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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Everybody is requested to remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll of Members.

The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 38, dated November 21, 2017:

PRESENT

Abaya

Abayon

Abellanos

Abu

Abueg

Acharon

Acop

Advincula

Agarao

Aggabao

Aglipay-Villar

Albano

Alejano

Almario

Almonte

Alonte

Alvarez (P.)

Amatong

Andaya

Antonio

Aquino-Magsaysay

Aragones

Arbison

Arcillas

Arenas

Atienza

Bag-ao

Baguilat

Barzaga

Bataoil

Batocabe

Bautista-Bandigan

Belaro

Belmonte (F.)

Belmonte (J.C.)

Belmonte (R.)

Benitez

Bernos

Biazon

Billones

Bolilia

Bondoc

Bordado

Bravo (A.)

Brosas

Bulut-Begtang

Calderon

Calixto-Rubiano

Caminero

Campos

Canama

Casilao

Castelo

Castro (F.L.)

Castro (F.H.)

Catamco

Cayetano

Cerilles

Chavez

Chipeco

Collantes

Cortes

Cortuna

Cosalan

Crisologo

Cua

Cuaresma

Cueva

Dalipe

Datol

Daza

De Jesus

De Vera

Defensor

Del Mar

Del Rosario

Deloso-Montalla

Durano

Elago

Eriguel

Ermita-Buhain

Escudero

Espina

Espino

Estrella

Evardone

Fariñas

Ferrer (J.)

Ferrer (L.)

Ferriol-Pascual

Fortun	Ong (H.)
Fortuno	Ortega (P.)
Fuentebella	Ortega (V.N.)
Garbin	Pacquiao
Garcia (G.)	Paduano
Garcia (J.E.)	Palma
Garcia-Albano	Pancho
Garin (S.)	Panotes
Gasataya	Papandayan
Gatchalian	Pichay
Geron	Pimentel
Go (A.C.)	Pineda
Go (M.)	Plaza
Gonzaga	Primicias-Agabas
Gonzales (A.P.)	Radaza
Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramirez-Sato
Gonzalez	Ramos
Gullas	Relampagos
Herrera-Dy	Revilla
Hofer	Roa-Puno
Jalosjos	Robes
Kho	Rocamora
Khonghun	Rodriguez (I.)
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)
Lacson	Romualdo
Lagman	Roque (R.)
Lanete	Sacdalán
Laogan	Sagarbarria
Lazatin	Salimbangan
Lee	Salo
Limkaichong	Salon
Lobregat	Sambar
Lopez (B.)	Sandoval
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Loyola	Savellano
Macapagal-Arroyo	Siao
Malapitan	Silverio
Mangaoang	Singson
Mangudatu (Z.)	Suansing (E.)
Marcoleta	Suansing (H.)
Marquez	Suarez
Martinez	Tambunting
Matugas	Tan (A.)
Mellana	Teves
Mercado	Tinio
Mirasol	Tolentino
Montoro	Treñas
Noel	Tupas
Nogralés (J.J.)	Ty
Nogralés (K.A.)	Ungab
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Unico
Oaminal	Uy (R.)
Ocampo	Uybarreta
Olivarez	Vargas
Ong (E.)	Velarde

Velasco	Villarica
Velasco-Catera	Villarin
Veloso	Yap (A.)
Vergara	Yap (V.)
Villanueva	Zamora (R.)
Villaraza-Suarez	Zubiri

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 214 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With 214 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move to defer the approval of the Journal.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the Reference of Business.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6636, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6637, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING SPITTING IN PUBLIC NATIONWIDE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6638, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF MALL, SPORTS CENTER, CONVENTION CENTER AND EXHIBITION CENTER WITHIN A THREE KILOMETER RADIUS FROM THE EXIT AND ENTRANCE OF AN EXPRESSWAY TO PREVENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION THEREIN AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6639, entitled:

“AN ACT LOWERING THE COMPULSORY AND OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6640, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO STUDENTS ENROLLING IN TEACHER EDUCATION AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR TEACHING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6641, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENERGY VIRTUAL ONE STOP SHOP FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS OF ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 6642, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, ENHANCING THE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY, GRANTING INCENTIVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 6643, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF AT LEAST ONE (1) BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OR THE ‘LOCAL

GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1435, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE TOLL HIKES OF THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (NLEX) AND THE SOUTHERN TAGALOG ARTERIAL ROAD (STAR)”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1436, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WARM AND PROFOUND CONGRATULATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CITY OF BAGUIO FOR BEING DESIGNATED AS A ‘UNESCO CREATIVE CITY’ AND ITS INCLUSION IN THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK (UCCN) THAT GIVES PRIDE AND PRESTIGE TO THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 1437, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISTINCTION TO MS. TERESITA SEN ‘WINWYN’ LACSAMANA MARQUEZ FOR BEING CROWNED AS REINA HISPANOAMERICANA 2017”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1438, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISTINCTION TO MS. KAREN SANTOS IBASCO FOR BEING CROWNED AS MISS EARTH 2017”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1439, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ARLAN SOTTO, A ROOM BOY AT HOTEL SOGO IN BARANGAY DAU, PAMPANGA, FOR HIS PRISTINE HONESTY AND LAUDABLE

INTEGRITY IN RETURNING P2.4 MILLION IN CASH LEFT IN ONE OF THE ROOMS AT THE HOTEL ON OCTOBER 24, 2017”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1440, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND ALL THOSE WHO IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER HELPED IN THE LIBERATION OF MARAWICITY FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO DUTY, ACTS OF HEROISM AND VALOR BEYOND THEIR CALL OF DUTY”

By Representative Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated September 22, 2017 of Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting to the House of Representatives the Statement of Allotments, Obligations and Balances (Current and Cont. Appropriations) of the Office of the Secretary, this Department, as of August 31, 2017, in compliance with Section 91 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 10924.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2016 Annual Report of the National Economic and Development Authority per letter dated September 22, 2017 of Nerrisa T. Esguerra, Director IV, Development Information Staff, NEDA.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Letter dated September 25, 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, submitting the 2016 Annual Financial Report for the National Government (Volumes I and II) to the House of Representatives.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated September 25, 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, submitting the 2016 Annual Financial Report for Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (Volumes I and II) to the House of Representatives.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated September 25, 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, submitting the 2016 Annual Financial Report for the Local Government (Volumes I and II) to the House of Representatives.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated September 26, 2017 of Maria Gleda E. Lim, State Auditor V, Supervising Auditor, Regional Office No. VI, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with a copy each of the Annual Audit Report on the following water districts:

1. Ajuy Water District, Ajuy, Iloilo CYs 2014-2016; and
2. Lemery Water District, Lemery, Iloilo CYs 2014-2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2016 Annual Report of the Optical Media Board per letter dated 26 September 2017 of Atty. Anselmo B. Adriano, Chairman and CEO.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

Letter dated October 3, 2017 of Roland A. Rey, Regional Director, Regional Office No. V, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2016 Annual Audit Reports on the following water districts in Region V:

1. Aroroy Water District, Aroroy, Masbate;
2. Barcelona Water District, Barcelona, Sorsogon;
3. Del Gallego Water District, Del Gallego, Camarines Sur;
4. Donsol Water District, Donsol, Sorsogon;
5. Libmanan Water District, Libmanan, Camarines Sur;
6. Ligao City Water District, Ligao City, Albay; and
7. Pandan Water District, Pandan, Catanduanes.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2016 Annual Report of the Department of the Interior and Local Government.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

2016 Annual Report of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (in CD format).
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Annual Audit Report on the Cebu Normal University, Cebu City for the year ended December 31, 2016.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the University of Southeastern Philippines for the year ended December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated October 18, 19 and 20, 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 975 dated 10 October 2017;
2. Circular No. 976 dated 10 October 2017;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-060 dated 2 October 2017;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-061 dated 29 September 2017;
5. Memorandum No. M-2017-030 dated 2 October 2017;
6. Memorandum No. M-2017-031 dated 4 October 2017;
7. Memorandum No. M-2017-032 dated 11 October 2017;
8. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-062 dated 9 October 2017;
9. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-063 dated 9 October 2017; and
10. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-064 dated 9 October 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Annual Audit Reports on the following water districts for the year ended December 31, 2016:

1. Ifugao Water District, Lagawe, Ifugao;
2. Bucay Water District, Bucay, Abra;
3. Dolores Water District, Dolores, Abra;
4. Banaue Water District, Amganad, Banaue, Ifugao;
5. La Trinidad Water District, La Trinidad, Benguet;
6. Lagangilang Water District, Lagangilang, Abra;
7. Metro Bangued Water District, Bangued, Abra;
8. San Juan Water District, San Juan, Abra;
9. John Hay Management Corporation, Baguio City; and
10. Baguio Water District, Baguio City.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up Bills on Third Reading.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4863
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4863 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. Castro, F.H.). 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 November 8, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4863, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE-CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP (PNP-CIDG) BY RESTORING ITS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE *SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM* OR *SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM*, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 35(B)(4) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990."

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. 38, dated November 21, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Almonte
Abayon	Alonte
Abellanos	Alvarez (P.)
Abu	Amatong
Abueg	Andaya
Acharon	Antonio
Acop	Aquino-Magsaysay
Advincula	Aragones
Agarao	Arbison
Aggabao	Arcillas
Aglipay-Villar	Arenas
Albano	Atienza
Alejano	Bag-ao
Almario	Baguilat

Barzaga	Garcia (G.)	Papandayan	Suansing (E.)
Bataoil	Garcia (J.E.)	Pimentel	Suansing (H.)
Batocabe	Garcia-Albano	Pineda	Suarez
Bautista-Bandigan	Garin (S.)	Plaza	Tambunting
Belaro	Gasataya	Primicias-Agabas	Tan (A.)
Belmonte (F.)	Geron	Radaza	Teves
Belmonte (J.C.)	Go (A.C.)	Ramirez-Sato	Tugna
Belmonte (R.)	Go (M.)	Ramos	Tupas
Benitez	Gonzaga	Relampagos	Ty
Bernos	Gonzales (A.P.)	Revilla	Ungab
Biazon	Gonzales (A.D.)	Roa-Puno	Unico
Billones	Gonzalez	Robes	Uy (R.)
Bolilia	Gullas	Rocamora	Uybarreta
Bondoc	Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez (I.)	Vargas
Bordado	Hofer	Rodriguez (M.)	Velarde
Bravo (A.)	Kho	Roque (R.)	Velasco
Bravo (M.V.)	Khonghun	Sacdalan	Velasco-Catera
Bulut-Begtang	Labadlabad	Sagarbarria	Veloso
Calderon	Lacson	Salo	Vergara
Calixto-Rubiano	Lagman	Salon	Villanueva
Caminero	Lanete	Sandoval	Villaraza-Suarez
Campos	Laogan	Sarmiento (C.)	Villarica
Canama	Lazatin	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Villarín
Castelo	Lee	Savellano	Yap (A.)
Catamco	Limkaichong	Siao	Yap (V.)
Cerilles	Lobregat	Silverio	Zubiri
Chavez	Lopez (B.)	Singson	
Chipeco	Lopez (C.)		
Collantes	Lopez (M.L.)	<i>Negative</i>	
Cortes	Macapagal-Arroyo		
Cosalan	Malapitan	Brosas	Elago
Crisologo	Mangaoang	Casilao	Tinio
Cua	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Castro (F.L.)	Zarate
Cuaresma	Marcoleta	De Jesus	
Cueva	Marquez		
Dalipe	Martinez	<i>Abstention</i>	
Datol	Matugas		
Daza	Mellana	None	
De Vera	Mercado		
Defensor	Mirasol		
Del Mar	Montoro		
Deloso-Montalla	Noel		
Durano	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Eriguel	Nogralas (K.A.)		
Ermita-Buhain	Nuñez-Malanyaon		
Escudero	Oaminal		
Espina	Olivarez		
Espino	Ong (E.)		
Evardone	Ong (H.)		
Fariñas	Ortega (P.)		
Ferrer (J.)	Ortega (V.N.)		
Ferrer (L.)	Pacquiao		
Ferriol-Pascual	Paduano		
Fortuno	Palma		
Fuentebella	Pancho		
Garbin	Panotes		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4863
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).
With 193 affirmatives votes, seven negative votes and
zero abstention, House Bill No. 4863 is approved on
Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6550
ON THIRD READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote
on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6550 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. Castro, F.H.). 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 November 8, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6550, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF DAY CARE WORKERS AND PROVIDING 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. 38, dated November 21, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Belmonte (J.C.)	Datol	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Abayon	Belmonte (R.)	Daza	Marcoleta
Abellanosa	Benitez	De Jesus	Marquez
Abu	Bernos	De Vera	Martinez
Abueg	Biazon	Defensor	Matugas
Acharon	Billones	Del Mar	Mellana
Acop	Bolilia	Deloso-Montalla	Mercado
Advincula	Bondoc	Durano	Mirasol
Agarao	Bordado	Elago	Montoro
Aggabao	Bravo (A.)	Eriguel	Noel
Aglipay-Villar	Bravo (M.V.)	Ermita-Buhain	Nogralas (J.J.)
Albano	Brosas	Escudero	Nogralas (K.A.)
Alejano	Bulut-Begtang	Espina	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Almario	Cagas	Espino	Oaminal
Almonte	Calderon	Evardone	Olivarez
Alonte	Calixto-Rubiano	Fariñas	Ong (E.)
Alvarez (P.)	Caminero	Ferrer (J.)	Ong (H.)
Amatong	Campos	Ferrer (L.)	Ortega (P.)
Andaya	Canama	Ferriol-Pascual	Ortega (V.N.)
Antonio	Casilao	Fortuno	Pacquiao
Aquino-Magsaysay	Castelo	Fuentebella	Paduano
Aragones	Castro (F.L.)	Garbin	Palma
Arbison	Catamco	Garcia (G.)	Pancho
Arcillas	Cerilles	Garcia (J.E.)	Panotes
Arenas	Chavez	Garcia-Albano	Papandayan
Atienza	Chipeco	Garin (S.)	Pimentel
Bag-ao	Collantes	Gasataya	Pineda
Baguilat	Cortes	Geron	Plaza
Barzaga	Cosalan	Go (A.C.)	Primicias-Agabas
Bataoil	Crisologo	Go (M.)	Quimbo
Batocabe	Cua	Gonzaga	Radaza
Bautista-Bandigan	Cuaresma	Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramirez-Sato
Belaro	Cueva	Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramos
Belmonte (F.)	Dalipe	Gonzalez	Relampagos
		Gullas	Revilla
		Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno
		Hofer	Robes
		Jalosjos	Rocamora
		Javier	Rodriguez (I.)
		Kho	Rodriguez (M.)
		Khonghun	Roque (R.)
		Labadlabad	Sacdalán
		Lacson	Sagarbarria
		Lagman	Salo
		Lanete	Salon
		Laogan	Sandoval
		Lazatin	Sarmiento (C.)
		Lee	Sarmiento (E.M.)
		Limkaichong	Savellano
		Lobregat	Sema
		Lopez (B.)	Siao
		Lopez (C.)	Silverio
		Lopez (M.L.)	Singson
		Macapagal-Arroyo	Suansing (E.)
		Malapitan	Suansing (H.)
		Mangaoang	Suarez

Tambunting Velasco
 Tan (A.) Velasco-Catera
 Teves Veloso
 Tinio Vergara
 Tugna Villanueva
 Tupas Villaraza-Suarez
 Ty Villarica
 Ungab Villarin
 Unico Yap (A.)
 Uy (R.) Yap (V.)
 Uybarreta Zarate
 Vargas Zubiri
 Velarde

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6550
 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro F.H.).
 With 205 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
 abstention, House Bill No. 6550 is approved on Third
 Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6557
 ON THIRD READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote
 on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6557 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. Castro, F.H.). 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 November 8,
 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House
 Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill
 No. 6557, entitled: AN ACT PROMOTING
 OPEN ACCESS IN DATA TRANSMISSION,
 PROVIDING ADDITIONAL POWERS TO
 THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 COMMISSION.

*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. 38, dated November
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Affirmative

Abaya Bulut-Begtang
 Abayon Cagas
 Abellanos Calderon
 Abu Calixto-Rubiano
 Abueg Caminero
 Acharon Campos
 Acop Canama
 Advincola Castelo
 Agarao Catamco
 Aggabao Cerilles
 Aglipay-Villar Chavez
 Albano Chipeco
 Alejandro Collantes
 Almario Cortes
 Almonte Cosalan
 Alonte Crisologo
 Alvarez (P.) Cua
 Amatong Cuaresma
 Andaya Cueva
 Antonio Dalipe
 Aquino-Magsaysay Datol
 Aragones Daza
 Arbison De Vera
 Arcillas Defensor
 Arenas Del Mar
 Atienza Deloso-Montalla
 Bag-ao Durano
 Bagatsing Eriguel
 Baguilat Ermita-Buhain
 Barzaga Escudero
 Bataoil Espina
 Batocabe Espino
 Bautista-Bandigan Evardone
 Belaro Fariñas
 Belmonte (F.) Ferrer (J.)
 Belmonte (J.C.) Ferrer (L.)
 Belmonte (R.) Ferriol-Pascual
 Benitez Fortunato
 Bernos Fuentebella
 Biazon Garbin
 Billones Garcia (G.)
 Bolilia Garcia (J.E.)
 Bondoc Garcia-Albano
 Bordado Garin (S.)
 Bravo (A.) Gasataya
 Bravo (M.V.) Geron

Go (A.C.)	Pimentel	<i>Negative</i>	
Go (M.)	Pineda		
Gonzaga	Plaza	Brosas	Elago
Gonzales (A.P.)	Primicias-Agabas	Casilao	Tinio
Gonzales (A.D.)	Quimbo	Castro (F.L.)	Zarate
Gonzalez	Radaza	De Jesus	
Gullas	Ramirez-Sato		
Herrera-Dy	Ramos	<i>Abstention</i>	
Hofer	Relampagos		
Jalosjos	Revilla	None	
Javier	Roa-Puno		
Kho	Robes	REP. ZARATE. Mr. Speaker. I am voting “No,”	
Khonghun	Rocamora	Mr. Speaker, and I reserve my right to submit a written	
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (I.)	explanation of my vote.	
Lacson	Rodriguez (M.)		
Lagman	Romualdo	REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker.	
Lanete	Roque (R.)		
Laogan	Sacdalán	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).	
Lazatin	Sagarbarria	What is the pleasure of Congressman Zarate?	
Leachon	Salo		
Lee	Salon	REP. ZARATE. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am voting “No,”	
Limkaichong	Sandoval	and I reserve my right to submit a written explanation	
Lobregat	Sarmiento (C.)	of my vote.	
Lopez (B.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Lopez (C.)	Savellano	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Are	
Lopez (M.L.)	Sema	you filing a motion?	
Macapagal-Arroyo	Siao		
Malapitan	Silverio	REP. ZARATE. We are still on voting, Mr. Speaker.	
Mangaoang	Singson	So, I am registering my “No” vote with the reservation	
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suansing (E.)	to submit a written explanation.	
Marcoleta	Suansing (H.)	Thank you, Mr. Speaker.	
Marquez	Suarez		
Martinez	Tambunting	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).	
Matugas	Tan (A.)	Insofar as your reservation to submit a written	
Mellana	Teves	explanation of your vote, are you filing a motion?	
Mercado	Ting	Because if it is a mere manifestation, then the Chair	
Mirasol	Tugna	cannot act on it.	
Montoro	Tupas		
Noel	Ty	REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, may the Floor	
Nogralés (J.J.)	Ungab	Leader be allowed to make the motion in behalf of the	
Nogralés (K.A.)	Unico	Gentleman, Mr. Speaker.	
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Uy (R.)		
Oaminal	Uybarreta	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.)	
Olivarez	Vargas	Please proceed.	
Ong (E.)	Velarde	The Majority Leader is recognized.	
Ong (H.)	Velasco		
Ortega (P.)	Velasco-Catera	REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we	
Ortega (V.N.)	Veloso	give the Gentleman the opportunity to file a written	
Pacquiao	Vergara	explanation of his vote on that just-approved measure,	
Paduano	Villanueva	Mr. Speaker.	
Palma	Villaraza-Suarez	I so move.	
Pancho	Villarica		
Panganiban	Villarin	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.) Is	
Panotes	Yap (A.)	there any objection? (<i>Silence</i>) The Chair hears none;	
Papandayan	Yap (V.)	the motion is approved.	
Pichay	Zubiri		

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6557
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.) With 204 affirmative votes, seven negative votes and zero abstention, House Bill No. 6557 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6558
ON THIRD READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6558 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. Castro, F.H.) 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 November 8, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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."

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. 38, dated November 21, 2017:

Affirmative

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

Aquino-Magsaysay	Escudero
Aragones	Espina
Arbison	Espino
Arcillas	Estrella
Arenas	Evardone
Atienza	Fariñas
Bag-ao	Ferrer (J.)
Bagatsing	Ferrer (L.)
Baguilat	Ferriol-Pascual
Banal	Fortuno
Barzaga	Fuentebella
Bataoil	Garbin
Batocabe	Garcia (G.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Garcia (J.E.)
Belaro	Garcia-Albano
Belmonte (F.)	Garin (S.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Gasataya
Belmonte (R.)	Geron
Benitez	Go (A.C.)
Bernos	Go (M.)
Biazon	Gonzaga
Billones	Gonzales (A.P.)
Bolilia	Gonzales (A.D.)
Bondoc	Gonzalez
Bordado	Gullas
Bravo (A.)	Herrera-Dy
Bravo (M.V.)	Hofer
Bulut-Begtang	Jalosjos
Cagas	Javier
Calderon	Kho
Calixto-Rubiano	Khonghun
Caminero	Labadlabad
Campos	Lacson
Canama	Lagman
Castelo	Lanete
Catamco	Laogan
Cerilles	Lazatin
Chavez	Leachon
Chipeco	Lee
Collantes	Limkaichong
Cortes	Lobregat
Cosalan	Lopez (B.)
Crisologo	Lopez (C.)
Cua	Lopez (M.L.)
Cuaresma	Macapagal-Arroyo
Cueva	Malapitan
Dalipe	Mangaoang
Datol	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Daza	Marcoleta
De Vera	Marquez
Defensor	Martinez
Del Mar	Matugas
Deloso-Montalla	Mellana
Durano	Mercado
Eriguel	Mirasol
Ermita-Buhain	Montoro

Nava	Salo
Noel	Salon
Nogralles (J.J.)	Sandoval
Nogralles (K.A.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Oaminal	Savellano
Olivarez	Sema
Ong (E.)	Siao
Ong (H.)	Silverio
Ortega (P.)	Singson
Ortega (V.N.)	Suansing (E.)
Pacquiao	Suansing (H.)
Paduano	Suarez
Palma	Tambunting
Pancho	Tan (A.)
Panganiban	Teves
Panotes	Ting
Papandayan	Tugna
Pichay	Tupas
Pimentel	Ty
Pineda	Ungab
Plaza	Unico
Primicias-Agabas	Uy (R.)
Quimbo	Uybarreta
Radaza	Vargas
Ramirez-Sato	Velarde
Ramos	Velasco
Relampagos	Velasco-Catera
Revilla	Veloso
Roa-Puno	Vergara
Robes	Villanueva
Rocamora	Villaraza-Suarez
Rodriguez (I.)	Villarica
Rodriguez (M.)	Villarin
Romualdo	Yap (A.)
Roque (R.)	Yap (V.)
Sacdalán	Zubiri
Sagarbarria	

Negative

Brosas	Elago
Casilao	Timio
Castro (F.L.)	Zarate
De Jesus	

Abstention

None

REP. ZARATE. Mr. Speaker, I am voting “No,” and may I move that I be given the privilege to submit a written explanation, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Will the Gentleman file the appropriate motion?

REP. ZARATE. May I move that I be given the privilege to submit a written explanation, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6558
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With 207 affirmative votes, seven negative votes and no abstention, House Bill No. 6558 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6572
ON THIRD READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6572 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. Castro, F.H.). 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 November 8, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6572, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (PQF), ESTABLISHING THE PQF-NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL (NCC) 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. 38, dated November 21, 2017:

Affirmative

Abaya	Abayon
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Abellanosa	Chavez	Lazatin	Revilla
Abu	Chipeco	Leachon	Roa-Puno
Abueg	Collantes	Lee	Robes
Acharon	Cortes	Limkaichong	Rocamora
Acop	Cosalan	Lobregat	Rodriguez (I.)
Advincula	Crisologo	Lopez (B.)	Rodriguez (M.)
Agarao	Cua	Lopez (C.)	Romualdo
Aggabao	Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (R.)
Aglipay-Villar	Cueva	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sacdalán
Albano	Dalipe	Malapitan	Sagarbarria
Alejano	Datol	Mangaoang	Salo
Almario	Daza	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Salon
Almonte	De Vera	Marcoleta	Sandoval
Alonte	Defensor	Marquez	Sarmiento (C.)
Alvarez (P.)	Del Mar	Martinez	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Amatong	Del Rosario	Matugas	Savellano
Andaya	Deloso-Montalla	Mellana	Sema
Angara-Castillo	Durano	Mercado	Siao
Antonio	Eriguel	Mirasol	Silverio
Aquino-Magsaysay	Ermita-Buhain	Montoro	Singson
Aragones	Escudero	Nava	Suansing (E.)
Arbison	Espina	Nieto	Suansing (H.)
Arcillas	Espino	Noel	Suarez
Arenas	Estrella	Nogralés (J.J.)	Tambunting
Atienza	Evardone	Nogralés (K.A.)	Tan (A.)
Bag-ao	Fariñas	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tan (M.)
Bagatsing	Ferrer (J.)	Oaminal	Teves
Baguilat	Ferrer (L.)	Olivarez	Ting
Banal	Ferriol-Pascual	Ong (E.)	Tugna
Barzaga	Fortuno	Ong (H.)	Tupas
Bataoil	Fuentebella	Ortega (P.)	Ty
Batocabe	Garbin	Ortega (V.N.)	Ungab
Bautista-Bandigan	Garcia (G.)	Pacquiao	Unico
Belaro	Garcia (J.E.)	Paduano	Uy (R.)
Belmonte (F.)	Garcia-Albano	Palma	Uybarreta
Belmonte (J.C.)	Garin (S.)	Pancho	Vargas
Belmonte (R.)	Gasataya	Panganiban	Velarde
Benitez	Geron	Panotes	Velasco
Bernos	Go (A.C.)	Papandayan	Velasco-Catera
Biazon	Go (M.)	Pichay	Veloso
Billones	Gonzaga	Pimentel	Vergara
Bolilia	Gonzales (A.P.)	Pineda	Villanueva
Bondoc	Gonzales (A.D.)	Plaza	Villaraza-Suarez
Bordado	Gonzalez	Primicias-Agabas	Villarica
Bravo (A.)	Gullas	Quimbo	Villarín
Bravo (M.V.)	Herrera-Dy	Radaza	Yap (A.)
Bulut-Begtang	Hofer	Ramirez-Sato	Yap (V.)
Cagas	Jalosjos	Ramos	Zubiri
Calderon	Javier	Relampagos	
Calixto-Rubiano	Kho		
Caminero	Khonghun	<i>Negative</i>	
Campos	Labadlabad		
Canama	Lacson	Brosas	Elago
Castelo	Lagman	Casilao	Tinio
Catamco	Lanete	Castro (F.L.)	Zarate
Cerilles	Laogan	De Jesus	

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6572
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.).
With 211 affirmative votes, seven negative votes and
no abstention, House Bill No. 6572 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 159
ON THIRD READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote
on Third Reading on House Bill No. 159 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. Castro, F.H.). 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 November 8,
2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House
Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No.
159, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
RIGHT OF GOVERNMENT TO EXPROPRIATE
LANDS FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 9, 10, AND 11 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
ACT OF 1992."

*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. 38,
dated November 21, 2017:*

Affirmative

Abaya	Acop
Abayon	Advincula
Abellanosa	Agarao
Abu	Aggabao
Abueg	Aglipay-Villar
Acharon	Albano

Alejano	Cua
Almario	Cuaresma
Almonte	Cueva
Alonte	Dalipe
Alvarez (P.)	Datol
Amatong	Daza
Andaya	De Jesus
Angara-Castillo	De Vera
Antonio	Defensor
Aquino-Magsaysay	Del Mar
Aragones	Del Rosario
Arbison	Deloso-Montalla
Arcillas	Durano
Arenas	Elago
Atienza	Eriguel
Bag-ao	Ermita-Buhain
Bagatsing	Escudero
Baguilat	Espina
Banal	Espino
Barzaga	Estrella
Bataoil	Evardone
Batocabe	Fariñas
Bautista-Bandigan	Ferrer (J.)
Belaro	Ferrer (L.)
Belmonte (F.)	Ferriol-Pascual
Belmonte (J.C.)	Fortuno
Belmonte (R.)	Fuentebella
Benitez	Garbin
Bernos	Garcia (G.)
Biazon	Garcia (J.E.)
Billones	Garcia-Albano
Biron	Garin (S.)
Bolilia	Gasataya
Bondoc	Geron
Bordado	Go (A.C.)
Bravo (A.)	Go (M.)
Bravo (M.V.)	Gonzaga
Brosas	Gonzales (A.P.)
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzales (A.D.)
Cagas	Gonzalez
Calderon	Gullas
Calixto-Rubiano	Herrera-Dy
Caminero	Hofer
Campos	Jalosjos
Canama	Javier
Casilao	Kho
Castelo	Khonghun
Castro (F.L.)	Labadlabad
Catameco	Lacson
Cerilles	Lagman
Chavez	Lanete
Chipeco	Laogan
Collantes	Lazatin
Cortes	Leachon
Cosalan	Lee
Crisologo	Limkaichong

Lobregat	Robes
Lopez (B.)	Rocamora
Lopez (C.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Rodriguez (M.)
Macapagal-Arroyo	Romualdo
Maceda	Roque (R.)
Malapitan	Sacdalan
Mangaoang	Sagarbarria
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Salo
Marcoleta	Salon
Marquez	Sandoval
Martinez	Sarmiento (C.)
Matugas	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Mellana	Savellano
Mercado	Sema
Mirasol	Siao
Montoro	Silverio
Nava	Singson
Nieto	Suansing (E.)
Noel	Suansing (H.)
Nogralas (J.J.)	Suarez
Nogralas (K.A.)	Tambunting
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tan (A.)
Oaminal	Tan (M.)
Olivarez	Teves
Ong (E.)	Ting
Ong (H.)	Tinio
Ortega (P.)	Tugna
Ortega (V.N.)	Tupas
Pacquiao	Ty
Paduano	Ungab
Palma	Unico
Pancho	Uy (R.)
Panganiban	Uybarreta
Panotes	Vargas
Papandayan	Velarde
Pichay	Velasco
Pimentel	Velasco-Catera
Pineda	Veloso
Plaza	Vergara
Primicias-Agabas	Villanueva
Quimbo	Villaraza-Suarez
Radaza	Villarica
Ramirez-Sato	Villarin
Ramos	Yap (A.)
Relampagos	Yap (V.)
Revilla	Zarate
Roa-Puno	Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 159
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 159 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that copies of the bills that were passed on Third Reading be transmitted to the Senate.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the visitor of Cong. Rogelio “Ruel” Pacquiao: Mayor Victor Salarda of the Municipality of Alabel, Sarangani.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The guest of Congressman Pacquiao is hereby requested to rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, we would also like to acknowledge the presence of the visitors of Hon. Greg G. Gasataya: Mr. Boy Duran, Glazyl Masculino, Dolly Yasa, Elsie Jolingon, Jemlo Victosa, Chrysee Semillano, Erwin Nicavera, Shiela Gelera, Eugene Adiong, Boy Ciocon, Mae Marañon, and Archie Alipalo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The guests of Congressman Gasataya are hereby requested to rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we include additional coauthors to House Bill No. 1616.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*)

REP. DEFENSOR. I would like to defer that motion, Mr. Speaker, because first, I would like to take up ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Proceed, Majority Leader.

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF
H.B. NO. 1616 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Before we proceed to that earlier motion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to move, with leave of

the House and for purposes of perfecting amendments, that we reconsider the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 1616, entitled: AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SYSTEM LOSS CHARGE COMPONENT IN THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY BY DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FROM THE COVERAGE OF THE VALUE ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION (1) 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10378, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. To sponsor the measure, Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Hon. Dakila Carlo E. Cua.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Hon. Dakila Cua is hereby recognized.

REP. CUA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, to propose individual amendments, first, on page 1, lines 5, 6 and 7, to delete the phrase "(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) hereof, the following transactions shall be exempt from the value-added tax:" and in lieu thereof, insert the following: THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE VALUE-ADDED TAX.

Mr. Speaker, may we know if this is acceptable to the Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Sponsor accepts the amendment.

REP. DEFENSOR. I therefore move, Mr. Speaker, that we approve said amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

REP. DEFENSOR. Second, Mr. Speaker, on the same page, line 11, we delete "(B) xxx."

May we know if this is acceptable to the Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of the amendment as aforesated.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

REP. DEFENSOR. Third, on the same page, line 13, we delete "xxx."

May we know if this is acceptable to the Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. I therefore move, Mr. Speaker, that we approve such amendment as stated.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

REP. DEFENSOR. On the same page also, line 15, we delete "(U) xxx."

May we know if this is acceptable to the Sponsor, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. I therefore move, Mr. Speaker, that we approve the said amendment as stated.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

REP. DEFENSOR. Fifth, Mr. Speaker, on the same page, line 17, we delete “(V)” and in lieu thereof, to insert the following, which is letter (W).

May we know if this is acceptable to the Sponsor?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I therefore move that we approve the amendment as stated.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

REP. DEFENSOR. Sixth, Mr. Speaker, on page 2, we delete lines 1 to 9 and in lieu thereof, to insert the following, this is in open quote, in brackets, and in parenthesis, the [(W)]; and then followed by, enclosed in parenthesis, the capital letter (X); and after that triple x (xxx) in small letters and enclosed in brackets ([]), a semicolon (;) followed by a period (.).

May I know if these are acceptable to the Sponsor?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CUA. We accept the amendments, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. I therefore move, Mr. Speaker, that we approve the amendments as stated.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Seventh, Mr. Speaker, and this is the last on page 1, to amend the title to read as follows: AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SYSTEM LOSS CHARGE COMPONENT IN THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY BY DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FROM THE COVERAGE OF THE VALUE ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED.”

May we know if this is acceptable to the Sponsor?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. I therefore move, Mr. Speaker, that we approve this amendment as stated.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, before we proceed to the approval on Second Reading, may we include as additional coauthors—so, with that, Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve on Second Reading House Bill No. 1616, as amended.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 1616, as amended, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 1616, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 1616, as amended, is hereby approved on Second Reading.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we include additional coauthors to House Bills No. 1616 and 4113 as contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the distinguished Gentleman from the Second District of Maguindanao, the Hon. Zaid G. Mangudadatu on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Gentleman from Maguindanao, Congressman Mangudadatu, is hereby recognized.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF
REP. MANGUDADATU (Z.)

REP. MANGUDADATU (Z.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Assalamu Alaikum Warahamattulahi Wabarakatuhu. Maayong hapon to my esteemed colleagues in the Seventeenth Congress.

Before I begin, Mr. Speaker, may you allow me—all the families and the relatives of the Maguindanao massacre to please stand up for their recognition.

Thank you very much.

Maayong hapon, Mr. Speaker, Ug labi na sa atong Presidente Rodrigo Roa Duterte, hinaot unta nga maabot ang akuang mainit nga pagtamyaw kanimo, labi na karon nga ako, kauban ang mga paryente sa biktima sa Maguindanao massacre gapangayo ug kaluoy ug tabang kanimo.

Una po sa lahat, Mr. Speaker, pasintabi lang po sa lahat ng manonood ng aking PowerPoint presentation, medyo maselan po ang mga larawan na aming ipapakita.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the name of the people of Maguindanao to speak about a topic that is only not personal to me and my family, my constituents, but also to the media men and the Filipino people.

Eight years ago, on November 23, 2009, the most tragic and horrific event in the town of Ampatuan, province of Maguindanao happened when 58 innocent lives were brutally taken to prevent the filing of the candidacy of my brother, Esmael “Toto” Mangudadatu. Among those who were heartlessly killed were our lawyers, supporters, my sisters and sister-in-law, female cousins and 32 media practitioners; and six of those who were killed were innocent passers-by trailing the national highway on their way to Cotabato City to work and for a doctor’s appointment. They were just unlucky to be mistakenly identified as a part of the convoy. These victims were flagged down and escorted to a hilltop opening by police and gunmen loyal to the local warlord who were accused of summarily executing them.

Mr. Speaker, kami ng kapatid kong si Ibrahim “Jhong” Mangudadatu na dating mayor ng Buluan, Maguindanao ang unang pumunta sa gravesite noong ika-24 ng Nobyembre noong 2009 upang hanapin ang katawan ng mga biktima, lalo na ang aming mga kaanak. Doon namin naramdaman ang pighati at sakit nang makita namin ang karumal-dumal na sinapit ng mga

biktima, at hindi ko po lubos maisip, Mr. Speaker, na ang krimeng ito ay kayang gawin ng taong maayos ang pag-iisip. Hindi ko rin po lubos maisip, Mr. Speaker, na may mga tao pang susuporta sa pagtago ng karumal-dumal na krimeng ito. In fact, may mga taong present at the crime scene na nililihis kami kung saan inilibing ang mga biktima at kanilang mga sasakyan. Ang mga tao sa likod ani nga massacre tried to hide the dead bodies and their dastardly acts by using backhoes to dig graves. The International Crisis Group regarded the Maguindanao massacre as “one of the worst acts of political violence in modern Philippine history, and the largest number of journalists slain on a single day ever, anywhere in the world.”

But first, let me highlight that, at present, Maguindanao has gone far from what it was after the Maguindanao massacre. Democracy started to exist. Kahit sino po puwede na pong sumali nang walang takot na maging kandidato sa election as long as qualified under the Omnibus Election Code. Alam kong ramdam ng aking mga kababayan ang malaking pagbabagong ito. It is now a better and more progressive Maguindanao.

I say this with so much pride and confidence that gone are the days when Maguindanao was labeled as the “election cheating capital” of our country. You will no longer see people walking around with guns and other weapons except law enforcers. Such impunity was the norm during the time when the Ampatuans were at the helm of the government in Maguindanao. Mr. Speaker, gusto ko lang pong linawin na hindi ko nilalahat ang mga Ampatuan kasi alam ko rin po at mayroon akong mga kaibigan at kakilala na mga Ampatuan na maaayos din at mabubuti po. After the massacre and after Toto Mangudadatu was peacefully elected as the governor of Maguindanao, discipline, peace and democracy were restored.

Today, I stand here, not only as a victim but also as a Representative of the Second District of Maguindanao, to ask and urge everyone to support us in our cry for justice for the lives lost on that ill-fated day.

Sa totoo lang po, Mr. Speaker, bibigyan ko kayo ng kaunting history. Before the massacre happened, marami na pong nakikiusap at nananakot sa amin na huwag na pong tumakbo bilang gobernador ng probinsiya ng Maguindanao si Toto Mangudadatu. May nakipag-bargain pa sa kanya na bibigyan daw siya ng mataas na posisyon noong administrasyong yaon. Subalit, Mr. Speaker, hindi po kami nagpapatnag sa aming pamilya dahil gusto po naming mabago ang sistema ng pamamalakad ng gobyerno sa aming probinsiya. Dahil sa conflict na iyon ay ipinatawag kami sa Malacañang, ang Mangudadatu family pati na rin ang Ampatuan family, ng dating President po ng ating bansa na ngayon ay isang Kongresista mula sa Ikalawang Distrito ng Pampanga. Ang tinutukoy ko po ay walang iba kundi

si Cong. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Sinubukan po ni Cong. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, noong siya pa po ay Presidente, na ayusin ang gusot ng dalawang pamilya, ngunit nangyari pa rin ang hindi dapat mangyari noong November 23, 2009.

Hanggang ngayon, hindi natin maiwasan na kilabutan at lubusang malungkot sa tuwing maaalala ang mga pangyayari. Subalit sa ating bansang may demokrasya, sa ating sistemang ligal, hindi po sapat ang kilabutan at malungkot tuwing maaalala ang Maguindanao massacre. Years after the horrific event, fathers, mothers, orphans of the victims, Maguindanaoans and the entire Philippines are still painfully crying and yearning for justice. Eight years had passed but justice remains elusive. The trial on the filed case against the perpetrators and their cohorts persists to drag on a very slow pace. There are even stories of irregularities in the handling of the cases that are aimed at delaying the progress of the case and placing serious doubts on the integrity of the procedure.

In 2015, an issue of bribery against the government prosecution panel handling the Maguindanao massacre case was all over the news. There was an information that the lead government prosecutor, former Undersecretary Francisco Baraan III of the Department of Justice, received a huge amount of money from the Ampatuans at dahil diyan ay napilitan na magsampa ng kaso sa Ombudsman ang mga kamag-anak po namin dito sa biktima against kay Usec. Baraan III. Ilang araw matapos masampahan ng kaso sa Ombudsman si Usec. Baraan III, a case was filed against myself, my family and our lawyers by a certain person named Jerramy Joson for serious illegal detention. Makikita sa television interviews ni Joson na nakikipag-meeting siya kay Undersecretary Baraan III and she wildly claimed that we detained her for purposes of influencing and forcing her to stand as a witness against the Ampatuans. This case against us, Mr. Speaker, however, was later dismissed for being a great falsehood.

Meanwhile in court, Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes of Branch 221 of the Quezon City RTC continues to hear testimonies of witnesses and several accused were allowed to post bail. Isa na dito si Sajid Ampatuan who posted bail in the amount of P11.6 million. Sajid Ampatuan ran for mayor of Shariff Aguak, Maguindanao in the May 2016 election but he lost. The clear efforts to delay the case and silence new witnesses abound. Last November 18, 2015, Denex Sakal was killed in an ambush while Sukarno "Butch" Saudagal was wounded. On December 10, 2015, former Datu Salibo Mayor Akmad Ampatuan, a nephew of former Governor Andal Sr. and his two companions were wounded in an ambush. Denex, Butch and Akmad are witnesses who were to testify against the Ampatuans. Last June 23, 2017, Judge Reyes dismissed multiple charges against the three suspects, Kominie Inggo, Dexson Saptula and Abas Anongan for lack of evidence. Judge Reyes

acquitted them of 58 counts of murder and ordered their immediate release from detention in Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig City.

Mr. Speaker, esteemed colleagues, the Ampatuan, Maguindanao massacre case seems to be going nowhere. The accused and respondents in the cases relating to it seem to be getting their way in our legal system. Some of the relatives of the journalists who perished had died without seeing justice being served. Nancy de la Cruz, mother of journalist Gina de la Cruz, died alone in her house on September 8, 2016. Mario Cadagdag, father of slain photojournalist Jepon Cadagdag, died of illness in October 2013. Cadagdag's wish was to see through the case "and witness the actual conviction of the accused." His wish had been buried with him in the grave. Femy Momay, wife of journalist Reynaldo Momay, died of colon cancer in June 2015.

Jether Montano, eldest son of Mariel Montano, is now a certified public accountant. NUJP scholars Roy Perante, son of Ronnie Perante, and June Colleen Maravilla, daughter of Ernesto Maravilla, finished criminology. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, Salama Musa, daughter of Meriam Musa, finished a course in information technology and also my niece, Ayesha Hajar, daughter of my late sister Eden, is now a Department of Tourism-ARMM Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, you see, years have passed. A lot of things have happened in the lives of the families of the victims, yet the wheels of justice are moving at a very slow pace. We have already heard lots of promises for its early and swift resolution. In an interview, Chief Justice Sereno said that the handling of the case is already being expedited at the maximum. She added, Mr. Speaker, that the High Court has already directed Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes to focus on the case. Former Justice Secretary Leila De Lima also said that she remains confident that there will be some convictions made before June 2016 or before the end of the Aquino administration, ngunit hanggang ngayon ay wala pa ring conviction na nangyayari. In fact, Amnesty International expressed disappointment that two consecutive administrations had failed to provide effective and swift justice for the victims and their families, with the trial marked by delays.

Noong Nobyembre 2015, base sa testimonya ng matatapatang at matatapat na witnesses, nasampahan ng kaso sa DOJ ang 50 pang katao na kasama din sa pagpapalano, pagsasagawa at pagtatago ng krimen pero hanggang ngayon, Mr. Speaker, wala pa ring resulta. But we are not losing hope. Naniniwala pa rin kami na mayroon pang mahahatulan at makakamit namin ang hustisiya pero sana bilisan na po. Lalo na ngayon, ang Pangulo natin ay walang iba kundi si President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. Alam po nating lahat, alam ng buong mundo na si President Duterte ay galit sa krimen, galit sa korapsyon at galit sa droga. Sana ay mabigyan

niya ng pansin ang kasong ito at tumulong sa tuluyang paghatol sa mga may-akda ng Ampatuan, Maguindanao massacre.

Mr. President, pareho tang taga-Mindanao, kami sa akong mga igsuon, sa Davao nami nidaku, sa Davao mi nangeskuwela ug nakahuman sa among mga piniling kurso. Kabalo ko nga nakasabot ka sa tinood nga sitwasyon, Mr. President, ug kabalo pud ko na aware ka sa mga kinaiya aning mga tawhana. Dili limud sa imo ang mga violation nga gibuhat nila sa dakbayan sa Davao. There was this incident that a certain Bahnarin Ampatuan allegedly killed the grandson of the former Davao City Treasurer. Bahnarin remained at large until now and another Ampatuan figured in a slapping incident, and the Ampatuans managed to enter high-powered firearms in Davao City.

Mr. Speaker, andiyan na ang mga ebidensiya. Malinaw na kung sino ang mga mastermind at may-akda ng krimen—puwede ngang i-consider itong isang kaso ng sinasabing “the thing speaks for itself.” Ngunit hanggang ngayon ay wala pa ring nahahatulan. Pinagpiyansa pa po ang isa!

On October 11, 2016, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Administrative Order No. 1 creating a presidential task force, a “super body” that will look into media killings in the country. The “super body” would also investigate the Maguindanao massacre and other previous cases of violence perpetrated against members of the media. This is a development that gives us so much hope for the future. Sana po ito na iyong sagot sa aming dalangin na mabigyan ng hustisya sa lalong madaling panahon ang mga biktima at kaanak ng Maguindanao massacre.

Mr. Speaker, masaya na rin po kami kahit papano that recently, Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes upheld her earlier decision to reject bail for Andal Ampatuan Jr. We rejoiced—one victory at a time!

A memorial with the names of the victims now stands in Maguindanao to remember the 58 people who lost their lives in the Maguindanao massacre. I have also filed a bill, Mr. Speaker, that will make November 23 of every year as a National Day of Mourning, but I have to highlight that commemorating the lives lost on that fateful day should not be enough. Justice must be served. Those who masterminded the massacre, those who executed the plans, those who tried to conceal the crime, and those who aided in the implementation of the plans must be convicted and sentenced. I am not blaming anyone for the snail’s pace of the case, Mr. Speaker. It is my heart’s desire na sana po hindi natin makalimutan ang kaso. I am asking everybody to cooperate or find ways to resolve this case with dispatch. Higit sa lahat, humihingi ako ng tulong para sa pag-aalaga ng mga witnesses na nakataya ang kanilang mga buhay at pamilya sa panganib. Before I end my speech, hayaan ninyo po akong magpasalamat sa mga

taong tumulong sa amin during the most difficult times of our lives.

Daghang salamat sa akong ig-agaw na si Cong. Suharto “Teng” Mangudadatu who was then the governor of Sultan Kudarat. Dili namo makalimtan nga ikaw mismo nikuyog sa morgue habang gina-autopsy ang mga patay nga lawas. Wala nimo gibyaan ang patay nga lawas ni Genalyn Mangudadatu. Insan, daghang salamat sa inyong tabang. Pati na rin sa walang humpay na guidance and wisdom na patuloy na ibinibigay ng aming tiyuhin na si Pax Mangudadatu who is the current governor of Sultan Kudarat at iba pa naming mga pinsan. Maraming salamat sa inyo. I am taking this opportunity to tell everyone how grateful I am to you.

Salamat din kay Cong. Butch Pichay for not refusing to extend help sa panahon nga ginalocate pa namo ang gravesite. Hangtud karon padayon ang inyong komunikasyon sa akong igsuon nga si Jhong. Dili namo makalimtan ang imong tabang sa among pamilya.

Mga media practitioners, local man o national, media organizations—FFFJ, PCIJ, NUJP, CMFR—na walang humpay at walang sawang nagbabantay at nagbabalita sa progreso ng kaso, huwag po kayong magsawa.

To all the members of the panel of prosecutors and private prosecutors, I commend you for your passion and dedication. Atty. Rachel Pastores from the Public Interest Law Center, Atty. Pete Principe, Atty. Michael Mella of the National Press Club, former Congressman now Presidential Spokesperson Atty. Harry Roque and Cong. Carlos Zarate and Atty. Gimena-Santos, iyong lead counsel namin, private prosecutor, at sa mamamayang Pilipino, please accept my heartfelt gratitude.

Maraming salamat po, Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes, together with your staff, the entire Branch 221 RTC-QC sa inyong walang sawang pagtitiyaga at matapat na pagganap sa inyong tungkulin. Umaasa po kami na sa ating pagtutulong-tulong, sana po ay bumilis na ang pag-convict sa mga may sala.

Salamat po sa mga sundalo at pulis, Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police at that time from Region XII, led by retired Gen. Felicisimo Khu Jr. from the Task Force Gensan, retired Lieutenant General Raymundo “Ding” Ferrer, administrator of the martial law in Maguindanao sa panahong iyon, at mga pulis ng ARMM na di sangkot sa kaso. Maraming salamat po sa inyong seguridad.

Sa mga witnesses na nag-alay ng kanilang buhay at kalayaan na, kung hindi dahil sa inyo, malamang hindi uusad ang kaso. Salamat sa inyong katapatan at katapangan.

Nagpapasalamat din po ako sa aking kaibigan na si Jay Dureza at ang kanyang ama na si OPAPP Secretary

Jess Dureza. We met on the night of November 21, 2009, Mr. Speaker, dahil humingi ako ng tulong at advice kay Secretary Dureza tungkol sa sitwasyon namin sa Maguindanao. Ang advice po sa akin ni Secretary Dureza, “Dong,” sabi niya, “mag-ingat na lang kayo kay Andal Ampatuan Sr.” dahil iba daw po ang takbo ng utak nito.

Maraming salamat din kay Chief PNP Director General Ronald “Bato” Dela Rosa na sa panahong iyon, siya ay kapo-promote lang bilang Police Senior Superintendent, pati na rin sa aking kaibigan na si Tata Sala na ngayon ay isang konsehal ng munisipyo ng Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur. The three of us had a meeting, together with the other PNP and AFP officials, somewhere in Davao City on the night of November 22, 2009 because I was asking na sana maging neutral lang ang mga sundalo at mga pulis, Mr. Speaker, pero kinabukasan ay nangyari na iyong Maguindanao massacre.

Maraming salamat din po kay Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre for accommodating the relatives of the victims yesterday in a meeting. Nang dahil po doon, nabuhayan po ng loob ang mga relatives.

Thank you rin po sa ating Speaker na si Pantaleon Alvarez for gracing us with your time. Thank you for accommodating, at your office, the relatives of the victims of the Maguindanao massacre. Salamat din po sa ating Majority Leader kanina; salamat, Sir, sa pag-accommodate mo sa amin at alam ko po na hindi rin po ninyo makalimutan itong araw ng November 23 dahil may masalimuot din na pangyayari sa buhay po ninyo.

Sa atong Presidente Rodrigo Roa Duterte, nga ng Mayor pa katong iaging nga hitabo ang Maguindanao massacre, he was the mayor of Davao City noon, dawata gikan sa among kasingkasing ang among dakung pasalamat, Mr. President. Dili namo malimtan ang imong tabang ug malasakit sa panahon sa among kaguol.

Mabuhay po tayong lahat. Mabuhay ang Maguindanao. Mabuhay ang bansang Pilipinas. Assalamu Alaikum warahmatullah hibrakam.

REP. ZARATE. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Rep. Carlos Zarate is recognized.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Gentleman from Maguindanao accommodate some further questions from this Representation?

REP. MANGUDADATU (Z.). Yes, Mr. Speaker, to the Congressman from the party-list, the Honorable Zarate.

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat po, G. Ispiker, at sa ating kagalang-galang na kaibigan na Kinatawan ng Ikalawang Distrito ng Maguindanao.

Mr. Speaker, ako po ay tuloy na nakikiramay at sumasama sa ating kaibigan at sa mga relatives ng mga biktima ng Ampatuan, Maguindanao massacre na nangyari noong November 23, 2009, at salamat din sa ating kaibigan. Kasama po tayo sa unang nagresponde upang matulungan ang mga relatives na mabigyan ng serbisyong ligal nang mangyari ang Ampatuan massacre noong November 23, 2009.

Para ho sa kaalaman ng ating Kapulungan, puwede ho bang malaman, Mr. Speaker, mula sa ating Kinatawan ng Second District of Maguindanao, ano na ho ba ang estado o status noong mga kasong isinampa sa pamilya ng Ampatuan at iba pang akusado dito sa madugong massacre na ito, Mr. Speaker?

REP. MANGUDADATU (Z.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the update of the report, ito lang November 16, 2017, ang korte po, iyong sa sala ni Judge Reyes, ay mayroon na silang nading sa kaso na 273 witnesses. Ito iyong 166 prosecution witnesses at iyong 107 defense witnesses. Saka mayroon na pong naresolba ang korte na 15 sets of formal offer of evidence and iyong koneksiyon with the bail application ng 70 accused. Saka ngayon, Mr. Speaker, ang turn ng defense to present its evidence, na out of the 108 accused where the subject of seven batches of prosecution ng formal offer of evidence ay na-resolve in the court, 69 accused have filed their respective motions. Pero, Mr. Speaker, ang isang nakakabahala po dito ay iyong sadyang pinapabagal po ng depensa ang kaso, para mapanghinaan po ng loob ang mga testigo at pamilya ng biktima.

Bakit ko po nasabi, Mr. Speaker? Dahil noong unang panahon, ang ginawa po ng defense ay nag-submit po sila ng eight motions to refuse against Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes. In fact, iyong proceedings pa po ng kaso ay na-delay dahil iyong court-assigned interpreter noon na si Rolando Abu ay nag-resign dahil sa pananakot po ng mga Ampatuan sa kanila, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat po, G. Ispiker at Kinatawan Mangudadatu.

Ang sunod ko pong katanungan—maalala ko po noong mangyari ang insidenteng ito, sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon ay nagkaroon ng deklarasyon ng martial law under the 1987 Constitution sa Maguindanao at dahil nga dito, nahuli rin ang mga salarin, mahigit 100 ang mga akusado. Puwede ho bang malaman mula sa Kinatawan, Mr. Speaker, G. Zajid Mangudadatu, sa mahigit 100 na nahuling mga salarin o accused dito sa

Ampatuan, Maguindanao massacre, ilan po ba talaga ang naiwan pa sa kulungan ngayon at ilan pa doon sa mga akusado ang hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa rin nahuhuli, Mr. Speaker?

REP. MANGUDADATU (Z.). Yes, Mr. Speaker, dito sa murder cases na ito, na mayroong 115 already arrested, iyong latest na accused na arrested was Jonathan Ingad noong February 28, 2015. May 40 na accused, including the former governor of Maguindanao, Andal Ampatuan Sr., na namatay na po at may tatlo pa.

Tungkol naman po doon sa nabanggit ng ating kagalang-galang na Representante, Congressman Zarate, iyong maraming nahuli noong massacre, noong martial law, iyon nga po, napakadaming nahuli, ang mga ebidensiya, mga baril and anything na magamit sa korte, hanggang ngayon po ay hinahanap pa natin, dahil sabi nila, nawala na iyong ibang mga ebidensiya laban sa mga Ampatuan.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po. Talagang nakakalungkot, G. Ispiker, na ang Ampatuan massacre na ito ay naitala na, hindi lang sa ating bansa kundi sa buong mundo. Ang sinabi nga dito, this is emblematic of the state of impunity. Ito ang simbolo ng estado ng impunity sa ating bansa hindi lang noong panahon na iyon at kahit na hanggang ngayon, dahil kahit ho sinabi at naturan ng ating kaibigan kanina, Mr. Speaker, na nagkaroon na ng disiplina, katahimikan at demokrasya sa Maguindanao, alam naman po natin na tuloy-tuloy pa rin ang usapin ng state of impunity, ang mga pagpatay na walang hustisya.

Kaya nga po, maitanong natin sa ating kaibigang Kinatawan Zajid Mangudadatu, ano ho ba sa tingin ninyo ang puwede pang magawa ng Kapulungang ito, ng House of Representatives, para ang mga ganitong karumal-dumal at hindi katanggap-tanggap na mga krimen ay mabigyan kaagad ng hustisya ang ating mga kababayan, Mr. Speaker?

REP. MANGUDADATU (Z.). Mr. Speaker, ito po ang punto ko ngayon kaya ako nagsasalita. Unang-una, humihingi po ako ng tulong sa aking mga kasamahan dito sa Kongreso at pinarating na po natin ito sa ating mahal na Pangulo, Presidente Duterte, dahil alam ko po na mayroon tayong oversight functions sa Judiciary, na by next week, hopefully, ay mag-file ho tayo ng resolution para mag-conduct ng imbestigasyon, para ipatawag natin iyong nasa sa sala ni Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes at saka i-ano natin sa Committee on Justice, para maimbestigahan natin kung bakit ganito katagal ang nangyayari sa Maguindanao massacre at wala pa ring nahahatulan sa kanila, Mr. Speaker?

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, G. Ispiker. Tama po, talaga pong kailangang mai-review din natin, marepaso ang mga kasalukuyang batas na sana ay magbibigay ng

hustisya sa ating mga kababayan pero ang nangyayari po ay, minsan, ito pa ang nagiging dahilan kung bakit hanggang ngayon ay mailap pa rin ang hustisya, lalong-lalo na sa mga biktima ng impunity katulad ng Ampatuan massacre.

Sa katunayan, G. Ispiker, noong pagkatapos mangyari ang Ampatuan massacre in 2009, nagtayo kami ng alyansa sa Mindanao, ang Alliance Against Impunity or AIM, dahil pagkatapos noong panahon na iyon, tuloy-tuloy pa rin nga ang impunity. In fact, nagkaroon kami ng tema noon: From Ampatuan to Tampakan, the impunity continues. Bakit ho Tampakan? Several years after the Ampatuan massacre, mayroon ding minasaker na mga Lumads sa Tampakan, mga B'laan, dahil lang sila ay tumutol sa pagpasok ng isang malaking pagmina. Pagkatapos noon, naiba na naman ang mukha ng impunity. From Ampatuan to Tampakan to Arakan. Bakit ho Arakan? Arakan is a town in North Cotabato kung saan ho na-assassinate, pinatay ang isang paring Italyano, si Father Pops Tentorio, dahil rin sa kanyang mga adbokasiya laban sa pagmina, laban sa warlordism at laban sa mga paramilitary forces.

Kaya ito po ang mukha ng impunity. Tuloy-tuloy ang impunity at kailangang matugunan natin ito, ang klase ng sitwasyon sa ating bayan na bumibiktima, lalong-lalo na, ng mga inosente at mga mahihirap. Kaya nga po, G. Ispiker, sana ay samahan din tayo ng ating kaibigan na manawagan tayo. Halimbawa—nakabinbin pa rin sa Kapulungang ito ang isang panukalang batas para maproteksiyunan ang ating mga witnesses, the Expanded Witness Protection Program. Dapat sigurong pabilisin natin ito dahil sa nasabi na rin ng ating kaibigan kanina—mayroong mga testigo, supposedly para sa prosekusyon, pero pinatay sila, hindi na nakapag-testify dahil they were not accommodated sa Witness Protection Program. Kaya siguro kung ito ay ating maipasa sa Kapulungang ito, itong Expanded Witness Protection Program, isang malaking tulong ito para sa pagbigay ng hustisya sa ating mga kababayan.

Bilang panghuli ko na lang po na punto, sinabi ko po kanina na ang state of impunity na ito ay hindi lamang usapin. Ang Ampatuan massacre is emblematic of the state of impunity not only in the Philippines but even in the entire world. In fact, Mr. Speaker, on November 23, 2011, two years after the Ampatuan massacre, the International Freedom of Expression Exchange or IFEX, in London, declared November 23, 2011 as the “International Day to End Impunity.” So, ito po ay every year na ginugunita dahil sa nangyaring Ampatuan massacre. Sa buong mundo, ginugunita itong International Day to End Impunity at baka puwedeng magiging susog doon sa panukalang batas ng ating kaibigang Zajid Mangudadatu na sa halip na ideklara ang November 23 as a National Day of Mourning, ay puwede nating ideklarang pambansang araw ito para itigil na ang impunity sa ating bansa.

Maraming salamat po, G. Ispiker, at muli ako ay nagpapaabot ng aking pakikipag-isa, ang BAYAN MUNA at ang buong Makabayan Bloc, ang aming pakikiisa sa ating kaibigan at sa lahat ng mga biktima ng Ampatuan massacre at biktima ng impunity.

Salamat po at magandang hapon po sa ating lahat.

REP. MANGUDADATU (Z.). Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat sa ating kaibigan at kagalang-galang na Cong. Carlos Zarate.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. I move that we refer the speech of Rep. Zajid Mangudadatu to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Zajid Mangudadatu: Governor Toto Mangudadatu, Mayor Freddie Mangudadatu, Ibrahim “Jong” Mangudadatu, Jerry Sangkigay, Mastura Bualan, Shamier De Castro, Maisalam Usop, Elizabeth Tayuan, Datun Tayuan, Rhamla Kadalim, King Kadalim, Jennah Lumawan, Faisal Lumawan, Jodalyn Pandog, Atty. Nena Santos, Atty. Benito Dangzo, Donna Fuentes, Norodin Andal and Surab Bantas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The guests of Cong. Zahid G. Mangudadatu are requested to rise and we welcome you to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 37 dated November 20, 2017.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6517

Continuation

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we

resume the consideration of House Bill No. 6517, and direct the Secretary General to read only the title of the measure.

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6517, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE AND RIGHT OF ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS AND EXPANDING RESEARCH INTO ITS MEDICINAL PROPERTIES.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that it is in the period of sponsorship and debate. I move that the author, Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Rep. Rodolfo “Rodito” T. Albano is hereby recognized.

REP. ALBANO. Yes, I am ready for interpellation, Mr. Speaker.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Jose “Lito” L. Atienza, Jr. of the Party-List BUHAY.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Cong. Jose “Lito” Atienza, Jr. is hereby recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to participate in this very important debate on the legalization of the so-called medicinal or medical marijuana. It is a very important piece of legislation that could affect the lives of our people from all walks of life all over the archipelago sapagkat ito ay batas pambansa na ating pinag-uusapan na maaaring makapagbago ng pamumuhay at kalagayan ng marami nating mga kababayan. Kaya dahil dito ay, bagamat sabik na sabik akong magtanong at makuwestiyon ang mga iba’t ibang mga bahagi nitong panukalang batas na ito ay hindi po naman siguro makakamit ang

kagustuhan nating ito kung wala tayong sapat na bilang dito sa ating harapan.

I am questioning the quorum therefore to make sure that we have enough Members to listen to this very important discussion and to vote intelligently when the time comes.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is suspended.

It was 5:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:48 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Jose “Lito” L. Atienza Jr. wishes to make a manifestation regarding his previous motion.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Rep. Jose “Lito” L. Atienza Jr. is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, we have stressed very, very clearly the need for a great majority of our membership to be participating in this all-important, critical piece of legislation, and that prompted me to request the leadership to move for a call of the roll to make sure that there are enough Members on the floor. At this point in time, as requested by some Members as they still would want to manifest certain important issues on the floor, so I am momentarily withdrawing my motion.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6517

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we thank the Gentleman from the Party-List BUHAY.

At this juncture, Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 6517. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6617 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 6617, contained in Committee Report No. 462, as reported out by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6617, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT, AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HIV AND AIDS PLAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998.”

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, for her sponsorship of the said measure, I move that we recognize the Lady from Dinagat Islands, Lone District, the Hon. Kaka J. Bag-ao. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Hon. Kaka J. Bag-ao is recognized.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. BAG-AO

REP. BAG-AO. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker, at magandang araw po mga kasama ko sa Kongreso. Mr. Speaker, ayon sa Joint United Nations

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

Programme on HIV/AIDS o UNAIDS, may 140 percent increase sa bilang ng bagong infections sa Pilipinas nitong nakaraang anim na taon, mula sa humigit-kumulang 4,300 noong 2010 hanggang sa halos 10,500 nitong 2016. Ayon naman sa Department of Health, umabot sa isang record high ang buwanang bilang ng HIV-positive cases sa bansa mula noong 1984. May 1,098 mga bagong kaso nitong May 2017. Malinaw po na malala na ang sitwasyon. Malinaw rin po na hindi talaga natutugunan ng kasalukuyang mga polisiya ang suliraning ito.

Kaya naman ay noon pa ay ninanais na po naming maipasa ang Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act na papalit sa Republic Act No. 8504 o mas kilala bilang Philippine AIDS Prevention and Control Act of 1998. Halos dalawang dekada na po ang tanda ng batas na ito ngunit paakyat nang paakyat pa rin ang bilang ng persons living with HIV o PLHIVs dito sa ating bansa. Now, more than ever, we need to strengthen the country's legal framework in addressing this issue. We need better ways to educate our citizens and care for persons living with HIV.

In this light, this proposed measure seeks to introduce the following reforms:

1. The restructuring of the legal framework on HIV and AIDS by harmonizing it with evidence-informed strategies and approaches on prevention, testing, screening, treatment, care and support, and making the HIV response flexible and relevant to the characteristic of the HIV epidemic facing the country;

2. The clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the state institutions involved in the HIV and AIDS response, from government agencies to local governments, thus ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the structure governing the response;

3. The establishment of the National Multi-Sectoral HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan, thus creating a road map on HIV and AIDS that has clear strategies, targets, operationalization framework, and funding; and

4. The strengthening of the information dissemination, education, and stigma reduction mechanisms of the law, which guarantees that the country's HIV and AIDS response is premised on the respect, recognition, and promotion of human rights and dignity.

Malalim na po ang naging proseso ng konsultasyon at diskusyon kasama ang stakeholders at magiging mga tagapagpatupad ng panukalang batas na ito. Mula pa noong nakaraang mga Kongreso, sama-samang sumusuporta dito ang Department of Health, ang Philippine National AIDS Council at ang mga civil society organizations na kinabibilangan din ng mga Persons Living with HIV. Dahil sa tumataas na bilang ng HIV cases sa bansa, at dahil malinaw na kung ano dapat ang ating tugon dito base sa mga talakayan natin sa Kongreso mula noon pa, mahalagang kumilos na po tayu para maipasa ang mahalagang batas na ito sa lalong madaling panahon.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. I move for a suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is suspended.

It was 5:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:56 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, there being no interpellation and no Member who registered to speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, there being no amendments, individual or that pertaining to the Committee, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 6617 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 6617 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye.*

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6617
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 6617 is approved on Second Reading.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

REP. PIMENTEL. In accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees:

1. House Resolution No. 1401, inquiry re the reported decline in foreign investments in the country in order to propose policies that would arrest the reported decline and improve the country's position in attracting foreign investments, to the Committee on Trade and Industry;

2. House Resolution No. 1404, inquiry re 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, to the Committee on Energy;

3. House Resolution No. 1406, inquiry re the proliferation of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies for the purpose of protecting the rights of the investors, to the Committee on Trade and Industry;

4. House Resolution No. 1409, inquiry re the administrative relationship between DepEd ARMM and DepEd Central Office, to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;

5. House Resolution No. 1417, inquiry re the alleged mass migration of private school teachers to public schools on account of higher compensation with

the end in view of enacting legislative measures to address the same, to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;

6. House Resolution No. 1420, inquiry re the utilization of the Special Education Fund (SEF) by the Provincial, Municipal and City Local School Boards (LSB), to the Committee on Local Government;

7. House Resolution No. 1426, inquiry re the P50 additional charge for paper billing of telecommunications companies, to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;

8. House Resolution No. 1432, inquiry re the legality of DepEd Order No. 38, series of 2017 which reduced the net take home pay of teaching personnel and other employees of the Department of Education below P4,000, to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;

9. House Resolution No. 1433, inquiry re the recently reported improper and allegedly illegal act of stocks trading of certain key officials of the Social Security System (SSS) leading to investments opportunity losses of the SSS to the prejudice of the corporation and its members, and to recommend appropriate legislation, to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability; and

10. House Resolution No. 1434, inquiry re the alleged conflict of interests and profiteering of SSS executives, to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;

There is a correction, Mr. Speaker. House Resolutions No. 1433 and 1434 are to be referred jointly to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Banks and Financial Intermediaries

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session.

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

The session is adjourned and will resume Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

It was 6:00 p.m.