. Alex "AA" L. Advincula

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

As member:
Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.

COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND
FISHERIES RESOURCES

As member:
Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza

COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

As members:
Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario; and
Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BASES CONVERSION

As member:
Rep. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BICOL RECOVERY
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As member:
Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

As member:
Rep. Ansaruddin A.M. A. Adiong

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

As member:
Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

As members:
Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.
Rep. Prospero A. Pichay Jr.
Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.; and
Rep. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay

COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT
AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

As member:
Rep. Prospero A. Pichay Jr.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

As member:
Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

As members:
Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes; and
Rep. Vicente "Kulit" J. Alcala

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

As member:
Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

As member:
Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu

COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS
AFFAIRS

As members:
Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara
Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.; and
Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE,
RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

As member:
Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora

COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S
PARTICIPATION

As member:
Rep. Juliette T. Uy

COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

As member:
Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.

COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

As members:
Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo; and
Rep. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

As members:
Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda; and
Rep. Ron P. Salo

COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

As member:
Rep. Ricardo "RJ" T. Belmonte Jr.

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE
OF CHILDREN

As members:
Rep. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan
Rep. Glona G. Labadlabad; and
Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D.

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT

As member:
Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion for the election of the Members to the Committees mentioned by the Majority Leader is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we amend the Rules of the House to increase the membership of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments from 35 members to 55 members.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. May I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

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

It was 5:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:23 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6426

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill 6426, contained in Committee Report No. 390, as reported out by the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

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 title of the measure.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6426, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF SURIGAO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE.

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

ARCHIVAL OF H.B. NO. 6426

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we archive House Bill No. 6426.

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. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business. For this purpose, may we request that the Secretary General 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 hereby directed to read the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Resolution on First Reading and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding reference:

HOUSE RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 1413, entitled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER DEPUTY SPEAKER HENEDINA R. ABAD, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF BATANES DURING THE THIRTEENTH, FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSES.

By Reps. Alvarez, Pantaleon, Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, consistent with the Rules of the House, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1407.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1407

REP. BONDOC. I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1407.

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

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 only the title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 1407, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF CAPT. ILUMINADO D. MANALO, FATHER OF REPRESENTATIVE JESULITO A. MANALO OF THE ANGKLA PARTY-LIST.

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

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1407

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, expressing our profound condolence to the family of our colleague, Cong. Jesulito A. Manalo, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1407.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; House Resolution No. 1407 is adopted.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1413

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1413.

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

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 only the title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 1413, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER DEPUTY SPEAKER HENEDINA R. ABAD, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF BATANES DURING THE THIRTEENTH, FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSES.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that the following House Members be included as additional coauthors to House Resolution No. 1413:

Hon. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, Hon. Feliciano Belmonte Jr., Hon. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo, Hon. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Hon. Francis Gerald A. Abaya, Hon. Benjamin C. Agarao Jr., Hon. Vicente “Kulit” J. Alcala, Hon. Isagani S. Amatong, Hon. Kaka J. Bag-ao, Hon. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr., Hon. Jorge “Bolet” Banal, Hon. Emmanuel A. Billones, Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Hon. Raul A. Daza, Hon. Christopher V.P. De Venecia, Hon. Raul V. Del Mar, Hon. Cheryl P. Delos-Montalla, Hon. Edgar R. Erice, Hon. Arcadio H. Gorriceta, Hon. Edcel C. Lagman, Hon. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Hon. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, Hon. Josephine Ramirez-Sato, Hon. Rene L. Relampagos, Hon. Vilma Santos-Recto and Hon. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that all the Members present who indicate their desire by raising their hands also be included as coauthors of the resolution of condolence to our colleague, the late Henedina Razon Abad.

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.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1413

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, with profound sadness, we condole with the family of our late colleague, the Hon. Henedina R. Abad, and move for the adoption of House Resolution No. 1413.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to adopt House Resolution No. 1413, condoling with the family of our late colleague, Henedina R. Abad, is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules, I move that we authorize all committees to conduct meetings or public hearings, if deemed necessary, during the House recess from October 14, 2017 to November 12, 2017.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until Monday, November 13, 2017, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The session is adjourned until Monday, November 13, 2017, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 5:29 p.m.