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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica called the session to order.*

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

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

### PRAYER

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

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

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

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. VERGARA. Mme. Speaker, may I request that we suspend the session momentarily.

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

*It was 3:02 p.m.*

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 3:05 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The session is resumed.  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully move that we defer the calling of the roll.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully move that we now proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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. 8366, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL LINEMEN VOLUNTEERS OF THE TASK FORCE KAPATID AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uybarreta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8367, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FIDEL V.

RAMOS LIBRARY AND MUSEUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bataoil  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8369, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 43 OF THE TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION (TRAIN) OR R.A. NO. 10963”

By Representative Barbers  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 8371, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES ON CERTAIN ELECTION OFFENSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 264 OF BATAS PAMBANSA 881 OR THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Barbers  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8372, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8189 OR THE VOTER’S REGISTRATION ACT OF 1996”

By Representative Barbers  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8373, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A FOURTEENTH (14TH) MONTH PAY FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTORS”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 8375, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A UNIVERSAL DEFINITION OF THE TERM ‘AGRICULTURE’ FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALL LEVELS IN LAND USE AND CONVERSION IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Geron  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 8376, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 10 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITYHOOD OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, CELEBRATED THROUGH THE TANGLAWAN FESTIVAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9750, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 10 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE “FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE” ’ ”

By Representative Robes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8377, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8379, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ABC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS TV5 NETWORK, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7831, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING ABC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, UNDER BUSINESS NAME ‘ASSOCIATED BROADCASTING COMPANY’, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Quimbo and Romualdo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8383, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 14 OF EVERY YEAR AS FOUNDATION DAY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE AND A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY”

By Representative Floirendo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8384, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS AND WORK INCENTIVES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4670, TO BE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lacson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8385, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE RELEASE OF 14TH MONTH PAY FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Lacson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8386, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POLICE LAW ENFORCEMENT COURTS, GRANTING THESE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND PNP RULES OF ENGAGEMENT COMMITTED BY THE POLICE, AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 8387, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE JURISDICTION AND POWER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OVER PETROLEUM PIPELINE OPERATIONS AND FOR THIS PURPOSE PROVIDE A PETROLEUM PIPELINE CODE TO PRESCRIBE STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND ABANDONMENT OF LIQUID PETROLEUM PIPELINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8388, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK ENTERPRISE

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8389, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR OTHER ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9287, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL NUMBERS GAMES, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1602, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND  
AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 8390, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF EXTENDING NO-COLLATERAL, LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO GRADUATES OF ANY COURSES OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OR DULY ACCREDITED LEARNING INSTITUTIONS WITH APPROVED OVERSEAS JOB CONTRACTS”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8391, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 8392, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CANCER CENTER, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda, Romero, Belmonte (R.), Canama, Salo, Lopez (B.), Villarín, Montoro, Belaró, Lacson, Mending, Uybarreta and Salon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND  
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8393, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY LABELLING OF HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS CONTAINING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES”

By Representatives Pineda, Romero, Belmonte (R.), Canama, Salo, Lopez (B.), Villarin, Montoro, Belaro, Lacson, Mending, Uybarreta and Salon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 8395, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM CIGARETTE SMOKE EXPOSURE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2911, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003, SECTIONS 6 AND 29”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 8396, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE PHILIPPINE FILM INDUSTRY THROUGH AN ANNUAL FILM QUOTA AND OTHER SUPPORT MEASURES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 8397, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8398, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAYS THROUGH SUPPORT FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 8399, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 8401, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ALL INDIGENT FILIPINOS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER 5, TITLE III, BOOK IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987’, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villarica  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 8402, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RULES ON PLEA BARGAINING AGREEMENT IN CRIMINAL CASES, PROVIDING PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 8403, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8404, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INCLUDE ETHNIC ORIGIN IN THE NATIONAL SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 8405, entitled:

“PHILIPPINE CROWDSOURCING ACT OF 2018”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 8406, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING RESOURCE

CENTERS FOR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO ENHANCE AND ENSURE DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 8407, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SEVENTEENTH OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL STUDENT LEADER’S DAY”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8408, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8409, entitled:

“AN ACT WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES ON THE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN THE APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF FIRST TIME JOBSEEKERS”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 8410, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE SPACES OF ITS FIELD OFFICES, HEREBY REPEALING SECTION 55 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8411, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABLE COASTAL TOURISM, PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ITS INSTITUTIONALIZATION,

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 8412, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A UNIFIED SYSTEM OF EXTENDING AND PROCESSING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS, STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS, SUBSIDIES, BURSARIES AND OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT WINDOWS FOR THE FILIPINO YOUTH, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8413, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ‘ADOPT-A-LIBRARY’ PROGRAM, PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8414, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE ATTACHÉ, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINO ACT OF 1995, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 8415, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE BLOOD DISEASE AND TRANSFUSION CENTER, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8416, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL

SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATORS IN BASIC EDUCATION”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8418, entitled:

“AN ACT EMPOWERING LOTTO WINNERS OF PRIZES AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND PESOS TO DETERMINE HOW THE FINAL TAX ON HIS OR HER WINNINGS SHALL BE SPENT”

By Representative Abayon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 8421, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MINIMUM MONTHLY NET TAKE HOME PAY FOR ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AFTER AUTHORIZED DEDUCTIONS”

By Representative Silverio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 8422, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TIGPALAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, BULACAN”

By Representative Silverio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 8424, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8799 (R.A. 8799), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 8425, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS SERVICE IN THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vergara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2225, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO

INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE FAILURE OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) TO SUCCESSFULLY PROCURE FIRE TRUCKS IN 2015, 2016, 2017 AND 2018 WITH APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT (ABC) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF AT LEAST THREE BILLION PESOS (PHP3,000,000,000.00) THROUGH COMPETITIVE PUBLIC BIDDING”

By Representative Batocabe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2226, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BISHOP BRO. EDUARDO ‘EDDIE’ C. VILLANUEVA FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL AND EFFECTIVE STEWARDSHIP OF JESUS IS LORD CHURCH WORLDWIDE (‘JIL CHURCH’) LEADING THE JIL CHURCH TO ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 27, 2018”

By Representative Andaya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2227, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF YOUNG WUSHU ATHLETE RASTAFARI DARALIAY”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2228, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CURRENT LABOR DISPUTE BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND THE UNION OF FORTUNE TOBACCO CORPORATION AS A RESULT OF MASS LAY-OFF OF THE COMPANY’S EMPLOYEES”

By Representative Villarin  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2229, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE VARIOUS ATTACKS ON YOUTH, TEACHERS AND OTHER SECTORS IN THE UNIVERSITIES AND URGE THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT THE  
ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN NATION  
BUILDING”

By Representatives Elago, De Jesus, Tinio and  
Brosas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2230, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE  
ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY AND INVESTIGATION, INTO THE  
ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULARITIES AND  
ANOMALIES IN THE OPERATION OF THE  
DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES CORPORATION  
(DFPC), PARTICULARLY WITH REGARDS  
TO ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF R.A.  
NO. 6768, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
BALIKBAYAN LAW, AS AMENDED BY  
R.A. NO. 9174, AS WELL AS, POSSIBLE  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF DFPC  
OFFICIALS AND ‘SWEETHEART’ DEALS  
AND CONTRACTS WITH FAVORED  
SUPPLIERS, AMONG OTHERS”

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2231, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND  
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES TO  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE  
COMPLAINTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL  
TEACHERS REGARDING ALLEGED  
IRREGULAR SALARY DEDUCTIONS  
DUE TO SPURIOUS LOANS, UNLAWFUL  
COMPOUNDED INTEREST RATES,  
PENALTY FEES AND SURCHARGES  
FROM THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE  
INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS)”

By Representatives Pineda, Romero, Canama, Salo,  
Lopez (B.), Montoro, Salon, Belaro, Uybarreta,  
Bravo (A.), Lacson, Zarate, Castro (F.L.),  
Tinio, Villarín, Pancho, Lazatin, Revilla, Cari,  
Casilao, Espino, Aggabao, Silverio, Bordado  
and Arenas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2232, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE  
GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE  
SYSTEM (GSIS) TO CONDONE INCURRED  
LOAN PENALTIES AND ONEROUS  
COMPOUNDED INTERESTS OF PUBLIC  
SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representatives Pineda, Romero, Canama, Salo,  
Lopez (B.), Montoro, Salon, Belaro, Uybarreta,  
Bravo (A.), Lacson, Zarate, Castro (F.L.),  
Tinio, Villarín, Pancho, Lazatin, Revilla, Cari,  
Casilao, Espino, Aggabao, Silverio, Bordado,  
Arenas and Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Resolution No. 2233, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON  
THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE’S  
(PNP) MEMORANDUM PROFILING  
INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND  
CANDIDATES ALLEGEDLY LINKED TO  
THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT”

By Representatives Zarate, Tinio, De Jesus, Castro  
(F.L.), Brosas and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2234, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE  
SENSELESS MURDER OF JUDGE  
EDMUNDO P. PINTAC, EXECUTIVE  
JUDGE OF BRANCH 15 OF THE REGIONAL  
TRIAL COURT OF OZAMIZ CITY, AND  
DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL  
POLICE AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU  
OF INVESTIGATION TO CONDUCT  
A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION  
THEREON”

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER  
AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 2235, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE  
SENSELESS MURDER OF OZAMIZ CITY  
RTC EXECUTIVE JUDGE EDMUNDO  
PINTAC (BRANCH 15), AND DIRECTING  
THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE  
AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU  
OF INVESTIGATION TO CONDUCT  
A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION  
THEREON”

By Representative Almonte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER  
AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 2236, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND  
COMMENDING MS. KATARINA SONJAH  
RODRIGUEZ FOR BEING CROWNED AS

MISS WORLD PHILIPPINES 2018 DURING THE PAGEANT’S CORONATION NIGHT HELD AT THE MALL OF ASIA ARENA IN PASAY CITY LAST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018”

By Representative Billones  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 29, entitled:  
“A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO SUSPEND THE EXCISE TAX ON FUEL”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1477, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING POSITIVE AND NON-VIOLENT DISCIPLINE OF CHILDREN, PROHIBITING ALL FORMS OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, HUMILIATING AND DEGRADING TREATMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1753, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997’ ”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1971, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL

PROTECTION OF CHILD PASSENGERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREOF”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1766, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY OLD-AGE PENSION OF SENIOR VETERANS”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 453, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD OR CHILDREN OF A DECEASED MEMBER, WHETHER IN ACTIVE SERVICE OR RETIRED, OF THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1578, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1669, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING FAITH ACADEMY AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER AND PROVIDING FOR MECHANISMS ON THE GRANT OF CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS GROWTH”



in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1789, entitled:

“ANACTTOENHANCETHEUSEOFNATIONAL WEALTH FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’ ”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1558, entitled:

ANACTDEFININGANDPENALIZINGSTREET SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND PUBLIC SPACES HARASSMENT, EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2031, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RANK CLASSIFICATION IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 28 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990’ ”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1712, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SARANGANI SPORTS TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, PROVINCE

OF SARANGANI AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5576, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAREER GUIDANCEANDCOUNSELINGPROGRAM FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Message dated October 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 3222, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL VISION SCREENING PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN PUPILS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 26 September 2018 of Jose R. Fajardo, Director and Head, LAIG, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with a duly certified and authenticated copy of Circular Letter No. CL-2018-067 dated 21 September 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Report of Honorable Dante Roberto P. Maling, Acting Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bills, submitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency’s consideration and signature, pursuant to the provision of Rule VI, Section 18, Par. (h) of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. House Bill No. 622, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 24 OF EVERY YEARASPECIALNONWORKINGHOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;

2. House Bill No. 705, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF

- AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘AGOO DAY’ ”;
3. House Bill No. 1926, entitled:  
“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY POBLACION 2 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL”;
  4. House Bill No. 1928, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG VILLANUEVA’ ”;
  5. House Bill No. 4136, entitled:  
“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7816, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”;
  6. House Bill No. 5173, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY AND THE ANNUAL BAÑAMOS FESTIVAL”;
  7. House Bill No. 5258, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG LANA O’ ”;
  8. House Bill No. 5262, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 22 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS ANNIVERSARY AS A PROVINCE”;
  9. House Bill No. 5552, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY, INCLUDING THE CITIES THEREIN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ALBAY DAY’ ”;
  10. House Bill No. 5553, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SURRENDER OF GENERAL TOMOYUKI YAMASHITA, COMMANDER OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES, IN KIANGAN, IFUGAO”;
  11. House Bill No. 5554, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 9 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF RUBEN EDERA ECLEO, SR.”;
  12. House Bill No. 5566, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL’ ”;
  13. House Bill No. 5635, entitled:  
“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BRIGHT STAR BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7295, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE BRIGHT STAR BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”;
  14. House Bill No. 5688, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CEBU AND THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF CEBU, INCLUDING ITS HIGHLY URBANIZED AND COMPONENT CITIES, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘CEBU PRESS FREEDOM DAY’ ”;
  15. House Bill No. 5691, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;
  16. House Bill No. 5716, entitled:  
“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER

TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO VANGUARD RADIONETWORK COMPANY, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7529, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8069”;

17. House Bill No. 5880, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE AMAI PAKPAK MEDICAL CENTER IN MARAWI CITY, PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

18. House Bill No. 6114, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

19. House Bill No. 6155, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN LAPU-LAPU CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

20. House Bill No. 6160, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 7 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CAVITE, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;

21. House Bill No. 6314, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING STREAMTECH SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”;

22. House Bill No. 6689, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 17 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;

23. House Bill No. 6780, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 22 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING

HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;

24. House Bill No. 5202, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ADLAW NAN PROBINSYANAN SURIGAO DEL NORTE’, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7553, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT DECLARING JUNE NINETEEN OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS “ADLAW NAN SURIGAO DEL NORTE”’”;

25. House Bill No. 5259, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 18 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘IFUGAO FOUNDATION DAY’”;

26. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1586 and House Bill No. 5881, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOCCSKSARGEN GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Energy and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 892), re H.B. No. 8417, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4892 and 6641 and House Resolution No. 384

Sponsors: Representatives Velasco, Nograles (K.A.) and Batocabe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 893), re H.B. No. 8419, entitled:

“AN ACT PREVENTING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES THROUGH BIGGER NUMBER PLATES AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5381, 5714, 5839 and 6226  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Biazon and Acop  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 894), re H.B. No. 8420, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LICENSING BRANCH OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7195  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 895), re H.B. No. 6687, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORONG, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Rodriguez (I.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government, the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 896), re H.B. No. 8423, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE METRO BATAAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7236 under Committee Report No. 622 which was recommitted to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization and additionally referred to the Committee on Local Government as principal Committee on 14 March 2018

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

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 897), re H.B. No. 8426, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10 (b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BACOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4866

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Revilla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 898), re H.R. No. 2237, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DISMISSING THE CONSOLIDATED VERIFIED COMPLAINTS FOR IMPEACHMENT AGAINST SEVEN (7) JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT FILED BY REPRESENTATIVES EDCEL C. LAGMAN, GARY C. ALEJANO AND TEDDY BRAWNER BAGUILAT, JR.”

recommending its adoption, together with the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Committee in the matter of the Impeachment Proceedings against seven (7) Justices of the Supreme Court

Sponsors: Representatives Leachon, Veloso, Oaminal, Fuentebella, Revilla, Manalo, Marcoleta, Salo, Garbin and Bravo (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 899), re H.B. No. 6382, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAUWAY, CITY OF MANDALUYONG, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SENATE PRESIDENT NEPTALI A. GONZALES INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Zamora (M.C.) and Gonzales (A.P.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of honorable Majority Leader Rolando G. Andaya Jr. In the gallery are Ms. Merlita Montesines, owner and School Administrator of Child's Place Developmentally Appropriate Program School from Barangay Calumpang, Binangonan, Rizal, together with the faculty and students.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Please

rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives, the guests of Hon. Rolando Andaya Jr. (*Applause*)

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, for the record, may I correct my statement a while ago. The guests are actually the guests of Deputy Speaker Prospero Pichay. My apologies, Mme. Speaker, for the record.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Correction, the guests of Honorable Pichay, welcome to the House of Representatives.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

*It was 3:24 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 3:43 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 26, dated October 10, 2018.\**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The roll call shows that 212 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). With 212 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may I know the concerns of the Hon. Lito Atienza?

REP. ATIENZA. I just would like to manifest a pleasant surprise because the Secretariat gave us an accurate count. We do have 212 on the floor. Congratulations! Thank you.

REP. PALMA. Thank you, honorable Sr. Dep. Minority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Thank you.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move now to approve Journal No. 24, dated October 8, 2018, copies of which have been previously distributed to the Members.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, before we continue, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Lianda B. Bolilia, before us in the gallery. They are from the Liga ng mga Barangay of Rosario, province of Batangas, headed by Gani Larosa.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Please rise, the guests of Honorable Bolilia. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D., and Hon. Kaka J. Bag-ao. They are from the Network to Stop AIDS Philippines.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Please rise, the guests of Hon. Angelina Tan and Cong. Kaka Bag-ao. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Vilma Santos-Recto of the Sixth District of Batangas. They

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

are from the Lipa City College Graduate School headed by Dean Dante Lubis.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Welcome to the House of Representatives, the guests of Hon. Vilma Santos-Recto. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8374

##### *Continuation*

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we take up House Bill No. 8374, under the Calendar of Unfinished Business, as contained in Committee Report No. 885, and request that the Secretary General be directed to read the title of the measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Secretary General is requested to read the title of the Bill.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8374, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REVISED CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

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

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status is that we are in the period of sponsorship and debate, and may we recognize the Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo of the Lone District of Camiguin to sponsor the said measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Honorable Romualdo is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8374 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8374 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8374 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8374 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

*It was 3:59 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:00 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

## CONSIDERATION OF R.B.H. NO. 15

*Continuation*

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of Resolution of Both Houses No. 15, under the Calendar of Unfinished Business, contained in Committee Report No. 881, and as reported out by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

May we request that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Resolution of Both Houses No. 15, entitled: RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES PROPOSING THE REVISION OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

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

## PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status of this measure is that we are in the period of sponsorship and debate. Therefore, Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Hon. Dakila Carlo E. Cua from the Lone District of Quirino for his sponsorship speech.

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

The Hon. Dakila Cua is recognized.

## SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. CUA

REP CUA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Esteemed colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

We are currently at a critical moment in the history of our country. What started as a promise by President Duterte during his campaign is now slowly becoming a

reality with the filing of Resolution of Both Houses No. 15, as contained in Committee Report No. 881, entitled RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES PROPOSING THE REVISION OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, which shifts the form of government to a federal system.

Even now, there are those who question the necessity, as well as the propriety of such a shift, for it is indeed a huge risk for the country to take. However, the fact remains that the 1987 Constitution is now more than 30 years old. While it has served us well for all these years, there is a need to revise the same in order for it to better address the present and future needs of Filipinos. As lawmakers and Representatives of our people, it is incumbent upon us to make sure that the Constitution remains responsive to these needs and takes appropriate action to that end.

The Philippines of today has changed drastically from the Philippines of 1987. The Philippines of today exists in a far more globalized world and has just about managed to catch up with its neighbors in terms of economic growth in recent years, going from “The Sick Man of Asia” to “The Rising Tiger of Asia.” One of the major contributors to this growth is the foreign investments coming into this country. However, we may not be able to benefit from these in the long run because of the restrictions on equity participation imposed on various areas within the 1987 Constitution.

Under the current Constitution, there are three main economic provisions that unduly restrict the nation’s potential for progress:

1) The restriction on private corporations or associations to acquire alienable lands of the public domain only through lease;

2) The exclusion of foreigners from participating in the exploitation, development and utilization of the country’s natural resources; and

3) The restriction placed on foreign capital ownership in public utilities, educational institutions, mass media and advertising, and certain areas of investments.

This Resolution under consideration aims to liberalize our economy by including the following amendments:

1) Reclaimed lands shall now also be classified as a land of public domain;

2) Congress is given the power to pass laws that allow ownership by foreign entities of alienable lands of public domain, transfer of private lands to foreign entities, and increase in the equity ownership of foreign entities in public utilities;

3) The 60-40 sharing restriction between Filipino and foreign equity on reserved investments and educational institutions will be removed;

4) Foreign equity participation is now allowed in mass media; and

5) The 70-30 sharing restriction between Filipino and foreign equity on the advertising industry shall be removed.

RBH No. 15 also aims to strengthen the local government units by enabling them to create their own sources of revenue and to levy taxes, fees and charges subject to such guidelines and limitations as Congress may provide. In addition, the national government shall provide local government units their just share in the national taxes as determined by law, which shall be automatically released to them. The local government units shall also be entitled to an equitable share in the proceeds of the utilization and development of the national wealth within their respective areas, in the manner provided by law, which shall be automatically released to them as well. These areas include, but are not limited to, offshore sites beyond the municipal waters. Local governments may also be authorized by law to collect the proceeds and retain their equitable share.

Mme. Speaker, at the end of the day, the goal of this Resolution is to allow the country to use the momentum that it is currently enjoying in terms of economic growth, while also making sure that these benefits are distributed down to the lowest levels of government. The lifting of the restrictions in various industries will allow a more inclusive economy, attract more foreign investments into the country, as well as promote healthy competition between and among domestic and foreign business entities, while still being regulated by the State through congressional legislation. This will, in turn, lead to the increase of the revenues collected by the local governments which, to me, seems to be something worth taking the risk for.

We are standing on the precipice of change, Mme. Speaker, and only one of two things can happen when we inevitably take the leap--either we soar or we fall. The risk is there, to be sure, but the end result would depend on how we have prepared ourselves for the leap, and our dedication and commitment to successfully make it to the other side. If we truly desire progress for our nation, then we must be willing to change, for as George Bernard Shaw once said, "Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

Maraming salamat po.

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

#### SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF R.B.H. NO. 15

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we suspend the consideration of Resolution of Both Houses No. 15.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 4:09 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:17 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize Cong. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III who wishes to rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III is recognized.

#### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. BERTIZ

REP. BERTIZ. Thank you so much, Mme. Speaker, honorable Majority Leader, my fellow honorable colleagues of this august Chamber.

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

Mme. Speaker, mga kasamahan ko sa Kongreso, at sa lahat po ng naririto ngayon, magandang araw sa inyong lahat.

Ang kabuuan ng aking talumpating ito ay umiikot lamang sa iisang mensahe: patawad po. Hindi lingid sa inyong kaalaman na may kumalat na video sa social media tungkol sa insidenteng nangyari sa pagitan ng Representasyong ito at si Mr. Abdul, isang empleyado sa NAIA. Dahil po dito, kabi-kabilang batikos ang aking natanggap. Patawad po dahil bilang lingkod-bayan, hindi ako naging ehemplo ng tuwid at magandang asal. Naiintindihan ko at buong puso ko pong tinatanggap ang aking mga pagkakamali. Patawarin po ninyo ako. Ako ay pulitiko, isang public figure, at nagkamali po ako, Mme. Speaker. Obligasyon at karapatan po ninyo na ako ay tuligsain. Ano man ang nais na parusa mula sa inyo, aking mga kasama sa Seventeenth Congress, upang ituwid ang pagkakamaling iyon ay maluwag ko pong tatanggapin.



Isa lamang po ang aking pakiusap, Mme. Speaker at mga mahal kong kasama dito sa Kongreso, ganoon na rin po sa taumbayan. Ako po ang parusahan ninyo huwag na po ang aking pamilya, ang aking asawa at mga anak. Wala po silang kinalaman dito. You cannot even imagine what my family and I have to go through. Do what you want with me but please spare my family.

Ang aking mga anak na babae ay nakakatanggap ng malalaswa at malisyosong komento sa kanilang social media accounts. Kinuha ang kanilang mga pictures at tinawag silang prostitutes. Ang aking katorse at dyesisyete anyos na anak na babae, sinabihang iga-gang rape at napakasarap, at kung anu-ano pang kahalayan na masyadong masakit, na hindi ko na po kayang banggitin pa. Ang aking nag-iisang anak na lalaki, sinasabihang drug addict. Bilang ama, labis po akong nasaktan sa dinanas na ito ng aking mga anak.

Bilang pulitiko, tayo ay bukas sa mga batikos ng taumbayan. Tanggap natin iyon kahit masakit na salita na ibinabato sa atin. Kasama iyon sa ating trabaho at kasama sa ating sinumpaang. Pero sana man lang ay hindi na nadamay ang aking pamilya, lalung-lalo na po ang aking mga anak na babae. Sino ba namang ama na nandito ngayon ang magnanais na ito ay mangyari sa kanilang mga anak?

Ang akin pong hiling at panalangin, Mme. Speaker, dear honorable colleagues of this Seventeenth Congress, huwag na huwag po sanang mangyari sa kahit sino sa inyo o sa inyong pamilya, at sa inyong mga anak kung ano ang pinagdadaan namin. Ngunit sa kabila po ng lahat, malaki ang aking pasasalamat sa ating mga kasamahan na hindi tayo iniwan sa gitna ng kontrobersiyang ating kinaharap. Sa inyo pong lahat, ako po ay paulit-ulit na nagpapasalamat.

Sa puntong ito, ako ay nagtitiwala sa wisdom ng Kamara at ng lideratong ito. Ako po ay susunod sa kung anumang pasya ang nakikita ninyong pinakamainam. Nagtitiwala po ako na justice at fairness ang magiging gabay ninyo sa pagpapasya sa isyung ito. Inaasahan po natin na kasama ng pasyang ito, maaari na nating isara ang yugtong ito ng isang napakahirap na pinagdaanan ng Representanteng ito at ng aking pamilya. Makailang-ulit na po akong humingi ng paumanhin sa aking mga nagawa at sa aking pagkakamali na aking lubos na pinagsisisihan. I offer no excuses, ngunit hayaan po ninyo ako muling humingi ng paumanhin, lalung-lalo na po sa security screener ng airport na si Mr. Abdul, sa aking pamilya, sa aking mga anak na babae, sa publiko, sa inyong mga kapwa kong Mambabatas, sa mga empleyado ng gobyerno, at lalung-lalo na po sa institusyong ito.

I offer to God my imperfections as a person and seek His mercy and forgiveness.

Before I end, allow me to share this Parable that I have read this morning from the Bible, from the book of Luke, chapter 18:9-14:

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else:

Two men went to the Temple to pray, one was a Pharisee and the other was a despised tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: "I thank you, God, I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers, I am certainly not like that tax collector. I fast twice a week and I gave You a tenth of my income."

But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow saying, "Oh, God, be merciful to me for I am a sinner." I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home, justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Again, patawarin ninyo po ako at maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat.

Mme. Speaker, I wish not to accept anymore questions or interpellations.

God bless you all.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Minority Leader Congressman Danilo Suarez.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Congressman Danilo Suarez is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, Your Honors.

In response to the manifestation of Representative Bertiz, I respectfully move that the penalty to be imposed on him with regard to his offense should be reprimand.

As far as I know, this is his first offense. He already admitted his mistakes and had proposedly apologized for his misconduct. The punishment must be commensurate to the act. Hence, any form of punishment greater than a reprimand such as a suspension is severe and inappropriate.

I so move that Congressman Bertiz be reprimanded, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary

status is there is a motion to reprimand Cong. Aniceto Bertiz.

REP. ABU. Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu is recognized.

REP. ABU. There is a motion coming from the Minority Leader to reprimand our colleague, Hon. Aniceto Bertiz Jr. I, coming from the Nacionalista Party, we second that motion.

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much, Congressman Abu.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Yes.

#### NOMINAL VOTING ON THE MOTION TO REPRIMAND REP. BERTIZ FOR HIS OFFENSE

REP. ANDAYA. To proceed, Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status is there is a motion for Honorable Bertiz to be reprimanded.

Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on the motion for Honorable Bertiz to be reprimanded and direct the Secretary General to conduct a nominal voting on the said motion.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is directed to call the roll for nominal voting.

REP. ANDAYA. Just to remind the colleagues, a yes vote is for a reprimand, Mme. Speaker. Please proceed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Please proceed.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting, pursuant to Section 140, Rule XIX of the House Rules. Thereafter, a second call was made. The result of the voting on the aforesaid motion is reflected in Journal No. 26, dated October 10, 2018.\**

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Pursuant to Section 140 of the Rules of the House,

with 159 affirmative votes, one negative vote, and three abstentions, the motion is approved.

Representative Bertiz is hereby reprimanded. The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. May I move for a one-minute suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

*It was 4:59 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:59 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, before we continue, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Ferjenel G. Biron, MD.

They are Commissioner Antonietta Ibe; Commissioner Javey Francisco; General Counsel Camilo Correa; directors and other members of the SEC family. They are the officers of the Securities and Exchange Commissions.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Please rise, the guests of Honorable Biron. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 2158 AND S.B. NO. 1753

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 2158 and Senate Bill No. 1753.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the titles of the measures.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the titles of the measures.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of*

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

\*\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

*the Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 2158, entitled: AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997"; and Senate Bill No. 1753, entitled: AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997."

REP. PALMA. In accordance with our Rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 6617 AND S.B. NO. 1390

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6617 and Senate Bill No. 1390.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the titles of the measures.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the titles of the measures.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill

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

REP. PALMA. In accordance with our Rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 5780

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are also in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 5780.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5780, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVTSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVSU), AND EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9832, ENTITLED “AN ACT CONVERTING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVTSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

REP. PALMA. In accordance with our Rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.  
I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 6030

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are also in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes of House Bill No. 6030.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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 Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6030, entitled: AN ACT INTEGRATING THE CEBU CITY MOUNTAIN EXTENSION CAMPUS AS A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9744, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF CEBU AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE

OF CEBU INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTV) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

REP. PALMA. In accordance with our Rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 6465

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are also in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6465.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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 Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

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

REP. PALMA. In accordance with our Rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.  
I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 7442 AND S.B. NO. 2023

REP. PALMA. Lastly, Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 7442 and Senate Bill No. 2023.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the titles of the measures.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the titles of the measures.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

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; and Senate Bill No. 2023, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF.

REP. PALMA. In accordance with our Rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 25, dated October 9, 2018, copies of which have been previously distributed to the Members.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 5:04 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:06 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILLS  
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider bills contained in the Calendar of Business for Thursday and Friday.

Mme. Speaker, pursuant to our Rules, allow me to put forth an omnibus motion for the consideration of the following bills:

1. House Bill No. 8420 as contained in Committee Report No. 894;
2. House Bill No. 6687 as contained in Committee Report No. 895;
3. House Bill No. 8426 as contained in Committee Report No. 897; and
4. House Bill No. 6382 as contained in Committee Report No. 899.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the respective Explanatory Notes of the bills as the sponsorship speeches on the said measures.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or to speak against the said local bills, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments and approve the Committee amendments, if any, as contained in the respective Committee reports of the aforementioned bills.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, there being no individual amendment, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

REP. PALMA. MME. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on the following House bills: House Bill No. 8420 as contained in Committee Report No. 894; House Bill No. 6687 as contained in Committee Report No. 895; House Bill No. 8426 as contained in Committee Report No. 897; and House Bill No. 6382 as contained in Committee Report No. 899.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). As many as are in favor of the approval on Second Reading of the aforementioned bills, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

The aforementioned bills are approved on Second Reading.\*

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 5:09 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:10 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8365 ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8365, contained in Committee Report No. 882, as reported out by the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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. 8365, entitled: AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE CAMOTES ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PROCLAMATION NO. 2152 DATED DECEMBER 29, 1981, ENTITLED “DECLARING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND CERTAIN PARCELS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND/OR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS MANGROVE SWAMP FOREST RESERVES.”

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

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8365 as the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments and approve the Committee amendments, if there are any, as contained in the Committee Report of the aforementioned Bill.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, there being no individual amendment, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8365 on Second Reading.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8365 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8365 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8365 is approved on Second Reading.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 5:11 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:14 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, the Senate and the House have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7544 and Senate Bill No. 1270, respectively, which seek to declare the last Monday of January every year as a special working holiday in observance of "National Bible Day".

We have been informed that the Committee on Revision of Laws, sponsor of House Bill No. 7544, as well as the authors thereof, is in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1270.

In accordance with our Rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1270 as an amendment to House Bill No. 7544.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendment to House Bill No. 7544 is hereby adopted.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7525 and Senate Bill No. 1766, respectively, which seek to increase the monthly pension of senior veterans.

We have been informed that the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare, sponsor of House Bill No. 7525, as well as the authors thereof, is in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1766.

In accordance with our Rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1766 as an amendment to House Bill No. 7525.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendments on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7525 and Senate Bill No. 1766, are hereby approved.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 6620, increasing the bed capacity of St. Anthony Mother and Child Hospital in Cebu City from 25 to 100.

We have been advised that the Committee on

Health, sponsor of the said House Bill, as well as the authors thereof, has no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate.

Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 6620.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The amendments to said House Bill No. 6620 are approved.

#### DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE CONF. CTTEES.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provision of House Bill No. 5784 and Senate Bill No. 1896, providing Universal Health Care for all Filipinos: Reps. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, MD; Ron P. Salo; Evelina G. Escudero; Estrellita B. Suansing; Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla; Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III; and Arlene B. Arcillas.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8014 and Senate Bill No. 1391, providing for the mandatory PhilHealth coverage of all persons with disability (PWD): Reps. Sandra Y. Eriguel, MD; Micaela S. Violago; and Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6740, upgrading the Labuan Public Hospital in Zamboanga City into a level II hospital and increasing its bed capacity for general care services to one hundred (100): Reps. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, MD; Sandra Y. Eriguel, MD; Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe; Celso L. Lobregat; and Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provision of House Bill No. 5236 and Senate Bill No. 2031, providing for the Rank Classification in the Philippine National Police: Reps. Romeo M. Acop; Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento; Amado T. Espino Jr.; Leopoldo N. Bataoil; and Richard C. Eusebio.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. I move to suspend the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

*It was 5:19 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:33 p.m., session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ELECTION OF REP. DEL MAR TO THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, may I move for the election of Raul V. Del Mar vice Josephine Ramirez-Sato to the Commission on Appointments.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. At this point of time, Mme. Speaker, I would like to recognize for a manifestation, Cong. Raul V. Del Mar.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Raul Del Mar is recognized.



RECOMMITMENT OF R.B.H. NO. 15 TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS

REP. DEL MAR. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

This is not actually a manifestation. This is a motion, Mme. Speaker, to recommit Resolution of Both Houses No. 15, under Committee Report No. 881, as submitted by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, in order to introduce perfecting amendments on the failure to include the Vice President in the first line of succession, which led to some misunderstandings. There is a need to clarify this, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, there is a motion to recommit RBH or Resolution of Both Houses No. 15 to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, Mme. Speaker. And on the part of the Majority, at the proper time, we will submit an amendment to the Committee, as requested by the Honorable Raul Del Mar.

On page 44, Article XVII, Transitory Provisions, on line 25, replace the word "Senate" by the word VICE, so that the paragraph will read as follows:

In case a vacancy arises by reason of removal, resignation, permanent incapacity or death of the incumbent President, the incumbent VICE President shall act as President until a President shall have been chosen and qualified.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Minority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, the following Congressmen, through a written letter, signified their intention to join the Minority bloc: Hon. Jose Carlos L. Cari, Fifth District of Leyte; and Hon. Paul P. Hernandez of the KABAYAN Party-List.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes, Mme. Speaker.

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

*It was 5:37 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:38 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8400

*Continuation*

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we take up House Bill No. 8400, as contained in Committee Report No. 891, and request that the Secretary General be directed to read the title of the said measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8400, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL REGIME FOR THE MINING INDUSTRY.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status is that we are in the period of sponsorship and debate, and with that, I move that we recognize Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing of the First District of Nueva Ecija to sponsor the Bill. We also move that the Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate of BAYAN MUNA be recognized to interpellate on the said measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, Hon. Estrellita Suansing, is recognized

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we are ready to accept questions.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate is recognized.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Will the good Sponsor entertain some clarificatory questions, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Gladly, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po sa kagalang-galang na Sponsor, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker.

Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, ang panukalang pagbabago ng fiscal regime sa mining industry, ito po ay patungkol lamang sa gusto nating taasan ang kinikita ng pamahalaan sa industriya ng pagmimina. Tama po ba iyong pagkakaintindi ko nito, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, una po sa lahat ay gusto po nating maging uniporme ang pagpataw ng royalty, dahil sa ngayon po, ang mayroon lang royalty na ibinabayad sa gobyerno ay iyong nasa loob ng mineral reservation. Ang ibig sabihin po nito ay pantay-pantay po ang lahat ng kumukuha ng ating mineral resources.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker.

Tama po iyong nabanggit ninyo, iyong mayroon lamang royalty na binabayaran ay iyon ngang nasa identified mineral reservation.

Matanong ko lang po, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker. Sa kasalukuyan, mayroon namang pagmimina talaga na ginagawa sa labas ng mga mineral reservation. Tama po ba iyon, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Tama po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE. Sa pagkakaalam ninyo, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, habang nagtatalakayan tayo rito, ilan ho bang mga mineral or mining operation are inside areas that are not considered mineral reservations?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Sa ngayon po, wala po kaming listahan kung sinu-sino ang nagmimina outside the mineral reservation.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, Your Honor. Pero sinabi ninyo rin ngayon, bago lang, na mayroon din talagang nagmimina sa loob ng areas outside or not identified as mineral reservation areas. Tama po ba iyon?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Tama po iyon, dahil, Mme. Speaker, ang nasa loob lang po ngayon ng mineral reservations ay iyong mga nasa Surigao del Sur, Surigao del Norte, at sa CARAGA, at ganon din po sa Zambales.

REP. ZARATE. Surigao del Sur at Surigao del Norte, nasa CARAGA Region po ito ano, at Zambales, pero mayroon pong pagmimina, halimbawa, sa Norte ng bansa, ano, sa Cordillera Region, mayroon din hong pagmimina at kahit sa Zamboanga areas. Ibig ninyo po bang sabihin na ang mga pagmiminang ito ay wala sa tinatawag nating mineral reservation at dahil diyan ay napakalaki ng kawalan o nawawala sa ating pamahalaan. Tama po ba iyon?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Tama po iyon, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE. Since there are operations of mining companies outside of mineral reservation, paano po natin nakokolektahan ng buwis o royalty itong mga kumpanyang ito, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Kung patungkol po, Mme. Speaker, sa mga buwis ay pinapatawan po natin sila ng corporate income tax. Ganon din po ng excise tax. Maliban po doon ay mayroon po tayong mga capital gain tax, may local business tax, may real property tax, may community tax, at may occupation fees. Wala lang po silang ibinabayad sa royalty.

REP. ZARATE. I see. So, lahat ng buwis na ito ay ipinapataw din natin sa mga kumpanya na nasa loob ng mineral reservations. Ang wala lang sa kanila ay itong tinatawag nating royalty, at ito ang gustong ipanukala ng batas na ito na tinatalakay natin ngayon. Tama po ba iyon, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Tama po iyon, Mme. Speaker. Maliban po doon sa royalty ay mayroon po tayong ini-impose na bahagi ng gobyerno para doon sa windfall profit.

REP. ZARATE. Okay. Salamat po, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker.

Sa kasalukuyan po, ilan ho ba ang mga kumpanya ng pagmimina or quarrying or iyong nagde-develop o nag-e-exploit sa loob ng ating mineral reservations? Saan ho itong ating mga mineral reservations na ito?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Iyon pong nasa loob ng mineral reservations ay 49 at iyon pong sa labas—iyon pong nasa MPSA o ito iyong pagmamay-ari ng Pilipino, Mme. Speaker, may I correct the information. Sa ngayon po, ang total ay 305. Ang nasa labas po ay 296 at ang sa loob po ng mineral reservation ay 49.

REP. ZARATE. Okay. Mayroon na hong 296 na mga kumpanya na nag-o-operate outside of the mineral reservation areas at 49 sa loob.

Ilan ho dito, kung mayroon man, ang na-subject na ho sa audit or mining audit ng DENR nitong mga nakaraang panahon na hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa

napipinal ang mining audit na ito, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Out of 49 po, 43 ang na-audit ng MGB.

REP. ZARATE. Okay. Out of 49 ay 43 po ang na-subject na sa audit. At ano na po ba ang naging resulta nitong audit na ito? Dahil po pagkatapos ng sinabing tapos na iyong audit, hanggang ngayon ay wala na ho tayong narinig. Alam naman po natin na napakalaking isyu nito noon lalo at higit noong sinabi ni Pangulong Duterte, at siya na rin ang nagsabi na malaking problema itong malakihang pagmimina ngayon dahil nagdudulot ito ng problema hindi lang sa kalikasan kundi sa kabuhayan na rin ng ating mga kababayan.

Kung matatandaan po natin nitong nakaraan lang, pagkatapos ng bagyong Ompong at iyong nangyari sa Itogon, Benguet na kung saan ay maraming mga kababayan natin ang nawalan ng buhay dahil doon sa landslide na nangyari sa isang mining operation sa Itogon, Benguet. At kasabay din niyan, doon naman sa Naga, Cebu dahil sa malawakang pag-quarry rin doon, nag-landslide din at marami rin hong namatay na mga kababayan natin.

Kaya po natin itinatanong ito dahil sa tingin po ng Kinatawag ito, ang problema ng industriya sa pagmimina ay hindi lamang usapin ng magkano ba ang nakokolekta natin, kung hindi paano ba natin matutugunan iyong iba pang samu't saring problema na subject nga noong mining audit nitong nakaraang panahon. Kaya, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, iyon po ang aking tanong. Ano na ang nangyari dito sa mining audit na ito, dahil sa katotohanan, wala namang napahinto na mining operations even as we speak, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, sa ngayon po ay wala pang resulta ang audit na ginagawa ng DENR.

REP. ZARATE. Nasa anong lebel na po ito, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, sa ngayon ay hindi po namin masasagot kung nasaang lebel na ang pag-audit ito.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker.

Kasi noong mga nakaraan ay sinasabing ito ay subject to review ng Mining Council na binuo ni Pangulong Duterte at parang nasa limbo na ho ito. At ito ngayon, tinatalakay natin na magpasá uli ng bagong batas kahit na ito ay patungkol sa taxation,

if this is a taxation measure, but nevertheless, napakalaki po ng relation nito doon sa overall na industriya ng pagmimina. Nabanggit ko nga, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, na dapat pagtuunan din ng pansin ng kagawaran ng Kapulungang ito iyong overall picture ng ating mining industry ngayon, dahil marami nang binitawang mga statement ang ating Ehekutibo, ang ating Pangulo at ang DENR, pero hanggang ngayon, tuluy-tuloy pa rin iyong problema, lalung-lalo na iyong mga related sa kalikasan at iba pa.

Aking napansin dito sa ating panukala, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, na magkaiba pa rin ang ating treatment doon sa mga operation sa loob ng mineral reservation and outside of mineral reservation. Bakit po magkaiba ang treatment dito sa outside of the mineral reservation? Kumukuha lang tayo ng royalty, based on the income ng mining operations. While dito naman sa operations within the mineral reservations, ang royalty po ay kinukuha natin doon sa gross output ng mining operations. Bakit po ito ganito, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, iyon pong within mineral reservations ay mayroon na pong initial investment ang gobyerno sa pamamagitan ng exploration. Ang ibig pong sabihin nito ay sigurado na po ang kumpanya na may makukuha sila na minerals.

Iyon naman pong sa outside mineral reservations ay wala pong investment ang gobyerno kaya puwedeng may makuha ang mineral operators or wala. Iyon po ang kaibahan. Kaya po ang ating basis for the computation of the royalty within mineral reservations is based on gross output. At iyon naman pong sa outside mineral reservations is based on margin. Pangalawa po, Mme. Speaker, ito pong royalty within mineral reservations ay ginagawa na po natin ngayon na based on gross output.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker.

Pero mayroon kayong binanggit, Your Honor, na pagkakaiba. Pero kanina rin ay inamin ninyo na mas marami ang mga mining operation outside of the mineral reservations. Ang ibig sabihin nito kung marami silang nag-o-operate outside of mineral reservation area ay kumikita rin sila. Although that area may not be identified as mineral reservation, but since they are operating, ang ibig sabihin lang nito ay kumikita sila. Kaya parang taliwas ito doon sa sinabi natin kanina na we want a uniform system on how to collect royalty. Other than that, napansin ko rin po rito na totoo na roon sa mineral reservation ay nakabase ito sa gross output. Ang kaakibat ko po na tanong diyan ay bakit po huminto tayo sa 3 percent? Bakit ho hindi 5 percent? Sa kasalukuyan, ang pagkakaalam ko ay nasa, at kung

hindi ako nagkakamali, you can correct me, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, is nasa 1 percent lang or 1.5 percent. So, bakit po 3 percent, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, to inform po the interpellator, iyon pong existing ngayon ay nasa 5 percent ang within mineral reservations based on gross output. Ngayon po, kaya ginamit natin na based on margin ay dahil po mas malaki ang expenses na nangyayari doon sa mga outside kasi hindi pa sila sigurado na may makukuha sila. Kaya ang ginawa natin dito ay instead of 5 percent ay ibinaba natin sa 3 percent dahil malayo po ang disparity noong dalawa. Kaya ang ginawa natin ay ibinaba natin sa 3 percent.

REP. ZARATE. Tama po kayo, sa halip na atin iyang taasan ay mas pinababa natin ang kinokolekta doon sa mga nag-o-operate within the mineral reservation area. Sa halip po na madagdagan at pataasin ay mas pinababa po natin. Ang magiging epekto po nito ay liliit iyong ating makokolekta, from 5 percent to 3 percent. We are just hoping na itong maraming nag-o-operate outside of the mineral reservation area na mangongolekta tayo ng royalty based on income on a graduated scale from 1 percent up to 70 percent, from a royalty of 1 percent up to 5 percent, ay lalaki ang koleksiyon natin.

On that aspect, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, do we have a computation now? Magkano ba ang kikitain natin dito sa royalty on large-scale operations outside of the mineral reservations given what you mentioned earlier, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker? There are at least 296 mining operations outside of mineral reservation areas?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, iyon pong makokolekta nating royalty doon sa mga mineral operators outside of the mineral reservations is P1.89 billion.

REP. ZARATE. P1.89 billion, Your Honor?

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE. Kung itong schedule dito ay maipatatupad—sa kasalukuyan po ba, magkano na ang nakokolekta natin?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Doon po sa outside of mineral reservation, wala po tayong nakokolekta.

REP. ZARATE. Wala hong nakokolekta...

REP. SUANSING (E.). Opo.

REP. ZARATE. ...na royalty?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Opo.

REP. ZARATE. Opo. Doon naman po sa operations, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, within the mineral reservation area na sa kasalukuyan ay pinapatawan natin ng 5 percent na royalty, magkano po sa kasalukuyan ang kinikita naman ng pamahalaan, given that we have at least 49 mining operations within this mineral reservation area?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Doon po sa within mineral reservations, as of 2016, P1.06 billion. Iyan po iyong nakokolekta nating royalty.

REP. ZARATE. As of 2016?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Tama po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE. Now, kung maipapasá po ang batas na ito, beginning 2018, dahil ibabagsak natin sa 3 percent na lamang ang kokolektahin natin sa mga malalaking kumpanya ng pagmimina, magkano naman po ang makokolekta na lang natin sa kanila, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, our projection is P680 million.

REP. ZARATE. Six hundred?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Eighty million.

REP. ZARATE. Eighty million—ang ibig sabihin po ay mayroong nawala sa ating pamahalaan na humigit kumulang na P200 or P300 million dahil ibinagsak natin iyong kokolektahin. Siyempre, dagdag ito na ganansiya doon sa malalaking korporasyon ng pagmimina na nasa loob ng mineral reservation, dahil liliit ang kanilang babayaranang royalty, at susubukan na lang nating habulin doon sa mga nag-o-operate outside of the mineral reservation area na ang ating koleksiyon ay nakabase sabi rito sa ating panukalang batas, royalty on income from mining. Ang sabi nga natin, dito naman sa paragraph 3 ng Section 151—AD, kapag sinasabing income, ito ay neto.

Iaawas lahat ng gagastusin ng mga kumpanyang ito na nag-o-operate outside of the mineral reservation area. Ang dami pong iaawas dito, least 10 types of expenses.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Items, yes.

REP. ZARATE. Sa tantiya po ninyo may maiiwan pa ba kung ganito ang lahat na iaawas o tatanggalin na expenses? Mayroon pong napaka-general dito na expense, ang letter (j) “All other costs and expenses

related to mining operations and sale of minerals and mineral products.” Napaka-vague po nitong overarching na provision. Alam naman po natin ngayon, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, lahat ng expense ay puwede mong ipasok at sabihin na this is related to mining. For example, ang expense po ba for advertising, dahil iyong mga kumpanya naman ay nagpi-place ng advertisement to promote their corporation, their product, puwede po ba nilang ilagay rito, idadagdag under letter (j), saying that this is an expense related to mining operation, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, hindi po nakalagay dito at hindi kasama sa listahan ng deductible expenses ang advertising expense.

REP. ZARATE. Tama po iyan, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker. That is why I pointed out na dito ho sa letter (j), this is a very broad provision ng panukalang batas na ito dahil sinasabi natin, “all other costs and expenses related to mining operations x x x.” When we say mining operations, that term is very broad, kaya ko po itinanong iyon as an example dahil puwedeng i-charge nila and they will say or they will claim na kabahagi ito ng mining operations.

Another matter—ang income tax po ba ng isang kumpanya ay puwedeng i-claim as an expense at deductible din po under the said provision, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). In paragraph (i), nakalagay dito: “Taxes, duties, fees and charges,” so, kasama po.

REP. ZARATE. Yes. Tama po, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, kaya ko po partikular na itinanong iyan dahil kapag sinabi nating buwis, taxes—lahat iyan, at puwedeng kasama rian ang income tax na binayaran ng isang kumpanya, na puwede rin pala i-claim dito as deductible expense, thereby, talagang tubong lugaw. Kunwari ay nagbayad ng income tax pero pagdating ng computation, kung magkano ba ang royalty na babayaran sa gobyerno, iki-claim niya ito as deductible. Tama po ba iyon, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Iyon pong corporate income tax ay hindi po kasama sa expenses. Ito po ay ibinabawas kapag identified na iyong margin. So, it is not part of the expenses.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Particularly, Mme. Speaker, the income tax.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Your Honor, Mme.

Speaker. Siguro ay kailangan linawin dito dahil kayo na rin po ang nag-point out, not in paragraph (j) but in subparagraph (i) at malinaw po ang nakasaad dito na iyong taxes, duties, fees and charges ay puwede nilang i-claim as deductible expenses. Kaya po pino-point out ko na kapag sinabi nating buwis o taxes ay napaka-broad iyan, marami iyan. So, iyon po. Puwede po bang linawin on the floor, for the record, ng kagalang-galang na Sponsor, Mme. Speaker, dahil hindi ito bago?

Ang dami nang pagkakataon na ang corporate income tax ay ipinapasa as deductible expense ng mga malalaking korporasyon. Ang halimbawa po diyan ay ang Maynilad at Manila Water, kaya nagkakaroon ng arbitration dahil sa napakahabang panahon, iyong kanilang income tax na binabayaran sa gobyerno ay pinapasa nila sa consumers as deductible expense, at nito na lang na ipinagbawal ito ng MWSS Regulatory Office. Kaya dito po sa ating binabalangkas na batas, kailangan linawin po natin ito dahil parang magandang tingnan na ang mga kompanya operating outside of mineral reservations ay papatawan na natin ng royalty, pero pagdating naman sa depinisyon kung ano ang income, 10 types of deductible expenses ang puwedeng i-allow sa kompanya at kasama na rito ang mga very broad expense like those mentioned in paragraphs (i) and (j), Your Honor, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, doon po sa outside mineral reservations, ang basehan natin ay iyong margin, at ang ibig sabihin ng margin ay iyong kita bago po ang income—corporate income tax. So, doon po sa margin, hindi kasama ang corporate income tax at iyan po ay ibinabawas after ma-determine iyong margin or kita.

REP. ZARATE. Siguro po ay dapat linawin ito dahil ang nakasaad lang naman sa paragraph (a), “x x x shall pay to the government a margin-based royalty on income from mining.” Tiningnan po natin kung ano ang ibig sabihin ng income, at sabi naman sa number (3), “The term income from mining operations shall mean the gross output less deductible expenses which include xxx”—at karugtong na nga dito iyong 10 classes of expenses, lahat-lahat na po: mining, milling, transport, general administrative expenses, environmental expenses, expenses on the development of host communities, royalty payments to claim owners, continuing exploration and development expenses, interest expenses charged on loans, depreciation, depletion and amortization. Sa paragraph (i) naman, ang nakalagay ay taxes, duties, fees and charges; and finally, isang catch-all provision—“all other costs and expenses related to mining operations and the sale of minerals and mineral products.” Iyon po ang gusto nating ilinaw dito, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, kung ang pinag-uusapan po natin ay outside of mineral reservations, sabi ko nga kanina, ang ating basehan ay ay iyong margin-based. Kung mapapansin po ninyo, on page 3 of the Bill, nakalagay na, “The term ‘margin’ shall mean the ratio of income from mining operations before corporate income tax to gross output.” So, iba po iyong sa income, iba po iyong sa margin. Iyon namang within mineral reservations, ang basehan po natin is gross output, so, doon lalabas iyong income.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, sa paglililaw. Ngayon naman ay puntahan po natin ang Section 6: “Each Mining Operation Treated as a Separate Taxable Entity.” Bilang paglililaw lang po, halimbawa, mayroong operation sa Surigao del Sur at mayroon din sa Palawan ang isang mining company, paano po ang treatment dito? Isang kompanya lang naman sila pero they have separate operations—will that be treated as separate taxable entity or just one taxable entity?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Ang nakasaad sa Section 6, ito po iyong nasa mineral production sharing agreement at dalawang klase ito. Ang isa po ay iyong sa FTAA o ang Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement. Kung iyong isa ay nasa MPSA naman ay dapat po separate ang entity doon sa FTAA. Minsan po kasi, iyong mga may-ari niyan ay overlapping, so, iyon po ang separate entity.

REP. ZARATE. Ibig po bang sabihin, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, mangongolekta ako ng royalty under the MPSA, mangongolekta rin ako ng royalty separate sa covered ng FTAA. Ganoon po ba iyon, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Ang ibig sabihin, kapag royalty ang pinag-uusapan, ang differentiation lang po is kung ito ay within or outside, so, parehong kokolektahan ng royalty. It is just a matter of different rates and different base.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker. Bilang panghuli na lang po siguro. Kahit na po na naglagay tayo ng sinasabi ninyo na uniform na pagpapataw ngayon ng royalty sa operations outside the mineral reservation and within the mineral reservation area, sa tingin po ng Kinatawang ito, hindi pa rin nito masosolusyunan iyong malalim na problema ng ating mining industry sa kasalukuyan, na talaga ang kiling nito ay doon lang sa extraction at paglalabas ng ating minerales. In fact, hindi sinosolusyunan ng panukalang batas na ito ang problemang iyan. Tama po ba ang pagkakaintindi ko, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, I agree.

REP. ZARATE. Dahil ito lang naman ay sa klarong nakikita natin dito, paano mangongolekta ang pamahalaan? Sa mga nabanggit nga po natin kanina, mawawalan pa ang pamahalaan dahil ibinaba iyong royalty ng mga nag-ooperate within the mineral reservation area from 5 percent to 3 percent.

So, wala na po akong katanungan, Mme. Speaker, at gusto ko lang ibalik na dapat bigyan diin ng Kapulungang ito iyong pagbalik-tanaw sa buong balangkas sa Mining Act of 1995. Ilang beses na rin natin narinig ito mula sa Pangulo na may problema dito at ito ang isa sa naging kadahilanan—halimbawa, bakit na-displace ang mga kapatid natin na Lumad sa Mindanao? Ito ay dahil pinasok ang kanilang lupang-ninuno ng operation ng pagmimina.

Nabanggit po ninyo kanina na sa Surigao del Norte at Surigao del Sur, halos napatag na ang kabundukan doon pero mahihirap pa rin ang mga komunidad kung saan nandoon ang mining tenements, at ang mga Lumad ay naghihirap pa rin. Ito ngang bago, sa Itogon, Benguet, for more than a century nag-operate ang Benguet Mining at iniwan na nga nila ito. Ngayon, mga artisan miners ang nag-ooperate diyan pero tuloy-tuloy pa rin ang kahirapan at mas magulo nga ngayon nang mawala na ang Benguet Mining Corporation, pero sila pa rin ang bumibili ng mga gold na nakukuha ng small miners.

Kaya malaki ang problema ng industriya ng pagmimina at sa tingin ng Kinatawang ito, with due respect, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, hindi natutugunan ito sa basta lang pagpasa natin ng batas na tinitingnan lang iyong fiscal regime o kung ano ba ang makokolekta natin. Dapat pagtuunan din ng Kongreso, uulitin ko, iyong pagbalik-tanaw doon sa Mining Act of 1995, na siyang, sa tingin namin, ugat ng malaking kaguluhan, lalung-lalo na sa mga komunidad ng ating mga kapatid na Lumad at ng mga magsasaka.

Maraming salamat, Your Honor, for clarifying questions that we raised before. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, ako po ay nagpapasalamat kay Congressman Zarate at bibigyan natin ng pansin ang kanyang mga sinabi at ito ay makakarating sa ating Secretary ng DENR, si Secretary Cimat. We assure the Gentleman that we will call the attention of Secretary Cimat.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may I now recognize the Hon. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao from ANAKPAWIS Party-List for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Ariel Casilao is recognized.

REP. CASILAO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Magandang hapon.

Distinguished Sponsor, are you willing to answer some clarificatory questions?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Gladly, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CASILAO. Just a few questions because some were already asked by Congressman Zarate. President Duterte repeatedly said, in several public occasions, that the income generated from the mining industry is P70 billion annually. Am I correct, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Annually po, base sa report ng DOF, mas mababa po sa P70 billion.

REP. CASILAO. Magkano po?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Iyon pong sa 2016 ay P33.43 billion; sa 2015, P30.07 billion; at P32.66 billion sa 2014.

REP. CASILAO. Now, with this fiscal regime being introduced by our proponent, by the distinguished Sponsor, magkano po ang madadagdag?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Dito po sa ating Bill, Mme. Speaker, tatlo po ang components: royalty within mineral reservations, royalty outside of mineral reservations, and windfall profit tax. Itong tatlo po. Kung ang tanong po ay kung magkano ang total na mako-collect na revenue dito sa panukalang ito, it is P5.61 billion.

REP. CASILAO. Million?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Billion po.

REP. CASILAO. Billion, so that is over and above the existing collections you mentioned for the years 2016 and 2015.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Ang bago po dito, Mme. Speaker, ay iyong royalty outside at iyong windfall profit tax, dahil iyong royalty within mineral reservations ay kasalukuyan po nating ginagawa na iyon.

REP. CASILAO. Mme. Speaker, may I know the position of the distinguished Sponsor on the recent statement of Secretary Cimatú that the DENR will be approving new mineral sites.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Pakiulit po.

REP. CASILAO. Recently, Secretary Cimatú announced that the DENR is considering to approve new mineral sites.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, I am not aware of that statement.

REP. CASILAO. You are not aware. That statement was compounded during a conference two weeks ago or almost a month ago, that the DENR was considering, and in fact, it was announced that it will expand the already existing approved mineral sites, that the DENR will be considering a lot of areas, if I am not mistaken, in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. There are specific areas which are currently not included or declared as mineral sites or mineral zones, which are part of those applications that the DENR is considering to be approved.

Now, what will happen to the mining operations prior to the enactment of this proposition, this proposal? Will there be an adjustment of their obligations to the government? Or there is an existing provision in this Bill that will be applied retroactively.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Ito po ay magiging effective once ma-approve. Hindi po ito retroactive. Hindi po kasama, Mme. Speaker, sa panukalang ito to be retroactive.

REP. CASILAO. Papaano po iyong mga nag-o-operate ngayon outside of the mineral zones or mineral sites, iyong approved po dito, pagkatapos, ang area na iyon ay bahagi sa isi-certify ng DENR as new mineral sites pero may ongoing operations na.

Mag-a-adjust po ba ang mining company, especially the large-scale mining company, doon sa kanyang obligation sa gobyerno dahil nabago na po iyong klasipikasyon ng kanyang area of operation?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, during the time that this Bill will become a law, doon lang po mag-uumpisa. Ang ibig pong sabihin nito, kapag po iyong nasa outside of the mineral reservation will be declared as within the mineral reservation, then, magbabago po iyong basis ng royalty computation.

REP. CASILAO. So, hindi po applicable iyong provision dito na ma-e-exempt sila doon kapag hindi sila kasama dito sa mineral reservations like large-scale metallic and nonmetallic mining under letter (B), Section 151-A, "x x x within mineral reservation shall pay to the government a royalty equivalent to three percent of the gross output x x x" prior to the declaration of the area. Magbabago na po iyon?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Uulitin ko lang po, Mme. Speaker, kapag po ito ay magiging effective na at kapag nabago, instead of outside ay naging within the mineral reservation, ay magbabago iyong rate ng computation

ng royalty. Kung ito naman po ay baligtad, na sa ngayon ay nasa within mineral reservations at mababago na at magiging outside of mineral reservations, instead po na gross-output ang base, magiging margin-based.

REP. CASILAO. Margin-based. Now, with the computation po dito sa margin-based, iyong one percent up to “10 percent ang royalty niya ay one percent; pagkatapos, iyong above 70 percent ay five percent—may I know how the specific agency on the government-listed mining corporations qualify them in these categories? Do we have the current listing at the moment or the updated list, and also those who had already complied or, probably, were in compliance before the effectivity of this Bill.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Gusto po ninyong magsabmit kami ng listahan?

REP. CASILAO. Yes, please. Mayroon po ba tayong hawak ngayon?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, sa ngayon po ay wala po kaming hawak na listahan at we are willing to give the Gentleman the list, Mme. Speaker. We are willing to give a list to the Gentleman.

REP. CASILAO. Now, my next question would be a hypothetical one: How can the government verify or determine the authenticity of the computation submitted by the mining corporation for government to collect the specific obligations? Alam naman po natin na maaaring dalawang libro po iyong hawak ng korporasyon. Isa po iyong libro para doon sa pagbabatayan ng kanilang mga obligasyon at babayaran ng mga buwis at mga bayarin sa gobyerno at mayroon po iyong libro na aktuwal na dapat ay kaltasan. Ngayon po, ito ay naging practice na po ng mga mining company. Now, while the objective of collecting specific—under the categories ng margin at iyong gross output, is there a way for government to really verify and determine the actual output, may it be on the margin category or the gross output for those operations within and outside the mineral reservations?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, napakaganda po ng tanong na iyan at ang market value po ng minerals ay based on world market, so, iyan po ay binabantayan ng ating gobyerno sa pamamagitan ng Bureau of Internal Revenue.

REP. CASILAO. Salamat po, at ako po ay umaasa na iyong talagang dapat obligasyon ng mga kumpanya sa kanilang pagkuha o pag-extract ng metallic and even nonmetallic resources that we have, will be commensurate to the advantages or supposedly benefits

not only to the government but also to the people. Alam naman po natin na ang katangian ng industriyang ito ay talagang destructive at hindi lang po sa usaping kalikasan pero iyong biodiversity, at maging ang kabuhayan at buhay ay nalalagay sa alanganin sa panahon na mayroong ganyang mga klaseng operasyon.

As also pointed out by my colleague in the Makabayan, hindi naman po ito iyong one-time solution, dahil iyong nakokolekta nating buwis at itong bagong na-introduce sa Fiscal Regime of Collecting Taxes in the Mining Industry, sa totoo lang po, Mme. Speaker, Mme. Sponsor, ay talagang, should I say this, palugi talaga tayo, because the government is only utilizing the taxes collected from the mining operations of private mining companies, very far from the profit gained by the mining operations on these metallic and nonmetallic resources extracted, it would have been more advantageous to the people if the government itself does not only depend on the mining industry, but on the downstream and the upstream industries it can create.

Now, Mme. Speaker, nabanggit naman po ng aking kasamahan, siyempre, iyong problema kung papaano iyong industriya ng mina ay maging malaking bahagi sa ating ekonomiya, sa tingin po ng Kinatawang ito ay talagang sa kasalukuyan, sa mga batas na pumapayong sa operasyon ng pagmimina sa bansa ay talagang lugi pa ang ating gobyerno dito and in fact, in every disaster, may it be natural or man-made, due to the existing mining operations in the community, it is always the government which is at fault and it is always the people who are at the losing end. However, these measures could be part of, probably, contributing to have a more efficient collection of the government, that could be translated into several services being given back to the people by the government. Kaya nga lang po, hindi pa rin sapat, sa tingin ng Kinatawang ito, ang anumang adjustment sa Fiscal Regime Collection dito sa mining industry, and there is really a need to overhaul the policy, the law governing the mining industry, in favor of the government and the people.

Maraming salamat po, distinguished Sponsor, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, napakaganda po ng sinabi ng ating kasama dito at we assure him po, Mme. Speaker, na kung ano man po ang makokolekta dito ay magagamit naman po sa social services.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

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



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

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

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee amendments, I move that we recognize Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla for her individual amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla is recognized.

#### INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENT

REP. DELOSO-MONTALLA. Mme. Speaker, I would like to propose an amendment to House Bill No. 8400. On page 8 of said House Bill, to delete lines 1 to 9 and in lieu thereof, to insert the following provision: SEC. 9. VESTED RIGHTS.—VALID MINERAL AGREEMENTS AND FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS EXISTING PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL CONTINUE TO BE GOVERNED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, EXCEPT IF THEY PROVIDE THAT ANY TERMS AND CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM REPEAL OR AMENDMENT OF ANY EXISTING LAWS OR REGULATIONS OR FROM THE ENACTMENT OF A NEW LAW OR REGULATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PART OF SAID FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS AND MINERAL AGREEMENTS.

I move for the approval of this amendment.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, may we hear from the author if she will accept?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we accept the amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The amendment has been accepted. On the part of the House,

is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8400

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8400.

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

The consideration of House Bill No. 8400 is hereby suspended.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 6741

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6741.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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 Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title of the measure without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6741, entitled: ACT CONVERTING THE ZAMBOANGA CITY STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 6741 is ratified.

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 6065

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6065.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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 Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title of the measure without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6065, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY (NSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, AS THE BILIRAN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY (BILSU) AND REMOVING THE PROHIBITION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9718, ENTITLED: "AN ACT CONVERTING THE NAVAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE BILIRAN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BILIRAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 6065 is ratified.

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION

House Joint Resolution No. 30, entitled:

"JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE FY-2018 NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10964 OR THE FY-2018 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 61 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREOF"

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya, Suarez, Mending, Sangcopan and Adiong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 900), re H.B. No. 8434, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN TAGBILARAN CITY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, INTO A MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (225) BEDS TO FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE (525) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3061

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 901), re H.B. No. 8435, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM HOSPITAL IN MANDAUE CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM

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AND GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIFTY (50) BEDS TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4618 and 4619

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 902), re H.B. No. 8437, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE CITY OF TANAUAN, 3RD DISTRICT OF BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4836

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Collantes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 903), re H.B. No. 8438, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBA, NUEVA ECIJA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5099

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 904), re H.B. No. 8439, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY, PROVINCE OF BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5076

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 905), re H.B. No. 8441, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BALANGA WETLAND AND NATURE PARK LOCATED IN BARANGAY TORTUGAS, CITY OF BALANGA, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AS A RESPONSIBLE, COMMUNITY-BASED ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5807

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Zamora (M.C.) and Garcia (J.E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 906), re H.B. No. 8442, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INFANTA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7155

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Enverga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 907), re H.B. No. 8443, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE QUEZON LICENSING CENTER OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN LUCENA CITY, QUEZON PROVINCE INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘LUCENA CITY LICENSING CENTER’ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6447

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Alcala

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 908), re H.B. No. 8444, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARAMAG, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6539

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Zubiri  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 909), re H.B. No. 8445, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIBAWÉ, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6540

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Zubiri  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 910), re H.B. No. 8449, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MARIVELES MENTAL HOSPITAL IN MARIVELES, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS, RENAMING IT AS THE MARIVELES MENTAL WELLNESS AND GENERAL HOSPITAL, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE OPERATION OF A LEVEL 1 GENERAL WARD WITH 100 BED CAPACITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7893

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Garcia (J.E.) and Zamora (M.C.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Government Reorganization, the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 911), re H.B. No. 8453, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN REAL PROPERTY VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, REORGANIZING THE BUREAU OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 68, 876, 1274, 1529 and 2207

Sponsors: Representatives Velarde, Suansing (E.) and Zamora (M.C.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8400

*Continuation*

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8400, and that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8400, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL REGIME FOR THE MINING INDUSTRY.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill in consideration is that we are in the period of amendments. There being no more individual amendments, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8400, as amended, on Second Reading.

*VIVA VOCE VOTING*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8400, as amended, on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8400, AS AMENDED,  
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8400, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

*It was 6:38 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:38 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8239 ON SECOND READING

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8239, contained in Committee Report No. 861, as reported out by the Committees on Welfare of Children, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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. 8239, entitled: AN ACT PROMOTING POSITIVE AND NON-VIOLENT DISCIPLINE, PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM PHYSICAL, HUMILIATING OR DEGRADING ACTS AS A FORM OF PUNISHMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that

we proceed to the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Chairperson of the Committee on Welfare of Children, Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu, to sponsor the measure.

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

The Hon. Divine Yu is recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. YU. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. May I ask that my sponsorship remarks as a Chairperson of the Committee on Welfare of Children be included into the records of today's proceedings for House Bill No. 7513?

REP. HERRERA-DY. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we recognize the Sr. Dep. Minority Leader, Jose "Lito" L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Lito Atienza is recognized to interpellate.

REP. ATIENZA. Salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Mme. Majority Leader. I thank the distinguished Lady for accommodating an interpellation on this very important family matter. I will describe it as a family matter since it pertains to certain changes in our laws on how to deal with the children of each family.

Ito po bang panukala ninyo, kagalang-galang na Kongresista, ay kapareho rin ng provisions ng mga batas na umiiral ngayon, sapagkat mayroon pong mga batas ngayon na nagbibigay na ng proteksiyon sa mga anak at mga bata. Ano po ang nagtulak sa inyong magpanukala ng panibagong batas? How does it compare and relate with the existing laws?

REP. YU. Mme. Speaker, Honorable Atienza, tama po. In the Philippines today, we have laws that recognize the rights and responsibilities of parents to raise and discipline their children such as the Family Code of 1987, the Child and Youth Welfare Code of 1974, the Muslim Code of Personal Laws, and the Revised Penal Code. However, these laws use vague terms such as "cruel, unusual or excessive" to describe the severity of the punishment. These vague terms are open to multiple interpretations and often serve as an excuse for parents to get away with abusing their children in the name of discipline.

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

Republic Act No. 7610 of 1992 provided an increase in protective measures for children against violence and abuse, but the definition of corporal punishment as a form of violence and its total prohibition in all settings including the home, remains unclear.

REP. ATIENZA. Would you say, Mme. Speaker, that the proposed law and the existing laws are actually touching the same matter on how to deal with family problems pertaining to children?

REP. YU. Mme. Speaker, a review of these existing laws and policies related to discipline had no explicit prohibition of punishment, so this Bill, Mme. Chair gives options to parents.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, I will rephrase my question. Ano po ang diperensiya nitong panukala ninyo sa mga batas ngayon na umiiral with regard to disciplining children within the family? Mayroon po bang diperensiya o wala?

REP. YU. Iyon po, Mme. Speaker, iyong sinasabi ko po a while ago, wala ho kasing explicit prohibition with regard to corporal punishment in disciplining the children, kaya po iyong batas na ito is an option to parents in providing positive discipline.

REP. ATIENZA. I will retrace the line that I am trying to establish. Mme. Speaker, does the Constitution consider the family an autonomous unit, where the family becomes a stronger unit and becomes a stronger foundation of society in our country? As such, hindi ho ba binibigyan ng laya ng ating Saligang Batas ang pagmamaneho ng pamilya at hindi dapat pinakikialaman ng gobyerno?

As I read the Constitution, it is very clear therein that the family is an autonomous unit protected by law and in fact, it mandates the government to protect the stability of the family and not to intervene, in any way, which will weaken it. The objective is to strengthen the family unit and not to allow any element that will weaken its unity and its strength.

REP. YU. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, do you agree with that interpretation of the constitutional mandate?

REP. YU. Yes po, Mme. Speaker, but it also provides in Section 12 of the 1987 Constitution, on the second sentence thereof that: “The natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support of the Government.” Such that, where minors are involved, the State acts as *parens patriae* and so, it has the duty of protecting the

rights of persons or individuals who, because of age or incapacity, are in an unfavorable position. Hence, the state has the inherent right and duty to aid the parents in the moral development of their children. With this Bill, hindi naman po siguro nakakasira ito ng pamilya, bagkus, ay nakakadagdag pa sa unity of the family in providing positive discipline po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Iyong binanggit po ng ating kagalang-galang na Sponsor ay iyong argumento na aming inilalahad na ang Saligang Batas ay nagbabawal ng anumang violence against children, and this has been translated now into existing laws, the RA 7610, and another law which prohibits the commission of any violence on children, whether sa loob ng pamilya o sa labas. So, all in iyon, better encompassing iyon na bawal saktan ang mga bata. Itong batas natin na pinag-uusapan ay naglalayong pumasok sa loob ng tahanan at pagbawalan ang magulang of certain acts like abusive, harmful, painful punishment on their own children. Remember, they are dealing with their own children and not somebody else’s children.

Hindi po ba mas tama iyong ina na nakita iyong kanyang anak ay nagkakaroon ng masama at maling bisyo ay hayaan na siya ang magdisiplina sa kanyang anak sa paraang pinaniniwalaan niyang magiging epektibo at tugma, and no law should intervene unless it is proven na sinasaktan niya iyong bata. Pero, otherwise, kung hindi ko sasaktan at tataktutin ko lamang ng sinturon ko—katulad po ng kinalakihan ko, ako po ay hindi sinaktan ng aking mga magulang kailanman, ngunit kapag bumunot po ng sinturon iyong aking ama ay bumabait na ako.

Therefore, I do not see any law that should be allowed to contravene the authority of the parents over their children. Ang mangyayari sa atin ay magiging katulad po ng mga Amerikano ngayon na wala na po silang control sa mga anak nila. Iyon po ba ay naging maganda ang bunga? Sa palagay ko, ang sagot ay hindi sapagkat ang mga batang lumalaki sa Amerika ay nagiging undisciplined and in many ways, are even becoming more delinquent to the point of getting the father’s gun and bringing it to school and shooting some classmates, dahil nga po sa pagpapalaking hindi tugma sa nilalayon ng tamang pamumuhay. Ang magulang ang siyang dapat nasusunod at hindi ang estado.

Ang amin pong agam-agam ay kapag ang estado ang siyang makikialam sa pagpapalaki ng mga bata ay hindi po makakabuti, bagkus ay makakasama because the proof of laws and the government intruding on the autonomous unit of the home has never been beneficial. It is romantic, it is western and it is colonial, pero kapagka ang pinag-uusapan po ay ang pamilyang Pilipino, hindi po namin nakikita iyong katuparan ng inyong ipinapangako, which is positive discipline.

Ano po ba iyong negative? Maganda po ang titulo, positive. Who will argue with anything positive, but

what do you mean positive discipline? Mayroon po ba kayong masa-cite na mga example para maliwanag po ang aming appreciation sa layunin ninyo?

REP. YU. Yes po. Mme. Speaker, tama ho iyong sinasabi ni Honorable Atienza. This Bill recognizes the rights of the parents to discipline their children, but, Mme. Speaker, this does not have to be violent. Tinatanong po ni Honorable Atienza iyong positive discipline, but for infants and very young children who cannot talk and understand adults yet, patience will be the key in dealing with misconduct. For older children, the parents must calmly explain to them why their behavior is wrong by providing a cause and effect reasoning. It is important to emphasize that it is the behavior that the parent dislike and not the child.

Other techniques include restitution or making up for the misbehavior, positive practice by praising good behavior, and in highly stressful situations, it is important for parents to manage their emotions first before talking to the child. So, iyan po, these are few examples of positive discipline.

REP. ATIENZA. Sa tingin po ba ng ating kagalang-galang na may akda, iyong barangay chairman ay mas nasa tamang kalagayang makialam sa tahanan, o hayaan niya iyong mag-asawa ang magdisiplina sa kani-kanilang mga anak?

REP. YU. It should be the parents, Mme. Speaker, and that is why we have this Bill to introduce options for the parents using positive discipline in disciplining their children.

REP. ATIENZA. I would again disagree that barangay officials should be given access to homes of families as they are not equipped at all to interpret in a better way how a child is behaving. It is the mother and the father who will appreciate what the child is up to. There comes a point where the parents already know whether the child has something mischievous in his mind. So, iyong disiplina is best left to the control and authority of the parents. Kapag nilagyan natin ng batas na “bawal ito, bawal iyan,” ay lalaki po iyong mga bata with a lack of discipline. And so, your envisioned impact and effect will not be realized. A child that grows on certain conditions in the home, where authority is broken by a law at that, will immediately transform to another personality and chances are, magkakaroon ng problema kung saan wala namang problema.

Let me ask the Lady, ano ba ang problemang binibigyan ninyo ng solusyon dito sa usaping ito? What do you think are the problems existing now in the Filipino family? Do you have statistics to back up your allegations that the government must intervene in family matters because of the growing problem? Iyon po bang problema ng droga, sa tingin ninyo, ay

dahil sa kakulangan ng supervision at iyong peace and order? Ano po ba ang problemang binibigyan ninyo ng solusyon dito sa batas na ito?

REP. YU. Yes po, Mme. Speaker, the more po na kailangan ang batas na ito, iyong positive discipline in order to help the parents. In Section 4 of this Bill, this is the promotion of positive and nonviolent discipline such that a comprehensive program shall be formulated and implemented to promote positive discipline in helping the parents in disciplining their children. There was a study, Mme. Speaker, that three out of five children in the Philippines experience physical, psychological and psychological punishment and the source of this is the Philippine National Baseline Study on Violence against Children.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, the Lady spoke, again, of positive discipline and nonviolent discipline. Iyan po ay mga debatable terminologies. What is violent for you may not be violent to Aling Maria and Mang Pepe. What is violent for you may not be violent to little Juan, sapagkat iyon ang lengguwaheng naiintindihan niya. Kapag siya ay sinigawan ng nanay niya ay alam na niyang galit na ang nanay niya dahil iyon ay kinalakihan na niya. Ganoon ito since ipinanganak siya. Ngayon, ipapasok natin ang batas na ito na, “Do not shout at your child. You are violating the law.” Papasok ngayon iyong barangay chairman, “Mr. Delos Santos, you are violating the law, you are maltreating your child.” Magkakaroon tayo ng mga problemang hindi naman natin dinaranas ngayon. Unless you can show me that parents today maltreat their children, then it is time for the government to intervene; otherwise, why are we going into the home when there are no real problems today?

Why would we want the government to engage in matters that are otherwise provided already by other laws, that you cannot commit violence on any child? You cannot do that. Kapag sinaktan mo ang bata ngayon, under existing laws, you will suffer the consequences. You have violated the law. So, why are we further defining it? Ano ang purpose ninyo? Kapag pinandilatan mo ang iyong anak, bawal na iyon because you are intimidating him. Marami pong mga misinterpretations na papasok diyan, unless you would want to define each and every act, and define each and every situation, at kakapal po ang batas nating iyan. Rearing up a family, rearing up children is a day to day challenge for the mother and the father. I think we all believe that. We all experience that, but if we are going to be guided by one law hastily passed by Congress, baka naman gumawa pa tayo ng mas malaking problema.

Ang daming problema ngayon ng mahihirap na puwede nating pagtulong-tulungan. I stand here in defense of the family as I would not want a law passed when there is no need for it. As I have said, unless you can prove to this

Body that children are being beaten to death and victimized by physical violence, and if it is so rampant, only then do we need to pass a law to protect them. I would say this is an unnecessary law that is only copied from the legislative records of the United States Congress. The Americans are different from Filipinos. Ibang-iba po tayo. Tayo hanggang ngayon ay may pamilya pero sila, wala na.

Sila ay walang respeto sa buhay dahil pinapatay nila ang mga sanggol. Tayo po ay hindi dahil iniluluwal natin ang bunga ng pagmamahalan ng dalawang tao. So, why are we going to pattern our family laws or laws covering family matters after the western culture? They are already lost and they would not be able to recover their values anymore. Their children are always rebelling. You cannot even touch the hair of an American boy, baka isumbong ka sa pulis, huli ka. You cannot even touch and admire the cheeks of a young girl, you may be accused of molestation and again, this is a violation of their laws.

Dito sa atin, nagmamano pa ang mga bata. Ang bata rito sa atin ay tao pa pero ang mga bata roon, hindi ko maintindihan ano ang kinalalalahanian. One of the most disruptive laws that they had passed is this proposed law that we are now tackling. So, I urge you take a second look and let us follow what is stated in the Bible. I would put it on record, Proverbs 13:24 states very clearly, "Spare the rod..."—huwag mong parusahan ang iyong anak and you spoil the child. You spoil the child, you ruin the life of the child. Huwag nating gayahin iyong ginagawa sa ibang bansa. Kung tayo man ay mayroong dapat bigyan ng pansin, bigyan natin ng pansin pero payagan natin iyong pamilya na sila ang magdisiplina sa kani-kanilang mga anak. Hindi ko po nakikitang magkakaroon ng bungang maganda iyang magandang layunin ninyo, positive discipline.

To me, the best people who can give and provide positive discipline are the parents, not anyone, and no law can change natural law. Parents should love the children, and children should respect their parents. Ang ganda-ganda po ng ating pamilya, huwag nating pasukan ng intriga dahil intrigang malaki ito. Darating ang panahon ang mga batang Pilipino ay hindi na magmamano sa mga nakatatanda. Hindi na rin po sila magbibigay galang sa kanilang magulang sapagkat ang kanilang gagamiting batayan ay ang batas na ito na atin ngayong pinag-uusapan. Mme. Speaker, we have exhausted all the issues surrounding this proposed measure. It will not help, but it will only sow intrigue within the family and cause disunity within the family. Pag-aralan pa po muna natin ito at sana ay pag-isip-isipan nila ang aking mga itinatanong. Later, on we can re-engage ourselves in this during the period of interpellation and if you can convince us na hindi mangyayari iyong sinasabi ko, ay maaari nating isaalang-alang ang pagpasa ng batas na ito.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker.

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

#### SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8239

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8239.

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

We suspend the interpellation on House Bill No. 8239.

REP. HERRERA-DY. We suspend the consideration, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). I am sorry, we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8239. The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

*It was 7:04 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:05 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8186 ON SECOND READING

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8186, contained in Committee Report No. 849, as reported out by the Committee on Labor and Employment.

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

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

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)



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. 8186, entitled: AN ACT REDUCING THE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION OF UNIONS OR FEDERATIONS, AND STREAMLINING THE PROCESS OF REGISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

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

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Employment, Rep. Randolph "Randy" S. Ting to sponsor the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Randy S. Ting is recognized.

#### SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. TING

REP. TING. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

May I present for approval House Bill No. 8186, entitled: AN ACT REDUCING THE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION OF UNIONS OR FEDERATIONS, AND STREAMLINING THE PROCESS OF REGISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, authored by Reps. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, and Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza.

While the Labor Code of the Philippines provides the measures and procedures upholding the right of employees to self-organization as enshrined in Section 3, Article XIII of the Philippine Constitution, and in ILO Convention No. 98, the said provisions, however, are restrictive or dissuading, to say the least, in the establishment of labor organizations. This Bill, therefore, pursues to remedy these constraints. Specifically, first, the Bill seeks to lower the present minimum membership requirement for the registration of independent unions from the present 20 percent to

10 percent. Two, it reduces the number of affiliated local chapters required for purposes of registration as a federation from 10 to five. Three, it mandates the Bureau of Labor Relations to develop a system of online registration of unions.

Mme. Speaker, the Committee on Labor and Employment supports the constitutional guarantee on the right of workers to self-organization. We encourage the formation of labor organizations as this will enable the workers as a group to bargain and negotiate for their mutual aid and protection. Thus, this Bill seeks to strengthen the rights of workers to self-organization by easing the restrictive labor code requirements for the formation of labor union. Mme. Speaker, with our proposed amendments, the Committee believes that House Bill No. 8186 will not only further protect and constitutionally guarantee the right of worker to self-organization, but it will also produce empowered workers who will contribute to nation building. I, therefore, pray for the approval of this Bill.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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

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

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

The period of amendments is opened.

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

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, may we please recognize Rep. Mark O. Go for his individual amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Rep. Mark Go is recognized.

## INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

REP. GO (M.). Mme. Speaker, I would like to propose the following amendments: On page 3, line 23, to delete the semicolon and replace it with a PERIOD (.). On the same page, on the same line, to delete the word “and” and between lines 23 and 25, to insert a new paragraph to read as follows: THE FAILURE OF THE FEDERATION OR NATIONAL UNION TO MAINTAIN FIVE (5) LOCAL CHAPTERS AS MEMBERS IS A GROUND FOR THE SUSPENSION OF ITS AUTHORITY TO CHARTER OR ISSUE CHARTER CERTIFICATES ESTABLISHING A LOCAL CHAPTER.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. TING. We accept the amendments.

REP. GO (M.). Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). On the part of the House, is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendments are approved.

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

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve on Second Reading, House Bill No. 8186, as amended.

## VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8186, as amended, on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8186, AS AMENDED,  
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8186, as amended, is hereby approved on Second Reading.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move for the suspension of the session, but before we suspend, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Lianda B. Bolilia: the League of Barangay Officers of the Municipality of Rosario headed by its President, the Hon. Gani Larosa.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives, the guests of the Honorable Bolilia.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

*It was 7:11 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:18 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON  
H.B. NO. 5745 AND S.B. NO. 1233

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5745 and Senate Bill No. 1233.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the titles of the measures.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the titles of the measures.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5745, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION; and Senate Bill No. 1233, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

REP. HERRERA-DY. In accordance with our Rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

REP. CASILAO. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is there any objection?

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

REP. CASILAO. Mme. Speaker, objection.

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

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

*It was 7:18 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:21 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, may I reiterate my motion. In accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 5745 and Senate Bill No. 1233.

REP. CASILAO. Objection.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is there any objection?

REP. CASILAO. May I be allowed to state my objection.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, there is an objection, so, I move that we divide the House.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). As many as are against, please say *nay*. (*Silence*) The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

The Conference Committee Report is hereby ratified.

REP. CASILAO. May I be allowed to manifest my objection, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao for his short manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Representative Casilao is hereby recognized for his brief manifestation.

REP. CASILAO. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

Bagamat wala pa po akong hawak na kopya ng revised Conference Report, ang oposisyon po ng Kinatawang ito ay ang mas lalong pinatindi at pinahirapan—supposedly, iyong komposisyon ng governing Board at saka iyong representasyon ng ating magniniyog ay mas tinabunan pa ng karami-raming mga representative ng government agency. With that, marami pa po tayong dapat ipaliwanag sa mga magsasaka ng niyugan dahil malamang at ang duduluhin nito ay mananatili pa ring hindi sa kanila maibabalik ang coco levy fund na ito.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

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

#### RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 6740

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, we are in

receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6740.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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 Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title of the measure without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6740, entitled: ANACTUPGRADING THE LABUAN PUBLIC HOSPITAL IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A LEVEL II HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LABUAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE SERVICES TO ONE HUNDRED (100), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The said Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 6740 is hereby ratified.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

*It was 7:24 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:38 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move for the omnibus consideration on Second Reading of the following local bills:

1. House Bill No. 8423, as contained in Committee Report No. 896;
2. House Bill No. 8434, as contained in Committee Report No. 900;
3. House Bill No. 8435, as contained in Committee Report No. 901;
4. House Bill No. 8437 as contained in Committee Report No. 902;
5. House Bill No. 8438 as contained in Committee Report No. 903;
6. House Bill No. 8439 as contained in Committee Report No. 904;
7. House Bill No. 8441 as contained in Committee Report No. 905;
8. House Bill No. 8442 as contained in Committee Report No. 906;
9. House Bill No. 8443 as contained in Committee Report No. 907;
10. House Bill No. 8444 as contained in Committee Report No. 908;
11. House Bill No. 8445 as contained in Committee Report No. 909; and
12. House Bill No. 8449 as contained in Committee Report No. 910.

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

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the respective Explanatory Notes of the bills as the sponsorship speeches on the said measures.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

who wishes to interpellate or speak against the said local bills, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

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

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

The period of amendments is hereby terminated.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve on Second Reading the aforementioned House bills.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). As many as are in favor of the approval of the bills enumerated in the omnibus motion, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

The bills enumerated in the omnibus motion are hereby approved on Second Reading.\*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2226

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2226.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2226, entitled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BISHOP BRO. EDUARDO "EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA OF HIS SUCCESSFUL AND EFFECTIVE STEWARDSHIP OF JESUS IS LORD CHURCH WORLDWIDE ("JIL CHURCH") LEADING THE JIL CHURCH TO ITS 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 27, 2018.

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2226.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

#### ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2226

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

House Resolution No. 2226 is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we take up administrative matters.

I move for the change of referral of the following measures:

House Bills No. 1715 and 2841, from the Committees on Agriculture and Food, and Special Committee on Food Security, to the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, Agriculture and Food, and the Special Committee on Food Security;

House Bills No. 1965, 1978, 2709, 5365, 7516 and 8122, from the Committee on Agriculture and Food, to the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, Agriculture and Food, and the Special Committee on Food Security;

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

House Bill No. 3394, from the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Agriculture and Food, to the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, Agriculture and Food, and the Special Committee on Food Security;

House Bills No. 8007, 8034 and 8131, from the Special Committee on Food Security, to the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, Agriculture and Food, and the Special Committee on Food Security;

House Bill No. 3016, from the Committee on Trade and Industry, to the Committee on Science and Technology;

House Bill No. 6128, from the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety;

House Bills No. 6158 and 7574, from the Committee on Games and Amusements, to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Games and Amusements;

House Bill No. 7961, from the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education; and

House Resolution No. 2149, from the Committee on Rules, to the Committee on Public Information.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we include additional coauthors of House Bill No. 8370 and Resolution of Both Houses No. 15 as contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

I so move.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we include as additional coauthors of House bills and resolutions that are pending in the Committees, the Members appearing in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules after due verification of their requests for inclusion as coauthors of such bills and resolutions.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 7:46 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:47 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

## CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8239

*Continuation*

### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8239, contained in Committee Report No. 861, and direct the Secretary General to read only the title of the measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that we are still in the period of sponsorship and debate. We move that we recognize the Sponsor of the measure, the Hon. Divina Grace C. Yu.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Divine Yu is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, as our next interpellator, I move that we recognize the Hon. France L. Castro of ACT TEACHERS Party-List.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. France Castro of ACT TEACHERS Party-List is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Marami pong salamat, Mme. Speaker. So, I will just have to register my manifestation and reservation on House Bill No. 8239, as contained in the Committee Report No. 861. Gusto ko lang i-manifest iyong concern ng mga teachers with

regard to the vagueness noong ilang mga probisyon dito, Mme. Speaker, dahil po sa noong ipinatupad iyong R.A. No. 7610, marami po o a significant number ng teachers—iyong ilan nga po ay nademanda at ang ilan ay nabiktima ng extortion dahil doon.

Ang House Bill na ito ay, sa tingin po ng Representasyong ito, ay mukhang hindi naman ito mahalaga. Kaya lang, mayroon lang po akong reservation dahil, inulit po dito, halimbawa, iyong sa letter (g), under sa Definition of Terms, Mme. Speaker, iyong tinatawag nating “non-physical act,” na magbibigay po ito ng napakaraming interpretasyon dito sa pino-propose na batas na ito. Halimbawa po, nakalagay dito, okay lang po tayo doon sa corporal punishment dahil mayroon naman pong batas regarding corporal punishment, at nakikiisa po ang Representasyong ito na wala po dapat na violent punishment or physical punishment sa mga bata, kaya lang po, Mme. Speaker, sa letter (g), mayroon po ditong “humiliating or degrading acts as form of punishment refer to any form of punishment or discipline in which physical force is used and intended to cause pain or discomfort or any non-physical x x x.” Dito po, Mme. Speaker, iyong reservation ko dahil iyong non-physical act ay magko-cause po ito ng different interpretations.

Isang halimbawa po, iyong ilang mga na-receive o idinulog po sa organisasyon sa QCPSTA noong ako pa po ay Presidente ng Quezon City Public School Teachers Association, na iyong bata po ay napagalitan o nasita lang ni teacher, halimbawa po, doon sa may mga classroom management na dapat ipatupad, pero si teacher po ay idinemandanda na agad, halimbawa, sa pagtatanong at nag-cause ng feeling of being belittled, threatened or ridiculed—doon po ako mayroong reservations, Mme. Speaker. Kaya nagma-manifest po ako ng reservation dito sa Bill na ito.

REP. YU. The manifestation is noted, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

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

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

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 8239 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8239 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8239 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8239 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7823 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7823, contained in Committee Report No. 777, as reported out by the Committee on Public Information 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. Villarica). 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. 7823, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING INCENTIVES TO FILIPINO FILMMAKERS WHO WERE GRANTED HONORS IN NOTABLE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVALS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Public Information, the Hon. Ben P. Evardone of the Lone District of Eastern Samar, to sponsor the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Ben Evardone is recognized to sponsor the measure.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is

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

REP. NOEL. However, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7823 on Second Reading.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 7823 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7823 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7823 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move for a few minutes suspension of the session.

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

*It was 7:56 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 8:02 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7927 ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we



consider House Bill No. 7927, contained in Committee Report No. 800, as reported out by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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. 7927, entitled: AN ACT INTEGRATING LABOR EDUCATION INTO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM.

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Enrico A. Pineda from 1-PACMAN Party-List to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Hon. Enrico Pineda is recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. PINEDA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 7927 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes, Mme. Speaker.

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

*It was 8:03 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 8:04 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we have recently terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 7927. I therefore move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to introduce Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is hereby terminated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 7927 on Second Reading.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7927 ON SECOND READING

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

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

House Bill No. 7927 is hereby approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 8:05 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 8:46 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 6775 AND S.B. NO. 1578

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6775 and Senate Bill No. 1578.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the titles of the measures.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the titles of the measures.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6775, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and Senate Bill No. 1578, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,

PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

REP. ANDAYA. In accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is there any objection?

REP. BROSAS. Objection, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Honorable...

REP. BROSAS. Yes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Majority Leader Is recognized

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, we will recognize the Lady.

REP. BROSAS. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). The Hon. Arlene D. Brosas is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes.

REP. BROSAS. Ang Representasyong ito ay tutol sa pagsasabatas ng Department of Housing and Urban Development—ang panukalang batas na naglalayong buuin ang Department of Housing and Development. Sa mahaba pong kasaysayan ng pakikibaka ng mamamayang Pilipino para sa abot-kaya, pang-masa at may kalidad na programang pabahay sa mga maralita, ang susing usapin na hindi nareresolba ng gobyerno ay ang patakaran sa palupa at pabahay na nakabalangkas sa privatization at sa layuning kumita. Kung mayroon mang kailangang baguhin sa mga batas sa usapin ng pabahay, ito ay ang pagbabago nito mula sa pagiging profit-oriented to service-oriented, na may layuning makatuwang sa mamamayang nagdarahop, sa halip na sila ay lalo pang ibaon sa pagkakautang sa patong-patong na mga bayarin.

Maraming mga probisyon sa panukalang batas ang nakababahalang magamit upang lalo pang pagkakitaan ang serbisyong pabahay ng mga maralita. Sa Definition of Terms, nakatali ang pagpapakahulugan sa ISFs o informal settler families sa lugar na kinatitirikan ng kanilang mga tahanan, sa halip na pagkilala sa kanilang panglipunan at pang-ekonomiyang katayuan na siyang nagtutulak sa kanilang manirahan sa mga estero, riles at maging sa waterways. Sa ganitong depinisyon,

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nagmumula ang mga arbitraryong mga desisyon, halimbawa, mula sa mga LGU ng mga banta at aktuwal na pagpapalayas. Isang tiyak na halimbawa nito ay ang karanasan ng mga maralita sa Pasig floodway na, sa kabila ng ilang taong paninirahan nila sa lugar, may makailang ulit na bigay-bawi din ang Presidential Proclamation na nag-a-award sa kanila ng kanilang lupang panirahan. Kahit ang renters at sharers ay walang takas dahil, ayon mismo sa mga ahensiya para sa pabahay, ang renters at sharers na nakatira sa slum areas ay walang karapatang pampulitika at pang-ekonomiya.

Nakapangangamba rin ang pagtingin ng panukalang batas na ito sa social housing. Sa inihahapag na depinisyon ng social housing, nakatuon ito sa walang pigil na pagtatakda ng interes sa pautang sa pabahay, malayung-malayo sa ultimong layunin ng social housing na dapat sana ay nakatulong sa programa sa ating mga kababayan—kulang o hindi kaya naman ay wala na halos kinikita. Samakatuwid, walang nireresolbang usapin sa pabahay ang panukalang batas. Layunin nitong ibukas sa pagsasa-pribado ang mga batayang serbisyong panlipunan katulad ng pabahay. Pinangangambahan ng Representasyong ito ang magiging malawakang tanggalan sa hanay ng mga kawani ng gobyerno dahil sa magaganap na pagsasanib at pagrereorganisa ng dating pitong ahensiyang nakatutok sa pabahay sa panukalang batas. Walang probisyong magtitiyak para sa mga kawaning maaapektuhan ng ganitong reorganisasyon. Sa karanasan ng ating mga maliliit na kawani sa gobyerno, ang abolition, restructuring, merging, streamlining at integration ay nangangahulugan ng malawakang lay-off sa likod ng mga pabalat-bungang reporma ng redundancy, overlapping in programs or functions, at pagpapalakas ng private sector participation sa ilalim ng PPP.

Naninindigan ang GABRIELA Women's Party na hangga't nananatiling nakatuon sa layuning kumita ang balangkas ng programang pabahay sa Pilipinas ay hindi mareresolba ng pagtatayo ng hiwalay na departamento ang usapin ng kawalan ng masisilungan ng milyong Pilipinong patuloy na pinagkakaitan ng batayang serbisyo sa ilalim ng ganitong patakaran. Sa bawat panukalang batas para sa tunguhin ng ilang mga reporma sa mga ahensiya ay marapat na dapat matitiyak natin ang kasiguruhan sa kabuhayan ng ating mga kawani. Muli, iginigiit ng Representasyong ito ang pagtutol sa panukalang batas at ang pagtindig para sa pang-masang pabahay at seguridad sa trabaho sa mga maralita at kawani ng gobyerno. Dapat pong naka-angkla sa hustisyang panlipunan ang batas para sa pabahay.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much. We may now proceed, Mme. Speaker, with the ratification.

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

The Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 6775 and Senate Bill No.1578 is ratified.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8453 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8453, contained in Committee Report No. 911, as reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). 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.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8453, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN REAL PROPERTY VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, REORGANIZING THE BUREAU OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr. to sponsor the said Bill.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Congressman Velarde is recognized to sponsor the Bill.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I would like to move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. ANDAYA. There being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8453 on Second Reading.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8453 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8453 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8453 is approved on Second Reading.

#### DESIGNATION OF REP. ARENAS AS CARETAKER OF THE LONE DISTRICT ON BATANES

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, in the interest of the people of the Lone District of Batanes, I move that we

designate Rep. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas of the Third District of Pangasinan as the legislative caretaker of the Lone District of Batanes vice Rep. Feliciano Belmonte Jr.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE CTTEE. ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

REP. ANDAYA. On the part of the Majority, I move that we elect as members of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, the following: Reps. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.; Eric M. Martinez vice Rodante D. Marcoleta; Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza; John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto; Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon; Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno vice Prospero A. Pichay Jr.; Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.; and Rogelio Neil P. Roque

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we authorize all Committees to conduct meetings or public hearings, if deemed necessary, during the House recess from October 11, 2018 to November 11, 2018.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until three o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, November 12, 2018.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until Monday, November 12, 2018 at three o’clock in the afternoon.

*It was 8:55 p.m.*