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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Mylene J. Garcia-Albano called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
Please rise for the singing of the National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
Please remain standing for a few moments of silent prayer.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
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. 83, dated May 23, 2018.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 197 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
With 197 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
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, Communications and Committee Reports, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7699, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEVELOPMENT, PROTECTION AND REGULATORY FUNCTIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR A LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Acosta-Alba

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

* See ANNEX AI (printed separately)

House Bill No. 7700, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE IN MANOLO FORTICH, BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta-Alba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7701, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF BATAS PAMBANSA 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE’, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tugna
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7702, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BATTLE OF ISING MEMORIAL MARKER A NATIONAL MILITARY SHRINE TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATTLE OF ISING NATIONAL MILITARY SHRINE”

By Representative Floirendo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 7703, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM INCOME TAX COMPENSATION GIVEN TO TEACHERS FOR SERVING AS MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORAL BOARD FOR LOCAL OR NATIONAL ELECTIONS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7704, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 10742 OR THE ‘SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015’ ”

By Representatives Garbin, Batocabe and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7705, entitled:

“AN ACT SUPPORTING MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7706, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7707, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE ACT OF MONEY LENDING WITH INTEREST BY SALARY DISBURSING OFFICERS IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7708, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE COTABATO REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER IN COTABATO CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8316, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7709, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTH COTABATO MANPOWER TRAINING CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7710, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PHILIPPINE ARENA OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO AS THE SPORTS CAPITAL OF MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7711, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MONETARY COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN THE MAIN AFFECTED AREA (MAA) AND GREATER MARAWI AREA (GMA) IN MARAWI CITY DURING THE MARAWI SIEGE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Adiong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7712, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION SIXTY-SIX OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX (R.A. NO. 9136), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001’ ”

By Representative Go (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 7715, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURE TOURISM IN BARANGAY UDDIAWAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SOLANO IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7716, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SALARY STANDARDIZATION ACT’, AND AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 474 FOR THAT PURPOSE”

By Representative Manalo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7718, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE, USE, SALE, AND IMPORTATION OF COSMETIC AND PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS CONTAINING PLASTIC MICROBEADS”

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 7719, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE BARANGAY OFFICIAL ELIGIBILITY (BOE) TO THE

SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) OFFICIALS”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7720, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE NATIONAL ROAD FROM CROSSING AIRPORT ROAD AND C.A FERNANDEZ ROAD (BALIWASAN CHICO ROAD) TO LIMPAPA BRIDGE AS GEN. VICENTE ALVAREZ HIGHWAY”

By Representative Lobregat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7721, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BALA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - BUSAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY BUSAY, MUNICIPALITY OF MOALBOAL, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE BALA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BUSAY (MOALBOAL) NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7722, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE COGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - HIPOLITO BOQUECOSA MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (BULLOGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION) IN BARANGAY BULLOGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMANJUG, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE COGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS HIPOLITO BOQUECOSA (BULLOGAN, DUMANJUG) NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7723, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MONTANEZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - SORSOGON EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SORSOGON, MUNICIPALITY OF MALABUYOC,

PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE MONTANEZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SORSOGON (MALABUYOC) NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7724, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BULAK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - TUBOD-DUGOAN EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TUBOD-DUGOAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMANJUG, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE BULAK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TUBOD-DUGOAN (DUMANJUG) NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7725, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BADIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - TUBOD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TUBOD, MUNICIPALITY OF BADIAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE BADIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TUBOD (BADIAN) NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7726, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BADIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - ALCANTARA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF ALCANTARA, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE BADIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BADIAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALCANTARA NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7727, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LANGIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - RONDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL POBLACION EXTENSION IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF RONDA, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE LANGIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE RONDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7728, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE DUMANJUG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (BITOON NATIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - POBLACION EXTENSION) IN BARANGAY LIONG, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMANJUG, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE BITOON NATIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DUMANJUG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7729, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALUGTUG IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Violago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7730, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN JOSE CITY - LLANERA - RIZAL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA VIA PALESTINA, SAN JOSE CITY, NUEVA

ECIJA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Violago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7731, entitled:

“AN ACT LIMITING THE LIABILITY OF A CARDHOLDER FOR UNAUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS IN CASES OF LOSS, FRAUD OR THEFT OF CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10870”

By Representative Mariño
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7732, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) TAX EXEMPTION APPLICABLE TO THE HONORARIA, TRAVEL ALLOWANCE, DEATH BENEFITS, AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DUE TO PERSONS WHO RENDER ELECTION SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1876, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE KILLING OF FORMER REP. EUFRANIO ‘FRANNY’ ERIGUEL OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF LA UNION ON MAY 12, 2018”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1877, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPRESS ITS PROFOUND SENSE OF LOSS FOR THE PASSING OF FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT EDGARDO ANGARA”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1878, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY THAT A FIFTY THOUSAND (50,000) HECTARE PROPERTY LOCATED AT GEN. NAKAR, QUEZON BE DECLARED

AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS ITS DEVELOPMENT AS NEW POLITICAL CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

House Resolution No. 1879, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RISING COMPLAINTS AGAINST TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES ON POOR MOBILE AND INTERNET SERVICES, BILLING PROBLEMS AND VARIOUS CONSUMER PROBLEMS”

By Representative Bravo (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1880, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN EUFRANIO ‘FRANNY’ CHAN ERIGUEL”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1881, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS JOINTLY WITH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BICOL RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED SMUGGLING OF ILLEGAL DRUGS OFF THE COASTAL WATERS OF THE PROVINCES OF CAMARINES NORTE AND QUEZON”

By Representative Unico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1882, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES AND CONDEMNING THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF THE HONORABLE EUFRANIO C. ERIGUEL, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 2ND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF LA UNION”

By Representative Velarde
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1883, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND

CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF THE HONORABLE EDGARDO J. ANGARA, FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT”

By Representative Velarde
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1884, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF PASSENGERS GOING TO AND FROM THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA BY PRIVATE BUS OPERATORS PLYING THE CAGAYAN VALLEY ROUTE”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1886, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN URGENT INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED ANOMALOUS P60-MILLION ADVERTISEMENT DEAL BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT) HEADED BY FORMER SECRETARY WANDA TEO AND BITAG MEDIA UNLIMITED, INC. (BMUI) OWNED AND HOSTED BY HER BROTHERS BEN AND ERWIN TULFO”

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

House Resolution No. 1887, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE K TO 12 PROGRAM”

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

House Joint Resolution No. 22, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION MANDATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND TRANCHE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM PENSION INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 TO CUSHION THE IMPACT OF NEW TAXES AND TO PROVIDE SOCIAL PROTECTION TO PENSIONERS”

By Representatives Zarate, Tinio, Castro (F.L.), Brosas, Casilao and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 15 March 2018 of Joselito C. De Vera, Executive Director, Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of their 2016 Annual Report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Letter dated 10 April 2018 of Jose Voltaire V. Ricafrente, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Rosario, Province of Cavite, submitting to the House of Representatives their LGSF-ADM Quarterly Report for the Quarter ended March 31, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization for the year ended December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated April 16, 2018 of Minerva I. Morales, SUC President III, Catanduanes State University, submitting the University’s Status of Allotment Releases, Obligations and Balances, as of the month ending February 28, 2018 and March 31, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 21 April 2018 of Atty. Guiller B. Asido, Administrator, Intramuros Administration, transmitting to the House of Representatives their financial reports for the quarter ending March 31, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 23 April 2018 of Ronald Gian Carlo L. Cardema, OIC-Office of the Chairperson and CEO, National Youth Commission, informing the House of Representatives that the Commission’s Report on the Utilization of Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Mandatory and Continuing Training Fund (FAR 1 – Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances) as of the quarter ending March 31, 2018 has been posted to the Commission’s website – Transparency Seal last April 18, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 23 April 2018 of Francisco T. Duque III, Secretary, Department of Health, submitting the Department’s initial draft of the 4th Annual Report on the Implementation of Republic Act No. 10354.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Letter dated April 23, 2018 of Roman G. Del Rosario, Presiding Justice, Court of Tax Appeals, submitting to the House of Representatives the Court's Quarterly Financial and Physical Accomplishment Reports for the 1st Quarter ending March 31, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

Annual Audit Report on the Isabela State University, Echague, Isabela for the Year ended December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

LGSF-ADM Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended March 31, 2018 of the Municipality of Bilar, Province of Bohol, attested by Norman D. Palacio, Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Dangerous Drugs (Committee Report No. 747), re H.R. No. 456, introduced by Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN URGENT INVESTIGATION IN AIDE OF LEGISLATION ON THE ILLEGAL DRUG TRADING ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE”

Privilege Speech No. 84, introduced by Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos, entitled:

“ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE IN HIS DISTRICT”

and Privilege Speech No. 88, introduced by Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos, entitled:

“REACTION TO PRESS RELEASES IN RELATION TO HIS PRIVILEGE SPEECH RE: DRUG-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN HIS DISTRICT IN ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE”

informing the House of its findings and recommendations

Sponsor: Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 748), re H.B. No. 7761, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE

MUNICIPALITY OF SAN DIONISIO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN DIONISIO, ILOILO TESDA TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5800

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 749), re H.B. No. 7767, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SICSICAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ANNEX IN BARANGAY STA. MONICA, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM THE SICSICAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SANTA MONICA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3317

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.), Cagas and Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 750), re H.B. No. 7768, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BOCBCOC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – KIARA ANNEX IN BARANGAY KIARA, MUNICIPALITY OF DON CARLOS, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON FROM THE BOCBCOC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS KIARA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4304

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 751), re H.B. No. 7769, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PINAYAG, MUNICIPALITY OF KAYAPA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS PINAYAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5598

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte from the Sixth District of Quezon City: Kagawad Nestor “Estong” Reyes from Brgy. North Fairview, Quezon City; Kagawad Marlon Mendoza from Nagkaisang Nayon, Quezon City; and Mr. Dionisio Salio, Board of Director of United North Fairview Homeowners Association. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed with the Business for the Day.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7446 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7446, contained in Committee Report No. 683, as reported out by the Committees on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). 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 Bill No. 7446, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING A SOCIALIZED MICROFINANCING PROGRAM FOR MICRO ENTERPRISES THEREBY PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the First District of Misamis Oriental, Rep. Pedro “Sr. Pedro” M. Unabia.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Honorable Unabia is recognized.

REP. UNABIA. Mme. Speaker, esteemed colleagues, maayong hapon kanatong tanan.

Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, we join the Gentleman from Misamis Oriental.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. There being no Committee amendments, I move that we proceed to consider individual amendments, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. There being no individual

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amendments, Mme. Speaker, I move that we close the period of amendments, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we approve House Bill No. 7446, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

All those in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). All those against, please say *nay*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7446 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7446 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, considering that copies of the Journal of the previous session have been distributed to the Members, I move that we approve Journal No. 82 of the previous session.

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

Journal No. 82 for Tuesday, May 22, 2018, is hereby approved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 4:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:29 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema of the First District of Maguindanao, who wishes to rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Honorable Sema is recognized. Kindly proceed.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. SEMA

REP. SEMA. Mme. Speaker, I rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

I rise regarding the takeover of the barangay elections in Cotabato City by robocops.

Mr. Speaker, honorable colleagues, the May 14, 2018 Barangay Elections in Cotabato City were taken over by robocops. I call them “robocops” because they acted like robots—robocops who followed instructions other than the COMELEC General Instructions in connection with the conduct of the barangay elections; robocops who obeyed the whims and caprices of the PNP City Director and the City Election Officer rather than the clear mandate of the law.

As early as three o'clock in the morning on May 14, public school teachers who were appointed and trained for election duty trooped to the City Treasurer's Office at the Cotabato City Hall to receive ballots, ballot boxes and other election paraphernalia, and served as Electoral Boards. This was an opportunity for them to serve their country and help in ensuring a clean, honest and credible election. They had done this many times. The weakest among them refused to serve. But those who were firm and steadfast had offered their day to serve their country. For the economically challenged teacher, this was an opportunity to augment their meager income and be paid P5,000 or P6,000, as the case may be, as an honorarium for their electoral duty. But when the teachers reached the City Hall, PNP personnel were lined up as though there was a military junta. There had been no reports of destabilization, no report of breach of peace, no report of a difficult peace and order situation. But why were there so many policemen? Hindi ko alam kung papaano sa inyo, pero sa amin at sa ibang lugar, nakakatakot kapag maraming pulis.

According to the policemen who were then manning the gates of the City Hall, only those serving as Electoral Boards were allowed to enter. The watchers were also initially barred from entering, but the teachers insisted that they would be serving. Since the policemen had no

final list of those who would be serving, they hesitantly gave in to the teachers' persistence. The teachers rushed towards the door of the City Hall. They were afraid that with a little bit more delay, they would not be able to start the preliminaries to voting by six o'clock in the morning as required by law.

Upon entering the Treasurer's Office, they were surprised to learn that police officers had already taken the election paraphernalia. They were replaced without reason. They were dismissed without notice. The robocops had already taken over, even though the teachers were qualified, willing and available to render election service, for that was what they had been trained for.

Mme. Speaker, our election laws, rules and regulations and the General Instructions of the COMELEC are clear on the right to preference of public school teachers in the appointment of members of the Electoral Board. The qualified teachers possess good moral character and irreproachable reputation. They are registered voters and so they have a stake in the honest result of the election. They should not be related to the candidates or to the other members within the fourth degree of affinity or consanguinity. Their names had been posted before the election so that anyone who had information as to their disqualification could object to their appointment. More importantly, they have the experience and underwent rigid training for the job.

Honorable colleagues, our election laws are clear in emphasizing that military personnel, including the PNP, will be called upon only when the peace and order situation in the area requires their presence. They are supposed to stay 50 meters away from the polling place. In case of imminent danger, they can come, but not nearer 30 meters. This is because the military is the most potent establishment that can wrestle power from civilian authorities. They are not supposed to intervene in civilian affairs reserved to civilian authorities.

This Representation admits that the COMELEC General Instructions in connection with the May 14, 2018 BSK election allowed the deputization of uniformed personnel of the PNP. But said instructions require the concurrence with two conditions before they can be appointed:

a. The peace and order situation in the area requires the appointment of PNP uniformed personnel; and

b. There are no qualified, willing and available persons to render election service in the affected area based on the certification issued by the highest officials or authorized representative of the following entity: (i.) private schools; (ii.) DepEd; (iii.) other national government agencies; and (iv) local chapter of the citizens' arm or other CSOs and NGOs accredited by the COMELEC.

As this Representation has mentioned earlier, we had a good peace and order situation in Cotabato City. No less than Col. James Yuri of the AFP Special Action Force declared this: "We have hundreds of teachers and other volunteers who are qualified, willing and available to render election-related services. I have here the list of public school teachers and private school teachers who have been certified by DepEd as qualified, willing and available."

What is interesting, Mme. Speaker, honorable colleagues, is that while some politicians threatened the others, many teachers boldly announced and signed their names that they were willing to replace those who might have withdrawn. What evidence of willingness do we need when these teachers trooped to the Treasurer's Office early morning of election day to obtain the election paraphernalia they would be needing for their job?

Have they been asked if they would back out? No.

Have they been asked if they changed their mind? No.

The teachers had been robbed of their right to preference without reason and without notice. And who decided for their exclusion? The good election officer of Cotabato City, Atty. Michael Ighes and the Cotabato City PNP Director Senior Superintendent Rolly Octavio. They substituted the clear mandate of the election law and the COMELEC General Instructions for their personal whims and caprices. Of course, this tandem could not synchronize their actions without somebody pulling the strings. Whoever was behind this flagrant violation of our election law would be revealed if we conduct an investigation in aid of legislation so that this will not happen again in the future and in other places.

Mme. Speaker, honorable colleagues, why do I need to talk about this here in this august Chamber? I am speaking out not just because of the violation on the preference of teachers or civilians in the Electoral Board. I am speaking out because the evil which the law has intended to prevent happened in my city.

First of all, the appointment of PNP uniformed personnel was done not only in a few isolated barangays but in all barangays where the candidates were opposed to the mayor. Second, appointments were given like a blank check. The election officer, Atty. Ighes, had already signed the appointment and all the appointees had to do was to write their names in the blank space intended for the name of the appointee, devoid of any screening for qualifications and the solemnity of an oath. I have here a copy of said blank appointment. Third, when the punong barangay candidate of the mayor was losing, the Electoral Board headed by a uniformed PNP personnel ran away with the election returns, took refuge in the City Hall and turned over the altered returns after nine long hours. Fourth, the PNP uniformed personnel acting as Chairmen of the

Electoral Board, together with their men, required the watchers to step out of the room and fill out the election returns as if they were in an art class. I have a video of this art class. Fifth, the Barangay Board of Canvassers composed of PNP uniformed personnel, sporting blank appointments, instead of six o'clock in the evening of May, convened only in the morning of May 15, after the snatched election returns had resurfaced.

There was no notice sent to the parties before the Barangay Board of Canvassers convened. The PNP Chairman of the Canvassing Board instructed the chairmen of the clustered precincts to simply pass their unsealed and newly altered election returns. They piled them on the table, and started canvassing them.

No envelopes were displayed as election returns were naked when they came, and so naked were they canvassed. No seal was removed since the election returns came without a seal. As the Chairman was about to canvass the naked returns, a lawyer of a candidate objected to the canvassing of the election returns as they were all unsealed, and their authenticity and due execution were questionable. But as if hearing nothing, the robocop proceeded to canvass all the election returns and proclaimed the candidate of the Mayor.

Mme. Speaker, honorable colleagues, this is what happens when the laws that we pass here are not respected. It is important, Mme. Speaker, that not only must we have a clear-cut policy on the involvement of uniformed PNP personnel in the electoral process, but also, the manner of implementation of said policy must be closely monitored, for there are people who can use the PNP for their ulterior motive to mock our electoral process.

This happened in my district last election. This can happen again in other places in the country in the elections to come. We have to investigate this before it is too late.

Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the matter of personal and collective privilege of Rep. Bai Sandra A. Sema to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The question of privilege is so referred.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of the following measures:

1. House Bills No. 110 and 6968, relocating the seat of government from Metro Manila, from the Committee on Revision of Laws to the Committee on Government Reorganization;

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved. The said change of referral is hereby approved.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Another item is:

2. House Resolution No. 1777, expressing the sense of the House demanding the immediate resignation of Sandra Cam and the initiation of contempt proceedings against her, from the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Justice.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move for a few minutes suspension of the session.

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

The session is suspended.

It was 4:43 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:04 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao of Party-List ANAKPAWIS for his personal and collective privilege.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Hon. Ariel Casilao is recognized. Kindly proceed.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. CASILAO

REP. CASILAO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

I rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege with regard to the first anniversary declaration of martial law in Mindanao.

Sa araw na ito, mga kapwa kong Mambabatas ay ginugunita, hindi lamang ng mamamayan ng Marawi at ng Mindanao, kundi ng buong bansa ang pagdeklara ng martial law sa Mindanao. Sa tingin po at punto de bista ng Kinatawang ito, hindi makatarungan, mapang-abuso sa kapangyarihan at mapanupil ang pagdeklara ng martial law sa Mindanao. Sa Marawi City at kanugnog na mga probinsya, ginugunita nila ang malagim na pag-atake ng mga panatikong teroristang ISIS at ang reaksyon ng Armed Forces of the Philippines, na walang patumanggang binomba ang siyudad mula sa lupa at himpapawid, reaksyon na walang pinagkaiba at mas masahol pa sa terorismong ginawa ng mga teroristang ISIS.

Sa katunayan, Mme. Speaker, at mga kapwa Kinatawan, ginamit ang Marawi siege upang bigyang katuwiran ang pag-implementa ng martial law hindi lamang sa Marawi kundi sa buong Mindanao. Mag-iisang taon na ang pagpapalawig nito na nagresulta ng mga samo't saring pang-aabuso sa karapatan ng mga sibilyan at iba pang mga sektor ng ating lipunan.

Ayon sa AFP mismo, tapos na ang banta ng terorismo ng ISIS sa Marawi City, ngunit bakit patuloy ang walang habas na paglabag sa karapatang pantao na ginagawa ng mga puwersa ng AFP sa iba't ibang bahagi ng Mindanao?

Nitong nakaraang Pebrero at Abril, nagkaroon ng dalawang International Fact Finding Mission sa Mindanao na nilahukan mismo ng Kinatawang ito at iba pang miyembro ng Makabayan bloc. Hindi tulad sa depiksyon ng gobyerno na umano'y tahimik at mapayapa ang Mindanao sa ilalim ng martial law, takot ang nililikha nito lalo na sa mga magsasaka, katutubong Lumad, mga manggagawa at maralitang lungsod na mayroong mga kanya-kanyang pakikibakang lokal para igiit ang kanilang mga sektoral na karapatan at karaingan. Personal na nasaksihan ng Kinatawang ito ang harassment sa pamamagitan ng sunud-sunod na mga checkpoint na ginawa ng mga elemento ng militar sa aming grupo upang i-verify ang mga kaso ng paglabag sa karapatang pantao. Labintatlong beses na hinarang ang aming teams na nagpunta sa Caraga sa pangunguna ni kagalang-galang na Rep. Caloy Zarate sa Northern Mindanao, at Southern Mindanao Region sa pangunguna naman ng Kinatawang ito.

Mme. Speaker, at mga kapwa Kinatawan, halos hindi magkaiba ang pangunahing dinaranas ng mga kapatid nating mga magsasaka at katutubo sa ilalim ng martial law sa Mindanao. Pinaparatangan silang mga NPA supporter, albeit sila ay mga terrorist supporter.

Sa Southern Mindanao, Mme. Speaker, may halos mahigit 66 na indibidwal ang biktima ng extrajudicial killings, sa Caraga po ay may 10, ito ay noong maipatupad ang batas militar sa mga rehiyon ng Mindanao. Pangunahing mga biktima ay pawang mga miyembro at aktibong lider ng mga progresibong grupong lokal sa kani-kanyang mga rehiyon.

May mga kaso rin ng sapilitang pagsuko. Ayon sa report ng AFP, halos 6,000 sa nakaraang anim na buwan ang naipasuko mula sa hanay ng NPA. Pero resulta ng Fact Finding Mission na ito sa Southern Mindanao Region pa lamang, may mahigit na 400 na puwersahan at sapilitang pinasuko at ginawang prisinta ng mga NPA o NPA combatants and supporters. Ang tawag po ng Kinatawang ito, Mme. Speaker, ay fake surrenderees.

Patunay lamang ito na ginagawang gatasang-baka ng pamunuan ng AFP ang pondo ng gobyerno sa ilalim ng Integration Program na bilyun-bilyon ang pondo.

Mme. Speaker, at mga kapwa Kinatawan, ang sinumang umaasa sa kapayapaan sa Mindanao o sa buong bansa sa pagpataw ng martial law ay nagkakamali dahil ang martial law sa Mindanao ay hindi na laban sa kaaway ng ating gobyerno. Ito ay naging mapanupil na giyera sa mga sibilyan at ordinaryong mamamayan na nanggigiit at gumigiit ng kanilang mga batayang karapatan sa lupa, sahod at iba pang mga panlipunang serbisyo. At habang ang ating mga mamamayan ay nalililalig sa mga paglabag sa kanilang karapatang pantao, walang martial law na makapagpapahupa ng kanilang pakikibaka at walang kapayapaan na dadapo sa Mindanao at sa buong bansa.

Kaya, Mme. Speaker, nananawagan ang Kinatawang ito na tingnan-tingnan muli ang desisyon ng Kapulungang ito na nagpalawig sa martial law hanggang December 2018. Pakinggan naman po natin ang mga ordinaryong mamamayan ng Mindanao—ang mga magsasaka, ang mga katutubong Lumad, ang mga kapatid nating Bangsamoro, ang mga kabataan at kababaihan na dahil sa pang-aabuso, sila ngayon ay sumisigaw: “Itigil na ang martial law sa Mindanao!”

Mapagpalayang pagbati po at hapon sa inyong lahat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is suspended.

It was 5:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:13 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is resumed.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the matter of personal and collective privilege raised by the Honorable Casilao to the Committee on Rules.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the guests of our honorable Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez. They are from the Department of Education, Region XI, namely: Dr. Janet Veloso, Dr. Ma. Fe Sibuan, Dr. May Ann Jumud and Dr. Darwin Suyat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The guests of the Speaker will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session suspended.

It was 5:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:24 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7742 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7742, contained in Committee Report No. 741, as reported out by the Committees on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). 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 Bill No. 7742, entitled: AN ACT REINFORCING THE CORPORATE VIABILITY OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS, STRENGTHENING ITS MONETARY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY FUNCTIONS AND ENHANCING ITS REGULATORY POWERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the Lone District of Eastern Samar, Rep. Ben P. Evardone, for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Hon. Ben Evardone is recognized.

REP. EVARDONE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. May I request that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 7742 be considered as my sponsorship speech, Mme. Speaker.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I join the Gentleman from Eastern Samar with his motion.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none ...

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Yes. The Hon. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, I am not objecting, but I would like to make it on record that there is no Explanatory Note attached to the Bill for Second Reading. May we request the leadership of the House that in subsequent measures, it should be a policy that the Explanatory Notes should be attached to the bills for Second Reading because many authors or sponsors would manifest that they are adopting the

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Explanatory Note as their sponsorship speech, but there is no Explanatory Note attached. Could we get an assurance from the House leadership that in subsequent measures before we take up a bill on Second Reading, the Members of the House should be furnished copies of the Explanatory Notes of the bills scheduled for Second Reading?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Yes. We take note of the manifestation of the honorable Representative from the First District of Albay and we assure him that we will comply and attach the request as requested by Representative Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Will the Majority Leader reiterate the previous motion?

REP. HERRERA-DY. Yes. I move that—we are joining the motion of Rep. Ben P. Evardone that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as his sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Sorry. I withdraw my motion.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker, I am not opposed to this measure, but I would like to get some clarification from the distinguished author and Sponsor.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Representative Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Representative Lagman is hereby recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Will the distinguished Sponsor and author entertain some clarificatory questions?

REP. EVARDONE. Certainly, Mme. Speaker, from our learned colleague from Albay.

REP. LAGMAN. Since we are increasing the capitalization of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, may we know, presently, what is the balance or remaining capitalization of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas as originally enacted?

REP. EVARDONE. Mme. Speaker, it has been fully paid already. The balance is P50 billion, Mme. Speaker. It has been paid P10 billion in 1993 when the Bangko Sentral Act was enacted, and on November 4, 2011, another P10 billion was appropriated. On December 28, 2012, another P20 billion, and on January 2, 2014, another P10 billion, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, the original capitalization of Bangko Sentral is P50 billion.

REP. EVARDONE. That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. And we are told or informed by the distinguished Sponsor that this P50 billion has been fully subscribed and paid by the national government.

REP. EVARDONE. That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. My question is, how much of that paid capitalization still remains unused or unexpended by the Bangko Sentral?

REP. EVARDONE. Mme. Speaker, actually, considering that the BSP also incurs losses, the P50 billion is already depleted.

REP. LAGMAN. So, there is no more balance remaining out of that P50 billion original capitalization.

REP. EVARDONE. That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. How much of that P50 billion has been lost because of losses?

REP. EVARDONE. Mme. Speaker, the Committee does not have a figure of how much of that P50 billion capitalization went to losses, but we have on records that the BSP has a total loss of about P66 billion, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Total losses of P66 billion...

REP. EVARDONE. Yes.

REP. LAGMAN. ...out of a capitalization of P50 billion.

REP. EVARDONE. That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. In other words, that P50 billion original capitalization has been washed out by losses ...

REP. EVARDONE. It was used ...

REP. LAGMAN. ... theoretically from the explanation of the distinguished Chairman?

REP. EVARDONE. Well, in a way, yes, but it was part of the capitalization, but it was also used to generate revenues, Mme. Speaker. That is why, in fact, the present total capital accounts of the BSP stand at P4.5 trillion, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Can we get the data, Mme. Speaker, distinguished Chairman of the nature of the P66 billion losses, when these were incurred and how they were considered as losses?

REP. EVARDONE. We will provide the distinguished Gentleman, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Because it is very important that this Chamber and the public should know what happened to the operations of the Central Bank, that a total of P66 billion has been lost. So, when can we get the data on these losses, Mme. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor?

REP. EVARDONE. Mme. Speaker, the Committee was assured that we can provide the distinguished Gentleman the data tomorrow, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, pending submission, Mr. Chairman, Mme. Speaker, of the nature, the causes and the time, as well as why these were considered losses, can we be permitted to suspend our interpellation? We are not delaying the passage of this measure, but this is a very important measure and we are capitalizing an additional amount of P200 billion for the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. At least, we should be able to know why losses have been incurred, when they were incurred, how they were incurred and why they are considered as losses.

REP. EVARDONE. Well ...

REP. LAGMAN. So, may I move that we suspend the consideration of the Bill, pending submission of this very important data.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 5:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7742

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we suspend consideration of House Bill No. 7742.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 5:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:02 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer the following House resolutions to the appropriate Committees:

1. House Resolution No. 1798, to the Committee on Natural Resources;
2. House Resolution No. 1799, to the Committee on Transportation;

3. House Resolution No. 1801, to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

4. House Resolution No. 1806, to the Committee on Tourism;

5. House Resolution No. 1808, to the Committee on Labor and Employment;

6. House Resolution No. 1810, to the Committee on Energy;

7. House Resolution No. 1815, to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

8. House Resolution No. 1819, to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs;

9. House Resolution No. 1822, to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;

10. House Resolution No. 1823, to the Committee on Labor and Employment;

11. House Resolution No. 1824, to the Committee on Ways and Means;

12. House Resolution No. 1825, to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;

13. House Resolution No. 1826, to the Committee on Labor and Employment; and

14. House Resolution No. 1839, to the Committee on Public Works and Highways.

I so move, Mme. Speaker

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 6:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:15 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following Committee Reports, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Poverty Alleviation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 752), re H.B. 7773, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 17, 41, 73, 207, 293, 318, 366, 399, 501, 518, 699, 823, 887, 901, 1098, 1429, 1548, 1661, 1694, 1948, 2278, 2456, 2545, 2688, 2772, 4135, 4155, 5401, 6536 and 6600; House Resolution No. 464 and Privilege Speech No. 277

Sponsors: Representatives Mendoza, Nograles (K.A.), Biazon, Quimbo, Vargas, Violago, Suansing (H.), Suansing (E.), Primicias-Agabas, Hernandez, Belmonte (J.C.), Yap (V.), Castro (F.H.), Macapagal-Arroyo, Yap (A.), Tan (A.), Fortuno, Castelo, Tupas, Angara-Castillo, Rodriguez (M.), Santos-Recto, Tambunting, Pineda, Romero, Tan (S.), Mercado, Bag-ao, Bordado, Bolilia, Olivarez and Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 753), re H.B. No. 7449, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE BILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P1,161,710,000) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2018 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval with amendments in consolidation with House Joint Resolutions Numbered 20 and 21 and House Resolution No. 1724

Sponsors: Representatives Nograles (K.A.), Alvarez (P.) Fariñas, Gonzales (A.D.), Pimentel and Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation (Committee Report No. 754), re H.B. No. 7774, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS OF

PASSENGERS OF TAXIS, TOURIST CAR TRANSPORT SERVICES (TCTS) AND OTHER SIMILAR VEHICLES FOR HIRE (VFH)”

recommending its approval in substitution House Bills Numbered 106, 296, 758 and 4433

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Suansing (E.), Suansing (H.) and Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 755), re H.B. No. 7775, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BAYOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAHAYAGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL TECHNICAL – VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BAYOG NATIONAL TECHNICAL – VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2250

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.), Cagas and Cerilles

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 756), re H.B. No. 7776, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE DABUBU HIGH SCHOOL – ANNEX IN BARANGAY SINAOANGAN SUR, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN AGUSTIN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA FROM THE DABUBU HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SOUTHEASTERN REGION HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4956

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 757), re H.B. No. 7777, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CABANGAHAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CORDOVA

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DAY-AS, MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE CABANGAHAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CORDOVA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5307

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Cortes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government, the Committee on Muslim Affairs, the Committee on Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 758), re H.B. No. 6475, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AND ABOLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO’, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES ”

recommending its approval without amendment, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 092, 6121 and 6263

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon, Papandayan, Sahali, Nograles (K.A.) and Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 759), re H.B. No. 7003, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY ADAMS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ADAMS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY ADAN AND BARANGAY BUCAROT”

recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 760), re H.B. No. 7778, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4692

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon, Albano and Aggabao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is suspended.

It was 6:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is suspended.

It was 6:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Michael L. Romero, PhD, from 1-PACMAN Party-List, namely: Mark Richardson and Glenn Haywood from TW Powers Services.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The guests of the Hon. Michael Romero will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives.
(Applause)

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7003 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7003, contained in Committee Report No. 759, as reported out by the Committee on Local Government.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
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 Bill No. 7003, entitled: AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY ADAMS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ADAMS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY ADAN AND BARANGAY BUCAROT.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Pedro B. Acharon Jr. of the First District of South Cotabato for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The honorable Chairman Acharon is recognized.

REP. ACHARON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.
I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

REP. HERRERA-DY. I join the motion of Representative Acharon.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee amendments, I move that we proceed to consider individual amendments.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, there being no individual amendments, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 7003. I so move.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). All those in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). All those against, please say *nay*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7003 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7003 is approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7778 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7778, contained in Committee Report No. 760, as reported out by the Committee on Local Government.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). 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 Bill No. 7778, entitled: AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Pedro B. Acharon Jr. of the First District of South Cotabato for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Chairman Pedro Acharon is hereby recognized.

REP. ACHARON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure, Mme. Speaker.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. HERRERA-DY. I join the motion of Representative Acharon.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 7778. I so move.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). All those in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Those against, please say *nay*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7778
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved. House Bill No. 7778 is approved on Second Reading.

REP. ACHARON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until Monday, May 28, 2018, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is adjourned.

It was 6:25 p.m.