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## CALL TO ORDER

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

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

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Everybody will please rise to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Everybody will please remain standing for the Invocation to be led by the Hon. Alberto T. Ungab, Representative from the Third District, Davao City, which is a prayer to nourish our heart, our mind and our soul for today's session.

*Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.*

## INVOCATION

REP. UNGAB. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
Mark, Chapter 10, verses 42 to 45:

And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But I shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

REP. GULLAS. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Good afternoon.

## ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll of Members.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.\**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 239 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 239 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

## APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 83, dated May 23, 2018. I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

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

Journal No. 83, dated May 23, 2018, is approved.  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

*The Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, Messages from the Senate, Communications, and Committee Reports, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:*

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7737, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OCCIDENTAL MINDORO SPORTS ACADEMY AND TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7738, entitled:

“AN ACT REVERTING THE POWER TO GRANT, EXTEND, REPEAL AND AMEND THE FRANCHISE OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES BACK TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Uybarreta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES AND THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 7739, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TRANSPACIFIC BROADCAST GROUP INTERNATIONAL, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8657, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE TRANSPACIFIC BROADCAST GROUP INTERNATIONAL, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Nograles (K.A.) and Nograles (J.J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7740, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PNRI-DOST), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7741, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AND ALL ITS BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS’ ”

By Representative Barzaga  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7743, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS, THEREBY CREATING A CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7744, entitled:

“AN ACT ENCOURAGING YOUTH SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE A LINGKOD KABATAAN SA AGRIKULTURA PROGRAM AND A LINGKOD KABATAAN SA AGRIKULTURA TRUST FUND, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7745, entitled:

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

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Martinez, Sandoval, Malapitan and Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7746, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE SOCIAL NETWORKS IN THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF ALL THE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS FOR RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL JOURNALISM TO STOP THE PROLIFERATION OF FAKE NEWS, FALSE INFORMATION, HARASSMENTS AND OTHER FORM OF CYBERCRIME AND PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COUNTRY”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Martinez, Sandoval, Malapitan and Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7747, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RENTAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES (ISF) IN METRO MANILA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Martinez, Sandoval, Malapitan and Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7748, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING CLASS SIZE IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Martinez, Sandoval, Malapitan and Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

#### RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1888, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO INVESTIGATE THE SALE OF FORMER MILITARY CAMPS IN METRO MANILA AND THE UTILIZATION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF”

By Representatives Sandoval, Dalipe and Espino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1889, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE MURDER OF QUEZON CITY ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTOR ROGELIO VELASCO AND DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO CONDUCT AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION THEREON”

By Representative Uybarreta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1890, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING WINIFREDO BALBIDO MAQUINDANG FOR HIS ACT OF HEROISM IN SAVING THE LIVES OF SIX PEOPLE DURING THE OCTOBER 1, 2017 MASS SHOOTING IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, USA”

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

House Resolution No. 1891, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF PEACE TALKS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (GRP) AND NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF THE PHILIPPINES (NDFP) IN SUPPORT TO THE ‘PEOPLES PEACE AGENDA’ CRAFTED THROUGH INITIATED BY THE CHURCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY FOR NETWORK FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE OF THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO”

By Representative Catamco  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

House Resolution No. 1892, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED FALSIFICATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS BY UNIMASTER CONGLOMERATION INC. AND POWERTRAC INC.”

By Representative Ong (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1893, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND

CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 104TH ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1894, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO REVIEW THE PROVISIONS OF THE CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT ON DISPOSITION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN CUSTOMS CUSTODY”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 21, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1390, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE, AND SUPPORT, AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL (PNAC), REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998,’ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 22, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1317 and House Bill No. 64, both entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 22, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date approved the Conference Committee Report of

the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1103, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP)-SABLAYAN CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS ‘PUP-SABLAYAN CAMPUS’ APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 6915, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRANCH OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP)-SABLAYAN BRANCH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 22, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 21, 2018 the Senate designated Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III as Chairman of the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Automated Election System and Senator Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero as Vice Chairman.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated April 2, 2018 of Fernando N. Dolar, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Sta. Monica, Province of Surigao del Norte, submitting the Municipality’s LGSF-ADM Quarterly Report on the Financial and Physical Accomplishment for the First Quarter ending March 31, 2018.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated April 17, 2018 of Gen. Ricardo R. Visaya (Ret), Administrator, National Irrigation Administration, submitting the First Quarter Report of NIA CARP-Irrigation Component for CY 2018.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Letter dated April 24, 2018 of Gen. Ricardo R. Visaya (Ret), Administrator, National Irrigation Administration, submitting their CY 2018 First Quarter Progress Report for Mindanao Sustainable Agrarian and Agricultural Development (MinSAAD) Project.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Local Government Support Fund Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended March 31, 2018 of the Municipality of Dimiao, Province of Bohol, attested by Danilo M. Guivencan, Municipal Mayor.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Local Government Support Fund Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation as of April 2, 2018 of the Municipality of Bien Unido, Province of Bohol, attested by Rene B. Borenaga, Acting Mayor.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated April 24, 2018 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, submitting the Annual Report on Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, and Disbursements of National Government Agencies (Including Off-Budgetary Funds) for FY 2017.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 25 April 2018 of Nestor A. Espenilla, Jr., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives the Status Report on the Philippine Financial System covering the second semester of 2017.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated April 26, 2018 of Dr. Aurora B. Fulgencio, Dean, Office of Student Affairs and Student Services, Philippine Normal University, submitting to the House of Representatives their report on Expanded Student's Grant-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGP-PA) for school year 2017-2018.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Letter dated 26 April 2018 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives their Report on Salaries and Allowances Received by Principal Officers and Members of the Governing Boards of Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations and their Subsidiaries, and by Secretaries, Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and other officials of equivalent rank of National Government Agencies for Calendar Year 2017.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee

Report No. 761), re H.B. No. 7779, entitled:  
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ARBORETUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIGHTY CAVE PARK ARBORETUM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2470

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva, Dimaporo (M.K.), Dimaporo (A.) and Nograles (K.A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 762), re H.B. No. 7780, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY-LANA DEL NORTE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (MSU-LNAC) ARBORETUM IN BARANGAY RAMAIN, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3696

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva, Dimaporo (M.K.), Dimaporo (A.) and Nograles (K.A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 763), re H.B. No. 7781, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ARBORETUM IN THE PREMISES OF THE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (CENRO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KOLAMBUGAN, LANA DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE KOLAMBUGAN ARBORETUM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2469

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva, Dimaporo (M.K.), Dimaporo (A.) and Nograles (K.A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 764), re H.B. No. 7784, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATAAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4463

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.)  
and Garcia (J.E.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 765), re H.B. No. 7785, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE SELECTION OF NATIONAL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANIES, DESIGNATING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PERFORMING ARTS GENRES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2860 and 4783

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.), Cua, Sarmiento (E.M.) and Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 766), re H.B. No. 7786, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY SAN VICENTE IN THE CITY OF SAN PEDRO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA INTO EIGHT (8) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAYS SAN VICENTE, PACITA I, CHRYSANTHEMUM, ROSARIO, PACITA II, FATIMA, SAN LORENZO RUIZ, AND MAHARLIKA”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5050

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Arcillas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to move for the recognition of the Hon. Sandra Y. Eriguel, MD of the Second District of La Union for her privilege speech.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Sandra Eriguel from the province of La Union is recognized for her personal and collective privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. ERIGUEL

REP. ERIGUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

I stand before you not only as a Representative of the Second District of La Union, but also as a widow to

a husband who was brutally and cowardly murdered because of politics. More than 30 years ago, I met Dr. Eufranio “Franny” Chan Eriguel in the United States of America. We fell in love, got married and started a family. For over a decade, our life was like any other typical Filipino family living abroad. I can say that we lived a comfortable life and my children were well-provided for. Our life then was truly quiet and blissful, but everything changed when Franny’s father died. He went back to Agoo, La Union and while there, the people of Agoo urged him to run as their mayor. Agoo needed a leader, Agoo needed him.

In 1998, Franny heeded the call to public service and ran for mayor in his hometown Agoo, La Union. He left his good life in the USA to be with the people of Agoo and as his wife, I supported his career change and embraced his life as a politician. Armed with charisma, Franny was able to win the hearts of the Agoenos, and he was elected as mayor. He introduced reforms that turned Agoo into one of the most competitive municipalities in the Philippines. He served as Mayor of Agoo for three consecutive terms, from 1998 to 2007. In 2007, I succeeded him as Mayor after his term and this time, the Second District of La Union needed a leader, they needed him. In 2007, Franny ran for Congressman of the Second District of La Union. However, he lost in the elections but continued to serve the people as a consultant to the Governor on matters relating to the Second District of La Union.

During the 2010 elections, Franny again ran as the Representative of the Second District of La Union. He won the elections and would again win a second term. During his term as Congressman from 2010 to 2016, he initiated various programs and projects that truly benefited his constituency. After his second term, he opted to rest from taking an active role in politics. I succeeded him as the Representative of the Second District of La Union, while our daughter, Dr. Stephanie Anne Yang Eriguel became the Mayor of Agoo, La Union. My daughter and I both won the elections with overwhelming votes against our opponents.

Regardless of our overwhelming win during the elections, our political opponents will find a way to clip our wings as we serve our people. Our opponents have bombarded us with baseless cases such as election protests, quo warranto cases, and other civil cases. Our political opponents will do anything just to take us out of office and prevent us from serving the people of Agoo and the Second District of La Union. But on May 12, 2018, tragedy struck us as on that day, Agoo and the Second District of La Union lost a great leader; we lost Congressman Franny Eriguel.

Barangay Capas in Agoo, La Union was Congressman Franny’s favorite barangay. It is a small

barangay located in the uplands, with a minimal voting population, but it did not matter to Congressman Franny that the barangay had a small voting population, as what mattered was that he was there for the people. Days before, our police security detail were pulled out one-by-one until none were left on the day of his assassination. This was done despite the fact that we pleaded to the PNP for us to retain our security, considering that in 2016, Congressman Franny survived a failed attempt on his life.

Last April 30, 2016, Congressman Franny was targeted with an improvised explosive device planted on a motorcycle which exploded as his convoy was passing along Vercelles Road in Agoo, La Union. This was just a few meters from our residence, and I was scheduled to be with him in the car that day. One of our supporters died due to severe head injuries and others were critically hurt. This bombing incident remains unsolved and the police have identified no suspects to this day.

On May 12, 2018, just hours before the attack, we pleaded with Police Sr. Supt. Genaro Sapiera, then Provincial Director of La Union Provincial Police Office, not to pull out all our security detail due to active threats on our lives. Congressman Franny personally pleaded with him but Police Provincial Director Sapiera insisted that he had orders coming from Police Chief Supt. Romulo Sapitula, the Regional Director of PNP Regional Office I, to pull out all police security detail.

The Barangay Captain of Capas, Agoo, La Union also wrote a letter dated May 7, 2018 to then Agoo Chief of Police, Police Chief Insp. Alfredo Padilla Jr., requesting police assistance during the *miting de avance*, but the said request was not acted upon by Police Chief Inspector Padilla. Without our police security detail, each one of us was left vulnerable to any attack, but Congressman Franny never wavered in his resolve to be with and fight for the people. He faced every challenge fearlessly, with his will to serve and help the people as his greatest source of strength.

Congressman Franny went to a number of barangays that day. While he was in Barangay Fernando in Sto. Tomas, La Union, I met up with him and boarded one vehicle to proceed to Barangay Capas in Agoo, La Union. By 6:00 p.m., we reached the barangay covered court of Capas in Agoo. Congressman Franny alighted from the vehicle and sat among the candidates who were set to give their campaign speeches, while I stayed inside our car to prevent being charged with electioneering. After several minutes, Congressman Franny came to our car and instructed me to call Police Director Sapiera and Gov. Pacoy Ortega to tell them that there were reports of vote buying in Tubao, La Union. He then returned to his seat.

Sometime before 7:00 p.m., Congressman Franny was introduced as the next speaker, and he stood up and began his speech. A few minutes into his speech,

three motorcycles and two vehicles passed the court coming from the direction of Pongpong, Sto. Tomas, heading towards the direction of Aspiras-Marcos Highway. I remember thinking that it was quite odd to find those kinds of vehicles in the area because the people there usually ride tricycles or motorcycles. A few minutes later, these vehicles came back and, except for the motorcycles which I did not notice, they were strategically parked at each end of the covered court. Shots were fired, and I immediately ducked. When the gunfire stopped, I immediately called Police Director Sapiera to inform him that shots were fired as I looked through the window for Franny. I thought he must have lain down and ducked from the gunshots, but as everyone was running away from the scene, I expected Franny to stand up, but he did not. I then got out of the car to check on him and I saw a scene that I never thought I would see—I saw my husband lying on the pavement, bloodied and lifeless. They killed Franny.

I was frantic and I called out to our companions to carry him to the commuter van and bring him to the hospital. I did not even think that the gunmen might still be around until someone approached me and told me that I was not safe there. Only then did I return to our car but I wanted to bring him to the hospital. One of our companions, Patrick Manabat, was also shot and asked us to bring him to the hospital. We got him on board and left the scene. All along, I thought they were able to board Congressman Franny to the commuter van. I later learned that, while our companions were carrying Congressman Franny to the commuter van, another round of gunshots were fired again and they had to run for cover. Congressman Franny was left lying on the pavement until his sister and brother-in-law arrived 40 minutes later. I also learned that while we were speeding away from the scene, our vehicle was being shot at. Luckily, Franny had the foresight to get an armoured car after the failed attempt on our lives in 2016. I waited in the hospital until Franny was brought in. At around 8:00 p.m., Congressman Franny was declared dead on arrival at the La Union Medical Center. Two of our companions, Mario “Bobby” Ordinario and Mac Roel “Bong” Tuvera were also shot and killed during the carnage. Three days later, Patrick Manabat succumbed to his injuries. Based on the autopsy report, Congressman Franny sustained eight gunshot wounds on his head, chest, arm and leg. Based on police statements, high-caliber bullets were used during the carnage coming from M16 to M14 rifles.

I lost my partner, the love of my life, my soulmate, the father of my children. They murdered Franny. The worst and the most difficult phone conversation I ever had with my daughter, Mayor Stephanie, was to tell her that her father was killed. Franny loved his children very much. He was the best father one could ever have and now, my three children are fatherless.

Congressman Franny may be gone, but his legacy lives on. Last Saturday, May 26, 2018, we brought Congressman Franny to his final resting place. As we interred him, his body may have been laid to rest but not his spirit for it will remain with us, helping us continue his legacy through genuine service. Congressman Franny wanted nothing more but for peace to reign over La Union, especially in the Second District. He dedicated his whole life to the people of La Union. Until his very last breath, he was with the people; he was there for the people.

Sowing fear upon the people through intimidation and violence should never be permitted but rather, the people should be allowed to vote freely and based on personal preference. Truly, violence has no place in any civilized society. The peace-loving people of La Union denounce violence, and we condemn, to the highest degree, the senseless, brutal and cowardly murder of Congressman Franny and his three companions. Congressman Franny's murder was politically motivated. There is no other angle but politics. He was never involved in drugs despite what his detractors would lead us to believe. He was a doctor, a principled man who, like many of you, did all his power to eradicate drugs in our community. He believed that drugs destroy the future, they destroy families.

Congressman Franny's leadership was always inclusive, and this was the reason he was able to unite the Second District of La Union. He dearly addressed everyone as his "gagayem ken kakabsat," as friends, brothers and sisters, everytime he speaks before the people of La Union. The mastermind of this murder must have thought that taking Congressman Franny down would mean dismantling the union of the leaders. Congressman Franny had already done more than unite our leaders; he has long created a legacy that is written in history. Together with our leaders, we will continue his legacy, continue to serve wholeheartedly. Congressman Franny will always be the strength that will bind us together towards a peaceful and progressive Second District of La Union.

I now hold the reigns of leadership in the Second District of La Union. Like Gabriela Silang, the valiant Ilocano heroine who continued the fight her husband Diego Silang began, I will continue what Congressman Franny began. I will continue to fulfill his dream of a peaceful and violence-free La Union. I will continue to push for progress and development in our beloved district. I will continue to protect our people from any form of atrocities.

Mr. Speaker, let me state that I firmly believe that, if it were not for the order of Regional Director Sapitula to pull out our police security detail and the ineptness of then Chief of Police Padilla for failing to act on the letter of the Barangay Captain of Barangay

Capas for security assistance, the shooting incident could have been prevented and my husband would be alive today.

I ask our fellow legislators to look into the actions of the PNP days before the brutal and cowardly murder of my husband. This was an attack on one of your colleagues; an attack on a fellow public servant; an attack on our institution and the people of our district. We can prevent this type of murder from being committed again. This was done by people who have no chance of winning a fair fight. We also owe it to the people, most especially to the loving people of La Union, to pass relevant laws that can stop this culture of violence. We must not let fear envelope our people and our nation. This must end here.

Mr. Speaker, I recently received reports that a video is being circulated online on the CCTV footage on the attack on my husband. It seems that it was taken by someone using a mobile phone while the CCTV footage was being played back. The only possible explanation on how this video was leaked was when it was shown during the SITG Eriguel 2 case conference. The DVR box of the CCTV of Barangay Capas is under the custody of PNP Region I. It is appalling that our PNP personnel are circulating a video that is vital to their investigation and it was released without permission from us, the aggrieved parties.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who grieved with us; our supporters, our allies, our relatives and friends who stayed with us and provided us support during this ordeal. I would like to thank all of you, my colleagues here in the House of Representatives, most especially Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez and Majority Leader Rudy Fariñas for their support, expression of sympathy and kind words during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to call on the authorities, particularly the PNP and the NBI, to fast-track the investigation and unmask the perpetrators, including the mastermind of my husband's murder. As long as they remain unidentified, my life and the life of my children will always be at risk. They might have killed Congressman Franny but not his ideals and not the type of leadership he has instilled in our leaders. He will always be in our hearts. We will overcome this tragedy and we will all emerge stronger and more united than ever. In Congressman Franny's words, "Kailiak, 'di kan to baybay-an." We will not forsake the people of Agoo, the people of the Second District, and the people of La Union.

Thank you, Congressman Franny Eriguel for your service to the people of Agoo and the rest of the Second District of La Union.

We will not rest until we find your murderers. We will not stop until all the perpetrators, including the



mastermind of this heinous act, be apprehended and suffer the wrath of our justice system.

We cry for justice. We want justice for those who were injured, for those who died, and for Cong. Franny Eriguel.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Eriguel to the Committee on Rules.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7003  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7003, and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

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 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 225

affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7003 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery. In the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Greg G. Gasataya, these are Jomie De Los Santos, Rodhora Montelibano, Celia Lariza, Elma Ybanes, Ruth Dohinog, Reynaldo Galicia, Raphael Pabello, Joy Rullan, Vehnee Ybanez, Judith Vargas, Razel Golez and Felix Guarana, the officers and members of the Bacolod City Division Master Teachers Association.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Hon. Greg Gasataya are hereby recognized. May I request them to please stand up. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. GULLAS. Likewise, Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the honorable. Dep. Minority Leader Anthony M. Bravo, PhD. They are the newly elected Barangay Captains of Barangay Kataypuanan, Famy, Laguna: Kapitan Vicente Carlos Llamas; Kagawads Danilo Cartavio, Noel Lagmay, Martina Barba, Gilbert Beruela, Bryan Beruela, Melvin Urriquia and Leandro Pascual; Barangay Secretary Amie Juntado; Kapitan Hercules Rañola, Sopronio Solorano, Rodolfo Daz, Ernesto Sibayan and Cecilia Bernardo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Rep. Anthony Bravo from COOP-NATCCO Party-List will please stand up. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7388  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7388 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7388, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BRUCE DONALD MCTAVISH.

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7388  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 226 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7388 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo of the Lone District of Camiguin. They are: Mr. Winn Everhart, President and General Manager of Coca-Cola Philippines; and his companions.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Hon. XJ Romualdo from the Lone District of Camiguin, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7445  
ON THIRD READING

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7445 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7445, entitled: AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS AMONG GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO INSPIRE INNOVATIVENESS AND TO ENSURE THEIR

PRODUCTIVITY EVEN BEYOND GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7445  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 237 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7445 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7455  
ON THIRD READING

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7455 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7455, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING ANOTHER PERIOD TO FILE MANIFESTATION OF INTENTION TO VALIDATE TITLES ISSUED UNDER CIVIL RESERVATION CASE NO. 1, GLRO RECORD NO. 211, PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 931, AS AMENDED, AND AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1271, AS AMENDED.

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7455  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 237

affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7455 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7465  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7465 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7465, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING NEW PERSONNEL OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION TO BE CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION AND BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 2004.”

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7465  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 238 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7465 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7506  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7506 and direct

the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7506, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL MARICULTURE PROGRAM 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7506  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 239 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7506 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7510  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7510 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7510, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING THE PHILIPPINE POSTAL CORPORATION TO PRINT

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

POSTAGE STAMPS DEPICTING PHILIPPINE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND DESTINATIONS AND TO AFFIX THESE STAMPS ON OUTGOING MAIL MATTERS TO ATTRACT FOREIGN TOURISTS.

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7510  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 239 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7510 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7525  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7525 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7525, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSION OF SENIOR VETERANS, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED.

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7525  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 239

affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7525 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7402  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7402 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2018 pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7402, entitled: AN ACT PROMOTING TELECOMMUTING AS AN ALTERNATIVE WORK ARRANGEMENT FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7402  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 239 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7402 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7442  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7442 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7442, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You have the floor, Representative Brosas.

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No” and I would like to explain my vote later.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Noted. What is the pleasure of Rep. France Castro?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No.”

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

#### RESULT OF THE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The result shows 232 affirmative votes, 7 negative votes and no abstention.

House Bill No. 7442 is approved on Third Reading.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTES

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Arlene D. Brosas for her explanation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Arlene Brosas is recognized for her explanation of vote.

#### REP. BROSAS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, ngayong hapon po ay itinatala ng Kinatawan na ito ang botong “No” sa Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Bill. Naniniwala po ang Kinatawan na ito na hindi ito ang sasagot sa pagpopromote at pagpoprotekta pa lalo ng ating mga bata sa kasalukuyan. Alam po natin na ang passage ng Bill na ito does not entirely assure us na mai-implement ito sang-ayon sa ini-aim nito na gusto dahil alam po natin kahit ang special laws katulad ng RA 7610, RA 9344 at iba pang mga batas sa mga bata ay hindi rin naman na-implementa nang maayos. Isa pang problema po natin ay ang klima ng impunidad na mayroon tayo in committing human rights violations. Hanggang ngayon po ay nananatili ito at major stumbling block ito sa ating goal para i-ensure ang proteksiyon sa children in situations of armed conflict. Hindi po pupuwede na para tayong mga superman o superwoman na nagsasalba ng mga bata. Alam po natin na kahit ang mga bata ay may uring kinabibilangan, at kung ang mga magulang nila ay naroon sa mga ganoong sitwasyon, hindi po pupuwede na ang ating measure ay isalba sila dahil gusto nating magpapida o magpapogi o kung ano pa man.

Sa lahat po ng ito, ang nais po namin, ang amin pong paninindigan is that the government should pursue the peace negotiations with the National Democratic Front of the Philippines, the MNLF and the MILF and at the same time, should also address dapat iyong kahirapan na dinaranas natin, iyong unemployment, iyong landlessness, iyong low wages, iyong injustices, iyong lack of basic services. Ito po ay nagtutulak doon sa mga pamilya na magkaroon po ng mga ganitong pananaw sa buhay. Ito po ang magre-resolve dapat ng root causes ng armed conflict na mayroon tayo. Ito rin po, kapagka pinag-usapan, ang mag-a-assure sa atin na ang mga bata ay mai-enjoy nila ang kanilang mga karapatan.

So, sa tingin po namin, ang proposed bill ay unnecessary, repressive and will not assure the protection of our children. Mag-o-open lang ito ng further perpetuation of various human rights violations against children in situations of armed conflict. Kaya po ini-enjoin namin ang lahat na sana po ay ma-block natin ito.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his explanation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Carlos Zarate of BAYAN MUNA is recognized to explain his vote.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

## REP. ZARATE EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

Itinatala po ng Kinatawang ito ng BAYAN MUNA ang kanyang boto na “No” sa panukalang batas na ito na House Bill No. 7442.

Mr. Speaker, sa palagay ng Kinatawang ito, bulag ang panukalang ito sa realidad ng armadong sigalot sa ating bayan. Sa konteksto ng Pilipinas na may maigting na kahirapan at kawalan ng panlipunang hustisya, na nakapagpaluwal ng mga armadong pakikibaka upang baguhin ito, ay walang dudang masasangkot sa digmaan ang mga bulnerableng sektor kagaya ng mga bata dahil hindi rin sila libre sa mga dahilan ng sigalutang ito. Ang kawalan ng panukalang ito ng matibay na pundasyon sa kalagayan ng karapatang pantao sa kanayunan, gaya ng sinapit ng mga batang Lumad sa ilalim ng anti-insurgency program ng pamahalaan, ang pagpatay, panggagahasa, pananakot at pangha-harass sa mga bata ng mga puwersa mismo ng Estado ay nakapapanganib. Bulag ang panukalang batas na ito sa ganitong sitwasyon ng ating mga bata kaya hindi ito dapat isabatas.

G. Ispiker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, tayo po ay naninindigan at lumalaban para sa karapatan at kapakanan ng mga bata, ngunit wala man sa digmaan o ang civil war na namamayagpag sa kanayunan ay nahaharap ang mga bata sa mga sitwasyong nagbabanta sa kanilang buhay. Ang kagutuman, ang kahirapan, ang kawalan ng edukasyon, ito ay mga sintomas lamang ng laganap na kawalan ng lupa, ng trabaho at ng kabuhayan sa kabuuan.

Dito natin sila dapat sagipin, G. Ispiker.  
Maraming salamat po.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7442  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 232 affirmative votes, 7 negative votes and no abstention, House Bill No. 7442 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7446  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7446 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7446, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING A SOCIALIZED MICROFINANCING PROGRAM FOR MICRO ENTERPRISES THEREBY PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 239 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7446 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7496  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7496 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7496, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LIMITS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules*

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

*of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7496  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 239 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7496 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7522  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7522 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7522, entitled: AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7522  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 239 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7522 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7778  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7778 and direct

the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7778, entitled: AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

*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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 239 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7778 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6290  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6290 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6290, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBMANAN, PROVINCE OF

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

## CAMARINES SUR 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6290  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 239 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6290 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6289  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6289 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6289, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINALABAC, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6289  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6289 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6291  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6291 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6291, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PASACAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6291  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6291 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6292  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6292 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed*



to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6292, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6292  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6292 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7479  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7479 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7479, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINGLANILLA, PROVINCE OF CEBU 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7479  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7479 is approved on Third Reading.

Congratulations.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7484  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7479 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7484, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABULUG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7484  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7484 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7485  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7485 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7485, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT BERNARD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7485  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7485 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7490  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7490 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7490, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING

MULTIPURPOSE FISH AND SHRIMP HATCHERIES IN ALL SUITABLE AREAS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7490  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7490 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7491  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7491 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7491, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCT CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 23, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7491  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7491 is approved on Third Reading.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7497  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7497 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7497, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AQUATIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL BREEDING STATION FOR LAKE, RIVER, AND OTHER INLAND FISHES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7497  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7497 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7501  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote

on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7501 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7501, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING SAN ROQUE CATHEDRAL IN CALOOCAN CITY AS A NATIONAL LANDMARK AND SHRINE FOR HISTORY, FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, CALLING FOR ITS PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT, 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7501  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7501 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7502  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7502 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7502, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING KENNON ROAD TRAVERSING BAGUIO CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS CONSERVATION, RESTORATION, REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT, 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7502  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7502 is approved on Third Reading.  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7521  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7521 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.  
I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 23, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7521, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE KALANAY FALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAS, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM SITE, ESTABLISHING THE KALANAY FALLS ECOTOURISM COUNCIL, 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7521  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7521 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7500  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7500 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7500, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRESHWATER MULTISPECIES HATCHERY AND RESEARCH CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALO-I, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7500  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7500 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7549  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7549 and direct

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on May 24, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7549, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN RAFAEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY-SAN RAFAEL CAMPUS, MANDATING IT TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7549  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7549 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7550  
ON THIRD READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7550 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed*

*to the Members on May 24, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7550, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANSUD, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-BANSUD CAMPUS, MANDATING THE PUP TO OFFER THEREAT GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES, 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 reflected in Journal No. 84, dated May 28, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7550  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 240 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, the 30th measure that has been approved today, House Bill No. 7550 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7503  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7503, contained in Committee Report No. 714, as reported out by the Committee on Social Services 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.\*\*

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7503, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE AS THE NATIONAL SIGN

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

\*\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

LANGUAGE OF THE FILIPINO DEAF AND THE OFFICIAL SIGN LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT IN ALL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE DEAF, AND MANDATING ITS USE IN SCHOOLS, BROADCAST MEDIA, AND WORKPLACES.

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

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Sponsor, the Hon. Antonio L. Tinio of Party-List ACT TEACHERS, for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Representative of ACT TEACHERS, Representative Tinio, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7503.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, may I ask that the Explanatory Note of the Bill serve as the sponsorship speech, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 7503 under Committee Report No. 714.

I so move.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 7503 on Second Reading, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7503 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7503 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7512 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7512, contained in Committee Report No. 722, as reported out by the Committee on Rural Development 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.\*

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

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

*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. 7512, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT (BIDANI) OF THE RURAL POOR AS A LINKAGE PROGRAM FOR ALL STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Sponsor of the measure, the Hon. Deogracias B. Ramos Jr. of the Second District of Sorsogon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Representative from the Second District of Sorsogon, Representative Ramos, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7512.

REP. RAMOS. Mr. Speaker, House Bill No. 7512 is the substitute Bill for House Bills No. 234 and 667. With regard to this, may I be allowed that the Explanatory Notes of the two Bills mentioned earlier be considered as the sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 7512, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the said Explanatory Notes be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

I so move.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 7512.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 7512 on Second Reading, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7512 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7512 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. RAMOS. Mr. Speaker, may I manifest that the honorable Cong. Gabriel Bordado of the Third District

of Camarines Sur as well as Cong. Anthony Bravo of Party-List...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). COOP-NATCCO.

REP. RAMOS. ... be considered as coauthors of this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. RAMOS. Mr. Speaker.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker.

REP. RAMOS. Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, may I?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from Sorsogon?

REP. RAMOS. May I also include the Hon. Cesar V. Sarmiento as coauthor of the Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider on Second Reading House Bill No. 7449, contained in Committee Report No. 753 and direct—Mr. Speaker, I withdrew my previous motion.

Mr. Speaker, I move that we include the additional coauthors on House Bills No. 7173, 7449, 7503, 7512, 7548, 7742 and House Resolution No. 1818 as contained in the lists to be submitted by the Committee on Rules. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7449 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7449, contained in Committee Report No. 753, as reported out by 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.\*

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7449, entitled: AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE BILLIONONEHUNDREDSIXTYONEMILLIONSEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P1,161,710,000) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2018 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Sponsor, the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, the Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and soon-to-be Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, Cong. Kaka Nograles, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7449.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for your kind words. I am here to sponsor House Bill No. 7449 in consolidation with House Joint Resolutions No. 20 and 21 and House Resolution No. 1724. For purposes of expediency, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the measure be entered as my sponsorship speech thereon.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech of the honorable Chairman.

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



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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, what is the pleasure of the Honorable Lagman?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from Albay?

REP. LAGMAN. May I know ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Honorable Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. ... if the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations would yield to a few questions?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is the Gentleman or the Sponsor, the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, willing to answer some questions to be propounded by the Gentleman from Albay?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes, Mr. Speaker. It would be an honor.

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

REP. GULLAS. Actually, Mr. Speaker, we have a list of interpellators who have made known their intent to interpellate the honorable Sponsor. We already have a list, so we could put the Honorable Lagman in the list as well.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Will you kindly ...

REP. LAGMAN. Well, if there is a list already, then I would defer to that list as long as I would be included in the list of interpellators.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Thank you, Honorable Lagman. May I know the first in the list?

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Emmi A. De Jesus of GABRIELA Party-List for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Lady

from GABRIELA, Rep. Emmi De Jesus, is recognized. What is the pleasure of the Lady?

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, ako po ay ni-recognize para magtanong sa ating kagalang-galang na author ng Bill na ito.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Sumasang-ayon po ba ang ating kagalang-galang na nagpapanukala?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Opo, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You now have the floor, Representative De Jesus.

REP. DE JESUS. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

Gusto ko lang din banggitin, bago siguro iyong ilang katanungan mula sa Representasyong ito, na noong pumutok po ang isyu ng Dengvaxia, ang Gabriela Women's Party ay isa sa nagbuo kaagad ng task force para pakinggan iyong napakaraming vaccinees na sinasabi ngang magiging beneficiary ng pinag-uusapan natin ngayon na supplemental budget na inihahain ng Committee on Appropriations.

So, ang amin pong inihain ay magkaroon talaga ng continuing mandamus. Ibig sabihin, iyong sinasabi natin na higit sa 800,000 na vaccinees, dahil ang concern po natin diyan ay halos isang henerasyon na iyan. Kaya, Mr. Speaker, G. Isponsor, ibig sabihin ho ay ito ang higit na magiging overarching na layunin ng Representasyong ito sa pagtatanong kaugnay ng kung ang interest natin ay para sa kagalingan ng mga naging vaccinees nitong Dengvaxia. Ang una ko pong katanungan—ano na po ang inabot na data ninyo sa hawak ninyo ngayon dahil ang banggit nga po ay sa antas ng Committee ito ay ilalaan na? Ano po ang hawak ninyong data o nakakuha na ba tayo nito—ilan po ba talaga ang naturukan ng Dengvaxia?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes, Mr. Speaker, based sa record na isinumite sa amin ng Department of Health, nasa bilang na 891,295 po.

REP. DE JESUS. Sa karanasan din po namin, dahil nagkaroon na nga kami ng kampanya kaugnay nga po ng pagkuha rin ng datos, iyan po bang higit o halos sa 900,000 ay may mga pangalan na, Mr. Speaker, G. Isponsor?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Opo, may mga pangalan na po, na-identify na po sila. Alam na rin po natin kung sila iyong kasama doon sa school-based vaccination at alam na rin natin kung sila ba ay kasama doon sa community-based vaccination, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DE JESUS. Alam din po naman ng lahat na noong ini-implement po ang programa ng pagbabakuna na ito ay mayroon lamang selective regions. May we know, Mr. Speaker, saan po mayroong pinakamarami doon sa mga pangalang nakuha ninyo na higit na 900,000? Saan po ang may pinakamaraming pasyente?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Nasa NCR po, G. Ispiker. Iyong sa NCR, 104,412 po ang nasa o iyong kasama sa school-based, at ang sa community-based po ay 234,674.

REP. DE JESUS. Salamat, G. Isponsor. Dito po, dahil sabi nga natin na Disyembre ito pumutok at nagbuka ang DOH, bagamat sa gitna ng kontrobersiya at bangayan sa pagitan ng mga nasasangkot dito, isa na nakita namin na matingkad, ilan na po— at ito ay hindi pa malinaw hanggang ngayon—ang lumapit o humingi ng tulong mula po rito sa vaccinees as of today?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Wala po tayong data diyan. Hindi po namin hawak ang data kung ilan po iyong lumapit. Ang mayroon lang po tayo dito ay, out of the vaccinees, 4,952 na po iyong na-hospitalized.

REP. DE JESUS. So, ibig sabihin, sa datos na hawak po natin ngayon ay nandoon na sa halos 900,000 at itong inilalaan nating pondo ay para sa kabuuan ng vaccinees. Ilang public hospitals po ang ibinukas ng DOH para tumanggap ng Dengvaxia-related cases sa kasalukuyan, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). All government hospitals naman, G. Ispiker, ay bukas para tanggapin ang mga biktima ng Dengvaxia hindi lamang sa mga areas kung saan nagkaroon ng mass vaccination, at alam naman po natin na ang mga areas na iyon ay nandoon sa Region 3, Region IV-A, NCR at Cebu Province, sa Cebu City. Lahat po ng government hospitals natin ay bukas po para tanggapin iyong mga maaaring kailangang pumasok sa hospital na mga naturukan ng Dengvaxia po.

REP. DE JESUS. Salamat po, Mr. Sponsor, Mr. Speaker.

Ang mga datos na ito ay napakahalaga dahil tayo po ay naka-frame na maglaan na itong nakuha natin na refund ng Sanofi Pasteur ay para talaga doon sa mga biktima, at sa kasalukuyan, talagang ito rin naman po ang paninindigan ng aming partido lalo't lalo na, gaya ng sabi ko nga kanina, isang henerasyon talaga ito ng mga bata at hanggang ngayon ay napakarami pa rin talaga iyong pamilyang humihingi ng tulong. Kaya ito pong badyet o itong nakuha nating refund mula sa Sanofi Pasteur, can the Sponsor share with us, paano ninyo po bibigyan ng paghahati-hati o allotment, ano

ang mga sangkap na ilalaan natin mula dito para po sa vaccinees?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Opo. G. Ispiker, para doon po sa Medical Assistance Program para sa mga Dengvaxia vaccinees either confined sa hospital o kahit outpatient, P945,828,000. Doon naman po sa Public Health Management Program kung saan magkakaroon ng assessment and monitoring of Dengvaxia vaccinees, kasama po diyan iyong acquisition ng medicines and supplies, at kasama na rin po diyan iyong Dengvaxia assistance cards, lahat po iyan ay nagkakahalaga ng P148,296,000. Dito naman sa Human Resources for Health Deployment Program kung saan magha-hire po tayo ng nurses na idi-deploy sa areas na nagkaroon ng mass vaccination ng Dengvaxia ay nasa halagang P67,586,000, at ang magiging total po nito ay P1,161,710,000, G. Ispiker.

REP. DE JESUS. Maraming salamat, again, Mr. Sponsor.

Dito, malinaw ano, ang pinakamalaking percentage po ng appropriation ay mapupunta sa Medical Assistance Program habang doon sa limang buwan na paglalaanan o natitirang anim na buwan, kung ito ay maaprubahan natin, ay pinakamaliit iyong inilalaan natin doon sa nurses. Tama po ba, G. Isponsor?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Tama po iyon, G. Ispiker. Dito sa Public Health Management na item, magha-hire po tayo ng 1,250 nurses na idi-deploy natin sa areas para sila iyong gagawa ng assessment and monitoring ng mga Dengvaxia vaccines, at dito sa item ng Human Resources for Health Deployment, ibang nurses naman po iyan ang iha-hire natin, gamit ang item na iyon para sa, again, monitoring and coordination din para sa mga nabakunahan ng Dengvaxia.

REP. DE JESUS. Dito po sa pinakamaliit na appropriation na ilalagay natin sa Human Resource for Health (HRH) Deployment, malinaw po na limang buwan lang dito sila maha-hire. Tama po ba, G. Isponsor?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Ang bilang po ng nurses dito ay 382 nurses na i-di-deploy natin for five months doon sa apat na regions na nagkaroon ng mass vaccination. Sila po iyong magpo-provide ng counseling, lecture sessions, disease prevention and health promotion, monitoring and follow-up ng mga Dengvaxia vaccinees, pati ang regular submission ng mga reports.

REP. DE JESUS. Kanina po ay nabanggit ninyo na iyong mga naospital o doon sa malinaw na datos na nakuha natin ay wala pang limang libo among the vaccinees. So, ito pong inilalaan natin na limang buwang deployment sa tutulong para doon sa o ang

inaasahang direktang makakatulong sa mga vaccinees ay, sa tingin po ng Representasyong ito, una, sabi nga natin, itong Dengvaxia ay mahaba-haba ang gamutan at ito pong limang buwan na pinaglalaanan—can the Sponsor expound kung bakit po ang inilaan ninyo ay 382 nurses when, in fact sinabi po ng ating Sponsor na kasama dito pati ang counseling? Bakit limang buwan lamang ang ating inilalaan kung malinaw naman na tuloy-tuloy at napakarami pa ang hindi pa nabibigyan ng atensiyon? Can we hear from the Sponsor to expound on the rationale of this very, very small allotment coming from the supposedly supplemental budget?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). G. Ispiker, ang assumption po kasi natin kaya five months po ito ay dahil sa supplemental budget ito, ang assumption natin ay matatapos po ito by December 31 of 2018. Kung kailangan naman po natin na ipagpatuloy ang deployment nila, doon na po natin ipapasok ito sa 2019 budget.

REP. DE JESUS. Anyway, salamat po sa sagot pero, nevertheless, napakaliit ang na-appropriate coming from the big fund, and we still have six months to implement this, at ito po iyong 382 nurses. Ang tingin ng Representasyong ito ay kailangang palalimin ang rationale, kung ano ang batayan? In fact, sinasabi nga nating halos wala pang ano, kung doon sa halos 900,000 ay 5,000 pa lamang iyong nakukuha natin—ano pa lang ito, napakalayo pa sa dami ng mangangailangan talaga ng tulong at sa limang buwan na iyan ay marami na sana na puwedeng ibukas para lumapit. Anyway...

REP. NOGRALES (K.). G. Ispiker, mayroon din po sa budget, gaya ng sinabi ko, na magha-hire din po tayo—over and above doon sa 382. Mayroon tayong 1,250 nurses din at sila din iyong gagawa po noong house-to-house profiling, so, it is actually 1,250 nurses plus 382 nurses po.

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, G. Sponsor, iyon pong binanggit ninyo ay nakalagay doon sa Public Health Management. Am I correct?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Opo, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DE JESUS. Sa tatlong buwan lamang ay mayroong 1,250 nurses na sinasabi nga ay magmonitor. Dito rin ay may inilaan na budget for the remaining months of the year at isinama rin dito iyong supplies and medicines. Ano po ang naging batayan nitong budget na ito when, in fact, ang pagkakaunawa po natin ang kasalukuyang problema rin talaga ng ating mga vaccinees ay iyong tuloy-tuloy na pag-address doon sa hinaharap nilang mga naging medical problems pagkatapos na sila ay mabakunahan. Ano po ang naging batayan nitong P70 million sa supplies and medicines?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Iyong supplies and medicines ay in preparation or in anticipation po, G. Ispiker, na kapag nag-a-assessment at nag-house-to-house na po itong 1,250 nurses at 382 nurses, kapag nagpo-profiling at nag-a-assess na sila at nagha-house-to-house sila, ang anticipation natin, ang bawat nurse ay makakatingin ng 12 patients per day, so within three months, mako-cover na ang lahat ng 900,000 vaccinees. Ina-anticipate natin na habang gumagawa sila ng check-up ng mga bata, baka mayroong mga requests na mga supplies like thermometers or medicines like paracetamol, multivitamins, or iyong mga over-the-counter drugs ay agaran naman nating matugunan ang kanilang pangangailangan habang nag-house-to-house po at mino-monitor ng mga nurses ang mga batang ito. Pero kapag nagkaroon ng komplikasyon, nagkaroon ng o kailangang magpa-laboratory exam dahil pagkatapos ma-checkup ay kailangan ng further laboratory exams dahil may nakita sila, dito naman po papasok iyong P945 million na medical assistance to Dengvaxia vaccinees.

Ganoon po iyong proseso—papasok iyong nurse, ibi-baseline check-up, at ipo-profile nila iyong bata at kung may mga agarang pangangailangan katulad ng thermometer or over-the-counter drugs, maibibigay natin agad. Kung may mga komplikasyon na kailangang magpa-laboratory exam, dadalhin agad sila doon sa laboratory dahil mayroon tayong pera para diyan. Kung kailangan ma-confine, iyong pang-ospital, may pera po tayo diyan. Kung kailangan ng mga gamot at medisina, puwedeng kunin doon sa government hospital, whether inpatient or outpatient, may pera din po tayo diyan. Kaya iyong bulto ng pera, iyong P945 million, ay nandoon po sa Medical Assistance Program to Dengvaxia vaccinees.

REP. DE JESUS. G. Ispiker, tutal, binuksan ninyo na itong Medical Assistance Program, na para sa Representasyong ito ay 81 percent lang ng appropriation mula doon sa P1.16 billion na nakuha natin. Ito ang gusto naming malaman—ano ang magiging proseso ng Medical Assistance Program, Mr. Speaker, ano ang mekanismo nito?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Ang Department of Health kasi, una sa lahat, kumbaga, ay mayroon na siyang database kung sino ang mga Dengvaxia vaccinees. Iyong Dengvaxia vaccinees din mismo, gamit ang budget na ito, bibigyan din natin sila ng parang ID card or a Dengvaxia assistance card. Ang magiging mechanism po, kapag ang bata ay nangailangan ng laboratory exam dahil iyon ang recommendation sa kanya noong nurse o ng doktor, papasok siya sa government hospital, ipapa-laboratory exam siya, at charged iyan dito sa Medical Assistance Program. Kung kailangang ma-confine, icha-charge na din iyan dito sa Medical

Assistance Program. Kung kailangan ng gamot, kukunin doon sa botika ng government hospital, at icha-charge na iyan dito sa Medical Assistance Program.

Naging maliwanag po para sa atin, basta Dengvaxia vaccinee ka at nasa database ka, kung may assistance card ka dahil recognized ka na isang Dengvaxia vaccinee, wala na po tayong pakialam, G. Ispiker, whether or not iyong sakit mo ay arguably connected ba sa Dengvaxia o hindi. Very clear, basta nagkasakit ka at nangailangan ka ng pang-medical, dito po icha-charge sa perang ito.

REP. DE JESUS. Thank you. Iyong mekanismo po, sa tingin namin, ay napakahalaga dahil ito ay may pagdadaan, at malinaw na ang binabanggit lang ng ating G. Sponsor, Mr. Speaker, ay ang Department of Health. May we know kung ito po ba ay hindi natatanganan ng iba pang—halimbawa, kasi malinaw sa atin ngayon na may hinahawakan na mga pondo ang mga Kinatawan sa loob ng Kongreso at isa rito ay iyong Medical Assistance Program budget. May I be clarified, G. Sponsor, Mr. Speaker, can you clarify kung ito po ba ang tatangan nito ay ang Department of Health lamang o may iba pang tatangan doon sa Medical Assistance Program?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Ang Department of Health lamang po ang may access dito at siya po iyong, kumbaga, magda-download nito sa mga government hospitals. Ang parang nai-imagine o iyong parang nakikita kong mekanismo ay, kapag pumasok sa government hospital iyong Dengvaxia vaccinee, na-confine siya, nagpa-laboratory siya, o nangailangan siya ng gamot, tutulungan siya ng government hospital at ang magda-download ng funds sa government hospital ay ang Department of Health gamit iyong Medical Assistance Program.

REP. DE JESUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ang tinutukoy natin kasi dito, iilang rehiyon lang ito kaya can we possibly—sa inyong basa po, kasi iyong absorptive capacity ng ating mga public hospitals doon sa mga rehiyon na sangkot, can you possibly also expound kasi ito iyong isang nakakabahala. Halimbawa po sa Region IV-A, ewan ko po kung nandito si Deputy Speaker mula sa Batangas City, sa buong Region IV-A, sa Batangas Regional Hospital lang maaaring i-avail and MAP ng DOH, kaya paano ninyo nakikita ang efficiency ng ganitong mekanismo?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Hindi naman siguro sabay-sabay papasok at magka-komplikasyon, hindi naman iyon ang mekanismo ng Dengvaxia na in one day, lahat magkakasakit o lahat magkaka-komplikasyon. So, hindi naman natin siguro mai-expect na lahat noong mga taga-Region IV-A, sabihin natin na 171,000 or lahat ng mga taga-Batangas ay sabay-sabay naman magkakasakit.

REP. DE JESUS. Sa pagkakaunawa ko po, ang concern namin ay iyong vaccinees na halos 900,000. Ang ibig sabihin, regardless kung may naramdaman iyan o wala pang apparent na kung baga life or death situation, sa pagkakaunawa ko na ang pondong ito, kaya nga magmo-monitor tayo, kaya nga maglalaan tayo, e paano natin paglalaanan din iyong aspeto ng prevention ng pag-surface ng anuman ang sinasabing negatibong epekto ng bakunang ito?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Opo, kaya nga po magdi-deploy tayo ng mga nurses at ang mga nurses po ang gagawa ng baseline medical check-up doon sa bata. Sa pag-check-up at pakikipag-usap nila sa mga magulang na kung may mga lumalabas na sintomas, medyo trained naman iyong mga nurses natin na i-assess ang medical condition ng bata at ang nurses din ang magsasabi kung kailangang magpa-laboratory ang bata. So, kapag pumasok sa laboratory ng government hospital for further check-ups, halimbawa, sa dugo or urinalysis or kung ano pang mga further laboratory exams ang kailangan, mayroon naman tayong pondo mula sa budget na ito kung saan i-cha-charge natin ito. So, papasok na rin iyong preventive doon kasi, right now, kailangan talaga ng patient-to-patient assessment and check-up. Iyon po iyong first phase or ang pinaka-importante nating malaman. Pagkatapos po niyan ay ire-recommend na lang po kung healthy naman ang bata, ay continue iyong close monitoring, pero kung sa pag-assess ng nurse ay parang may nakita siya at kailangan ng further exams, doon na po ipapasok ang bata sa government hospital for laboratory exams. Pagkatapos, kapag lumabas iyong resulta ng laboratoryo at sabihin o ire-recommend ng doktor na kailangang i-confine, then i-confine na natin. Ito po iyong mekanismo natin.

REP. DE JESUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Iyon pong pagkakahayag ng ating Sponsor ay parang may ideal situation tayo with regard to efficiency ng dami na basic nga e—ng dami ng ating kasalukuyang public hospitals. Dito lamang sa NCR ay malinaw na talagang kapag pinag-usapan ang available numbers ng ating pampublikong ospital na sinasabing silang tatanggap, at kung sinasabi rin natin na ang diwa ng pondong ito ay para ibukas natin sa lahat, na kahit walang nararamdaman pero ang nanay ay gusto talagang magtanong, gustong magsabi, ang nakikita ho namin ay napaka-kaunti noong, unang-una, iyong pagdating doon sa deployment ng mangangasiwa ng monitoring. Kung sinasabi nga natin na December pa pumutok ito, mayroong halos kalahating taon na, at ang lumalapit ay, ano ha, nanggagaling iyong inisyatiba doon sa mga vaccinees na may nararamdaman, pero hindi po ba na pinakamaganda talaga, kung tayo ay maglalaan ng pondo, ay dapat nasa balangkas din on how do we really prevent or how do we ensure na iyong mayorya ng vaccinees ay ligtas?

Kaya ang paninindigan po namin, alam ko pong marami pang gustong magtanong dito na ating mga kasamahan sa loob ng Kongreso and, in fact, I almost yielded to Manong Edcel Lagman na sana siya na ang mauna—nevertheless, para po sa Gabriela Women's Party, nakakabahala kung ang paglalaanan talaga natin ng budget ay, ang pinakamalaki ay iyong Medical Assistance Program, na parang ang ini-entertain na lang kaagad natin ay iyong admission sa mga mayroong nararamdaman. Sa bahagi po namin, hindi ba pinakamainam na maglaan talaga ng karagdangang budget para doon sa prevention, na mapapalamnan ito kapag nagdiretso tayo ng mas maraming budget sa pagpaparami ng pampublikong ospital, pagpaparami ng mga maaaring mag-assess, sa pag-e-encourage hanggang sa baba na ang mga pamilya na hanggang ngayon ay nababahala pero hindi nila alam ang gagawin, ay bigyan talaga ng edukasyon para matanggal iyong kanilang agam-agam.

Kapag ganito po ang nakikita nating appropriations, sa bahagi po ng Gabriela Women's Party, sa tingin po namin ay dapat habulin pa na higit nating paglaanan ang kaugnay ng Public Health Management, kaugnay ng Human Resources Deployment, at pagdating naman po doon sa Medical Assistance Program, ay tiyakin na iyong mga pampublikong ospital—kung puwede nga ay dagdagan na kaagad mula sa budget na ito o ibukas iyong iba pang ospital para higit na ma-absorb ang mga vaccinees na—kung ang sinasabi ninyo nga ay 5,000 pa lang ang lumalapit na pasyente o natitingnan ay higit na—itong natitirang anim na buwan ay mas magiging makabuluhan.

So, G. Ispiker, G. Isponsor, ito po lamang sa yugtong ito. Maraming salamat po.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Maraming salamat.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Antonio T. Tinio from ACT Teachers Party-List for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Gentleman from ACT Party-List, the Honorable Tinio, is recognized to interpellate the Sponsor.

REP. TINIO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, ilang katanungan hinggil sa panukala. Sabi po sa House Bill No. 7449, sa Section 2 nito, ito po iyong pinakamahalagang bahagi, gagamitin daw iyong P1.6 billion para sa sumusunod: (a) Human Resource for Health (HRH) Deployment; (b) Public Health Management; at (c) Assistance to Indigent Patients either Confined or Out-Patient in Government Hospitals/

Specialty Hospitals/LGU Hospitals/Philippine General Hospital/West Visayas State University Hospital. Pagkatapos, katulad sa nabanggit sa talakayan ninyo kay Congresswoman De Jesus, ang P1.6 billion na pondo ay hahatiin sa sumusunod: mayroong P67.5 million para sa Human Resources for Health Deployment, kasama rito iyong hiring ng 382 nurses para sa limang buwang deployment; P148.29 million para sa Public Health Management, kasama diyan iyong assessment and monitoring of Dengvaxia vaccinees at may hiring din ng nurses at pagbili ng supplies and medicines; pero ito po iyong medyo nagpataas ng antenna para sa akin, ang P945.8 million o 81 percent noong pondo para sa Medical Assistance Program.

Tama po ba iyong figures na binanggit ko, Mr. Speaker?

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr.*

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TINIO. Okay. Gusto ko po magtoon dito sa Medical Assistance Program ng DOH. Alam naman natin kung ano ang programa na iyan, naging kontrobersiyal ito dahil noong bumaba iyong Supreme Court decision noong 2013 na nagdeklara na unconstitutional ang PDAF, ang Priority Development Assistance Fund, ang nangyari ay iyong pondo na dati nasa PDAF ng mga Congressman ay hinati-hati at nilagay, na-allocate sa iba't ibang mga ahensiya ng gobyerno. Mayroong amount na nilagay sa DPWH; mayroong amount for scholarship na nilagay sa CHED; mayroong nilagay sa TESDA; at mayroon sa Department of Labor and Employment para sa temporary employment. Pagkatapos, mayroon amount din na nilagay sa DOH at ito ay sa programa ng MAP o Medical Assistance Program.

Kaya ito po ang pangamba natin, huwag naman ninyong sabihin na pagkatapos ng krisis na dulot ng pagmamadali sa mass vaccination ng Dengvaxia, sa public health crisis na dala nito na nakaapekto sa halos 900,000 na mga Pilipino, lalo na mga kabataang Pilipino, at pagkatapos na matagumpay na mabawi sa Sanofi iyong at least P1.1 billion na halaga, huwag naman po nating sabihin na iyong kalakhan pala noon ay ilalagay, ay gagamitin para sa dagdag na pork barrel ng mga Congressman. Kaya gusto ko pong malinawan kung bakit sa MAP po inilagay ang kalakhan ng pondo, ang P945 million na ito? Ibig po ba natin sabihin ay gagawin na itong pork barrel, additional pork barrel for Representatives, Mr. Speaker?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Mr. Speaker, hindi po ito pork barrel, hindi rin po ito PDAF. Gusto ko lang basahin na sa House Bill No. 7449 na pasado po sa

Committee on Appropriations—kasi iyong binasa ng ating kasamahan, Mr. Speaker, ay mula sa original version. Dito sa Committee version, iyong pumasa po sa Committee on Appropriations at iyong ini-issponsor natin ngayon, basahin ko po ang Section 2, nakalagay:

SECTION 2. Assistance to Dengvaxia Vaccinees. The amount appropriated herein to fund the assistance to the Dengvaxia vaccinees shall be used exclusively for the following programs, projects and activities:

1) medical assistance program for Dengvaxia vaccinees, either confined or out-patients, P945,828,000 xxx

Ibig po sabihin, eksklusibo itong pondo para sa Dengvaxia vaccinee. Hindi po ito pork barrel; hindi po ito PDAF. Ito po ay para sa exclusive use for medical assistance—pang-laboratory, pang-ospital, para sa gamot at medisina ng ating mga nabakunahan ng Dengvaxia.

*At this juncture, the Presiding Officer relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu.*

REP. TINIO. So I think mahalagang clarification po iyan, Mr. Speaker, at nais ko pong malinaw na mailagay sa record na hindi po ito ilalagay sa Medical Assistance Program pero ito ay hiwalay na programa. Tama po ba?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Exclusively for Dengvaxia...

REP. TINIO. Exclusively for Dengvaxia ...

REP. NOGRALES (K.). ...vaccinees.

REP. TINIO. ... vaccinees, iyon po ang terminong ginagamit ninyo. Okay. So hindi po ito sa Medical Assistance Program. In other words, malinaw po na para maka-access nito, hindi kailangan ng anumang intervention ng Congressman, mayor, o sinumang pulitiko.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Hindi po.

REP. TINIO. Hindi kailangan ng anumang endorsement letter.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Hindi po.

REP. TINIO. Hindi po. Malinaw po iyon ha.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes, Mr. Speaker, hindi po kailangan.

REP. TINIO. Okay. Ngayon, sa amount na P945.8 million, paano po ba ang allocation niyan? Iyan po ba ay lump sum na nakalagak sa Central Office, or iyan po ba ay naka-allocate, idi-distribute sa government hospitals? Paano po ba ang mekanismo diyan?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Actually, either government o kahit private hospitals po, ang mekanismo po is, basta may Dengvaxia vaccinee na pumasok sa hospital, government o private, dahil kasama naman na siya sa database, kung anuman ang pangangailangan nilang pang-medikal, pambayad ng ospital, pang-laboratory or kailangan ng gamot, immediately po mula sa Department of Health, sa pamamagitan ng regional offices, ida-download po iyong pera either sa government hospital or sa private hospital para bayaran ang medical needs, iyong mga gastusing pang-medikal.

REP. TINIO. Okay. So, ang pera po ay mananatili sa Central Office o nasa region, tama po ba? Paano po ba?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Some amounts will be in the Central Office and some in Regions III, IV-A, NCR and VII. Some will be downloaded directly to government hospitals tulad ng ...

REP. TINIO. Such as PGH, ganoon po ba?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes. Opo.

REP. TINIO. Okay. Sige po. So, some will remain in the Central Office; tapos iyong iba ay nasa regional hospitals or doon sa mga affected lamang.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes.

REP. TINIO. In other words, hindi po sa lahat ng region.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Hindi po, and the reason mayroon pa ring pondo sa NCR is, hindi naman natin maiwasan ...

REP. TINIO. Baka may iba.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Iyong pondo, some will remain in the ...

REP. TINIO. National.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). ... Central Office, sa national office kasi hindi naman natin maiwasan minsan, under circumstances unknown to us, iyong Dengvaxia vaccinee sabihin natin pumunta ng Mindanao...

REP. TINIO. Okay, understood.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). ... at papasok siya sa SPMC, ...

REP. TINIO. Okay.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). ... so, mayroon tayong pondo pambayad sa SPMC.

REP. TINIO. Okay. Tapos, para malinawan lang po, kung ang sabi ninyo kanina ay mayroong database ito, mayroong ID na ibibigay sa mga vaccinees, kaya iyon ang magiging basis ng pag-access.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes.

REP. TINIO. Paano kung o ang sinasabi po ba ninyo, para maklaro lang, puwede akong pumunta sa anumang ospital.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Opo.

REP. TINIO. Halimbawa, pumunta po ako sa local government hospital, okay lang.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes.

REP. TINIO. I can avail.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes.

REP. TINIO. Ganoon.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Opo.

REP. TINIO. Hindi tatanggihan at bibigyan ako ng serbisyo.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Opo.

REP. TINIO. Tapos, po-problemahin na ng ...

REP. NOGRALES (K.). DOH kung papaano bayaran.

REP. TINIO. ... DOH kung papaano i-download.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes.

REP. TINIO. Ganoon din po sa private hospital? Kung nagpunta ako sa private hospital, will it be covered?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes.

REP. TINIO. Of course, siguro, nasa guidelines na iyan. May limitations ba sa coverage o bahala na ang DOH?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Wala po akong nakikita dito.

REP. TINIO. All right. Mr. Speaker, iyon lang po ang gusto kong malinaw and hopefully, nailinaw nga po sa records na hindi na po ilalagay sa MAP o Medical Assistance Program, dahil ito ay may hiwalay na programa na specific for the benefit of Dengvaxia vaccinees at hindi po kailangan ng intervention ng sinumang politiko para ma-access ang benepisyong ito.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Tama po iyon.

REP. TINIO. Okay. With that, Mr. Speaker, maraming salamat po.

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

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Thank you din, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Representative from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel Lagman, is recognized for his interpellation of the Sponsor.

REP. LAGMAN. May we know whether the distinguished Sponsor, Mr. Speaker, would yield to some clarificatory questions.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Gladly, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. May we know the funding source for this supplemental appropriation.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). The funding source, Mr. Speaker, is from the refund that was given back by SANOFI through its local distributor, Zuellig, and the P1.16 billion fund is already with the Bureau of Treasury.

REP. LAGMAN. May we know if the refund has been completely paid to the Republic?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes, Mr. Speaker, and we have with us the certification by the Treasurer of the Philippines that the P1,161,710,000 was received by the Bureau of Treasury and has been credited to General Fund 101 on January 26, 2018, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. The certification is that the refund has been received.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Yes.

REP. LAGMAN. Okay. May we know whether the National Treasurer made a certification that funds are available to support this supplemental budget. Is this not a requirement?

REP. NOGRALES (K.). During the hearing, it was stated that it is already available.

REP. LAGMAN. There must be a certification from the National Treasurer that the funds to support the supplemental budget are available. Before we could proceed any further, I think the Committee on Appropriations should secure that certification on the availability of funds.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). When we heard this at the Committee level, Mr. Speaker, the Bureau of Treasury was there and it certified that the fund was with it.

REP. LAGMAN. No, that was a parole certification; that was a testimonial certification. Under our procedure, Mr. Speaker, there is a need for a written certification that funds are available, because if funds are not available, this is an exercise in futility, appropriating this amount.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). We have a certification to that effect, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. I beg your pardon, Mr. Speaker.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). We have a certification from the Bureau of Treasury.

REP. LAGMAN. Can we have a copy of that certification?

*(The copy of the certification was handed to Rep. Lagman.)*

This is not a certification of the availability of funds. This is a certification on the receipt of the amount as a reimbursement, most probably or a refund but definitely, this is not a certification on the availability of funds. Funds are fungible, these could have been received but subsequently disbursed and they are not there anymore.

Can we not get a certification from the National Treasurer tomorrow that funds are available to support this supplemental appropriation?

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 7:57 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 8:01 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7449

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 7449.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up the Unfinished Business.

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7742

*Continuation*

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 7742, contained in Committee Report No. 741, and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the Bill.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Secretary General is hereby directed to read the title of House Bill No. 7742 under Committee Report 741.

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. Abu). The Majority Leader is recognized.



REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that it is in the period of interpellations.

I move that we recognize the honorable Sponsor, Rep. Ben P. Evardone.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Chairperson of the Banks and Financial Intermediaries Committee, the Rep. Ben Evardone, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7742 for the continuation of the interpellation.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Gentleman from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Representative from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel Lagman, is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday, I had a number of concerns which I communicated to the distinguished Sponsor and to the officials of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. Among others, they covered the following: 1. the losses of the Bangko Sentral, how they were incurred and the reasons there were losses; 2. the amendment to the computation of profits and losses; 3. the exemption from attachments by other creditors of properties collateralized for BSP loans; 4. the non-coverage of injunctive relief against the Bangko Sentral in the exercise of its quasi-judicial functions from the Regional Trial Courts except the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court; and lastly, 5. the status of the sinking fund under Section 132 of Republic Act 7653 or the BSP Charter.

In a communication given to me by Atty. Elmore Capule, the General Counsel of the Bangko Sentral, I fully read the same and my concerns are fully addressed by that communication. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, I am not anymore continuing my interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Thank you, Honorable Lagman.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we have no other Member who wishes to interpellate and who registered to speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, with no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 7742 on Second Reading.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 7742 on Second Reading, please, say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7742 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7742 under Committee Report No. 741 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 8:06 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 8:07 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we transmit all bills approved on Third Reading to the Senate.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, May 29, 2018, at four o'clock in the afternoon. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). After approving 30 measures on Third Reading and three measures on Second Reading, we adjourn the session until tomorrow, May 29, 2018, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 8:07 p.m.*