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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas called the session to order.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Everybody will please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Please remain standing for one minute short prayer to be led by the honorable Cong. Rossana “Ria” Vergara from the Third District of Nueva Ecija.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. VERGARA. Our Father, as we come together, the Representatives of the Seventeenth Congress under the leadership of Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, we thank You for the break given us to spend time with our families, visit our districts and be with our constituents. Most of us have filed our Certificates of Candidacy for the coming elections. Grant that we may always be guided by Your truths as we offer ourselves again to be servant-leaders, serving our country with integrity, sincerity and humility.

As last Sunday’s Gospel keenly reminded us of the widow who gave all from the little that she had, may we be reflections of her total act of faith—trusting fully in Your grace and mercy that all we pray and hope for may be granted if it is Thy will. Teach us, dear Lord, to surrender to Your holy will, and to be generous and selfless leaders.

Make us peacemakers, O God, that we may be

called children of God. May we never suffer calamities, never fear temptation. Defend us with Your power against all enemies and especially against those who hide their malice behind the mask of virtue. When the struggle is over, may we rest in the peace of God, the peace of utter tranquility, through our Lord who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever and ever.

May our Blessed Mother, Queen of heaven and earth, intercede for us. Amen.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and forever will be world without end. Amen.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move for one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 3:04 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we now proceed with the Reference of Business.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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, and Communications, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8530, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OR THE REDEMPTORIST CHURCH (BACLARAN CHURCH) LOCATED ALONG ROXAS BOULEVARD, PARAÑAQUE CITY A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 8533, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ONE WAY FLOW OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ALONG BOTH SIDES OF EPIFANIO DE LOS SANTOS AVENUE IN METRO MANILA”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8534, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING THE SOUTHERN LEYTE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL INTO THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER SYSTEM”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8535, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)-FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN CITIES AND URBAN CENTERS OF THE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 8536, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) MANPOWER TRAINING AND YOUTH CENTER IN BARANGAY GULOD, QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8537, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENT HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE SIX-MONTH SHUTDOWN OF BORACAY ISLAND, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 8538, entitled:

“AN ACT STREAMLINING THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING DISTRIBUTABLE POWER TECHNOLOGIES AND MINI GRID SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8539, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC AND EXPRESS MODE FOR GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 8540, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TIRAD PASS PROTECTED LANDSCAPE WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GREGORIO DEL

PILAR, QUIRINO, SIGAY, CERVANTES, AND SUYO, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 7586 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 11038, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 2018, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Singson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2270, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

House Resolution No. 2271, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE LATE MR. JESUS ‘JESS’ DE PAZ, FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE AND ARTS IN EASTERN VISAYAS AND EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR HIS PASSING”

By Representative Romualdez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2272, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE PALU, INDONESIA’S EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI DISASTER”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2273, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO TEACHER, MS. AILEEN TADENA DACUMOS FOR BEING AWARDED AS ‘BEST TEACHER’ BY SAPAT ORGANIZATION”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 2274, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDS”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2275, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF MR. ROBERTO FUNG KUAN, FOUNDER OF CHINESE STYLE FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT, CHOW KING FOOD CORPORATION”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2276, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE MEDALISTS IN THE 2018 ASIAN PARA GAMES HELD IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA ON 6 OCTOBER TO 13 OCTOBER 2018”

By Representative Sambar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 2277, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CHRISTIAN TIO FOR WINNING A SILVER MEDAL FOR HIS VICTORY IN BOYS’ IKA TWIN TIP RACING OF THE SAILING EVENT OF THE 2018 SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES HELD IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA ON 14 OCTOBER 2018”

By Representative Sambar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 2278, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED APPREHENSION AND IMPOUNDMENT OF MODIFIED VEHICLES AND OFF-ROADERS BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2279, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONVEYING THE

COLLECTIVE FELICITATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BIRTHDAY OF EDUARDO MANALO, EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2280, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE K-12 PROGRAM TO GAUGE ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN MODERNIZING PHILIPPINE EDUCATION”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2281, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE EXTENT OF RESEARCH AND EXTENSION FUNCTIONS OF STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (SUCs)”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2282, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING IYAH MINA FOR BEING THE FIRST TRANSGENDER BEST ACTRESS AWARDEE IN THE HISTORY OF PHILIPPINE CINEMA AND COMMENDING THE CREATORS, CAST, AND CREW OF ‘MAMU; AND A MOTHER TOO’ LED BY DIRECTOR ROD SINGH FOR BRINGING GENUINE LGBTQ+ REPRESENTATION INTO FILM FOR THE APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC”

By Representative Bag-ao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 2283, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION ON RECEIVING THE 2018 ASIA RIVER PRIZE AWARD”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2284, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE POLICY OF THE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL BLOCKADE IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST CUBA AND URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AS MEMBER STATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO SUPPORT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN END TO THE SAME”

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

House Resolution No. 2285, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE SPATE OF KILLINGS IN CEBU UNDER THE ‘ONE TIME, BIG TIME’ OPERATIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE SAME”

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

House Resolution No. 2286, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE WAHANA INVESTMENT SCAM”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2287, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING MISSIONARY SUBSIDIES, NOW RUNNING TO BILLIONS, FOR LARGE OFF-GRID ISLANDS AND THE RESULTING INCREASED UNIVERSAL CHARGE TO ELECTRIC CONSUMERS”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2288, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF

HONORABLE CIRIACO S. CALALANG,
REPRESENTATIVE OF KABAYAN PARTY-
LIST”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 30 October 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 certified and authenticated copy of Circular No. 1018 dated 26 October 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. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 178 and House Bill No. 5000, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF PAYMENT SYSTEMS”;
2. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1455 and House Bill No. 7503, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING THE FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE AS THE NATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE OF THE FILIPINO DEAF AND THE OFFICIAL SIGN LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT IN ALL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE DEAF, AND MANDATING ITS USE IN SCHOOLS, BROADCAST MEDIA, AND WORKPLACES”;
3. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1649 and House Bill No. 6521, entitled:
“AN ACT UPGRADING THE BATAAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN INTO A LEVEL III TEACHING AND TRAINING HOSPITAL TO BE NOW KNOWN AS THE BATAAN GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;
4. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1654 and House Bill No. 6551, entitled:
“AN ACT EXPANDING THE MANDATE AND SERVICE CAPABILITY OF THE BICOL SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUSAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL

REGION GENERAL HOSPITAL AND GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

5. House Bill No. 2483, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CADIZ, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY”;
6. House Bill No. 3710, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF EL SALVADOR, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG EL SALVADOR’ ”;
7. House Bill No. 5641, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PADRE GARCIA, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY AND THE ANNUAL ‘KABAKAHAN FESTIVAL’ ”;
8. House Bill No. 2097, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PASAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘FOUNDATION DAY OF PASAY CITY’ ”;
9. House Bill No. 2129, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALUBIJID, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG ALUBIJID’ ”;
10. House Bill No. 2130, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JASAAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG JASAAN’ ”;
11. House Bill No. 2132, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OPOL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS

ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG OPOL’”;

12. House Bill No. 5172, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 19 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATIONAL HERO, DR. JOSE P. RIZAL, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG KAPANGANAKAN NI DR. JOSE P. RIZAL’”;

13. House Bill No. 5563, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ORANI FOUNDATION DAY’”;

14. House Bill No. 6311, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE NARRA MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM TEN (10) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BED CAPACITY, AND NAMING IT AS THE GOVERNOR ALFREDO MENDOZA ABUEG, SR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

15. House Bill No. 7044, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 18 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘BACOLOD CITY CHARTER DAY’, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE DAY PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON SIGNED AND APPROVED INTO EFFECT COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 326, CREATING THE CITY OF BACOLOD”;

16. House Bill No. 7387, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KWOK HING CARLOS YEUNG”

17. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 452 and House Bill No. 7191, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF CRIMINOLOGY PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6506, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT CREATING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES’”;

18. House Bill No. 1865, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 21 OF

EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FABIAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;

19. House Bill No. 2131, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 22 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG CLAVERIA’”;

20. House Bill No. 2484, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF SAGAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY ANNIVERSARY”;

21. House Bill No. 2692, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;

22. House Bill No. 5551, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY, INCLUDING THE CITIES THEREIN, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF GENERAL SIMEON A. OLA, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘SIMEON OLA DAY’”;

23. House Bill No. 5689, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ADLAW HONG BUTUAN’”;

24. House Bill No. 6178, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘BATAAN FOUNDATION DAY’”;

and

25. House Bill No. 6418, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘FOUNDATION DAY OF CATANDUANES’”;

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8528
ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8528, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 918, as reported out by the Committees on Civil Service and Professional Regulation, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8528, entitled: AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Chairperson of the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation be recognized to begin his sponsorship of the measure. May I, therefore, move to recognize Rep. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño from the Fifth District of Batangas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The honorable Congressman Mariño is recognized.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. MARIÑO

REP. MARIÑO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

This is the sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 8528. This Bill shall be known as the Philippine Occupational Therapy Law. This is a consolidation of House Bills No. 4750 and 7221. This has been deliberated in the Committee of Civil Service and Professional Regulation, and passed also through the Committee on Appropriations, Mme. Speaker. I would like to sponsor the Bill for consideration on Second Reading, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee amendment, I move that we proceed to consider individual amendments, if any.

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

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8528 on Second Reading. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8528 on Second Reading.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8528, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8528
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8528 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8529
ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8529, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 919, as reported out by the Committees on Civil Service and Professional Regulation, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8529, entitled: AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Chairperson of the Committee, Rep. Marvey Mariño, be recognized to begin his sponsorship of the Bill.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Hon. Marvey Mariño is now recognized. Please proceed.

REP. MARIÑO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, this House Bill No. 8529 has been deliberated in the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation and the Committee on Appropriations as well, and this is a consolidation of House Bills No. 4749, 5330, 5812, 6403, 6480 and 6546. The Bill shall be known as the Speech Language Pathology Act. Mme. Speaker, I would like sponsor the Bill for consideration on Second Reading.

Thank you.

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

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

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee amendment, I move that we proceed to consider individual amendments, if any.

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

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

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8529 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8529 on Second Reading, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8529
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8529 is now approved on Second Reading.

REP. MARIÑO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8281
ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8281, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 875, as reported out by the Committees on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, and Ways and Means.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8281, entitled: ANACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC BANKS.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Chairperson of the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries be recognized to begin the sponsorship of the measure. I move that we recognize Rep. Henry C. Ong from the Second District of Leyte, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Ong is now recognized. Please proceed.

REP. ONG (H.). Mme. Speaker, may I request that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is closed.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8281 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8281 on Second Reading, please say *Aye*.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye.*

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8281
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.
House Bill No. 8281 is approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8419
ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8419, contained in Committee Report No. 893, as reported out by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8419, entitled: AN ACT PREVENTING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES THROUGH BIGGER NUMBER PLATES AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that

we recognize the Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento, for his sponsorship of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Hon. Cesar Sarmiento is recognized. Please proceed.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. SARMIENTO (C.)

REP. SARMIENTO (C.). Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

House Bill No. 8419 is a consolidation of various measures filed by several Members or several colleagues, and these are House Bills No. 5381, 5714, 5839 and 6226, entitled: AN ACT PREVENTING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES THROUGH BIGGER NUMBER PLATES AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is now closed.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker I move that we approve House Bill No. 8419 on Second Reading.
I so move, Mme. Speaker.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8419 on Second Reading, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8419
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8419 is now approved on Second Reading.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker.

REP. SARMIENTO (C.). Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Deputy Speaker Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas. They are the following: the President of Beijing Dance Academy, Mr. Deng You-Long; (*Applause*) the Professor of Beijing Dance Academy, Mr. Gao Du; (*Applause*) the Professor of Beijing Dance Academy, Huang Yi-Hua; and the Editor of Journal of Beijing Dance Academy, Huang-Jiyang.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Please rise. I welcome you to the House of Representatives. Thank you for coming. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 3:28 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:32 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8322
ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8322, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 879, as reported out by the Committee on Transportation.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8322, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND OPERATORS TO AUTOMATICALLY TURN ON AND RIDE WITH THEIR HEADLIGHTS ON AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT ON ALL ROADS.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento, be recognized to begin his sponsorship of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Hon. Cesar V. Sarmiento is now recognized. Please proceed.

REP. SARMIENTO (C.). Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker, for the recognition.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

Mme. Speaker, may I request that the Explanatory Note of the consolidated Bill, House Bill No. 8322, be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is now closed.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8322 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8322 on Second Reading, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8322 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8322 is now approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 3:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:37 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8370 ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8370, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 884, 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. Arenas). 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. 8370, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT A LAND USE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN THAT SHALL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF DORMITORIES FOR STUDENTS AND HOUSING SITES FOR EMPLOYEES.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize one of the authors, Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr., to begin the sponsorship of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Garbin is now recognized. Please proceed.

REP. GARBIN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Allow us to adopt the Explanatory Note of the Bill as our sponsorship speech. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is now closed.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8370 on Second Reading. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8370 on Second Reading, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8370 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8370 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 3:40 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:46 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8382 ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8382, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 889, as reported out by the Committee on Justice.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8382, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KITSON SORIANO KHO.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the author of the Bill, Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Hon. Manuel F. Zubiri is now recognized. Please proceed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is now closed.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8382 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8382, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8382
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8382 is now approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 3:49 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:51 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8078
ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8078, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 816, as reported out by the Committee on Justice.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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

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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. 8078, entitled: AN ACT REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE REGISTRATION, ACQUISITION, ENCUMBRANCE, ALIENATION, TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF LAND COVERED BY FREE PATENTS UNDER SECTIONS 118, 119 AND 121 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE PUBLIC LAND ACT”, AS AMENDED.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, Rep. Doy C. Leachon, be recognized to begin his sponsorship of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Leachon is now recognized. Please proceed.

REP. LEACHON. Mme. Speaker, the Majority Leader and Members of Congress, good day to all.

Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8078 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee nor individual amendment, I move that we close the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is now closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker I move that we approve House Bill No. 8078 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8078, please say, *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8078 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8078 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 28, dated November 13, 2018.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Honorable Speaker is present.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 182 Members responded to the call.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). With 182 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. I move that we recognize Rep. Jose "Lito" L. Atienza Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The honorable Cong. Lito Atienza is now recognized. Please proceed.

REP. ATIENZA. We would like to put on record, Mme. Speaker, that today, November 13, 2018, the Secretariat counted 100-percent accurate, 182, and we would like to congratulate them for that, setting aside the 99.9 other erroneous counts that they have had (*Laughter*), and we hope that they continue counting accurately from hereon.

Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Thank you, Honorable Atienza. Thank you very much.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8101 ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8101, under the Calendar of Business for the day, contained in Committee Report No. 821, as reported out by the Committee on Justice, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8101, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE JUDICIARY WHO IS A SOLO PARENT, OR TO THE SURVIVING PARENTS OR NOMINATED PERSONS OF SUCH DECEASED RETIREE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 910, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker. I move that we recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Rep. Doy C. Leachon, for his sponsorship speech on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Leachon is now recognized. Please proceed.

REP. LEACHON. Mme. Speaker, Majority Leader and our colleagues in Congress, again, good day, good afternoon.

As read by the Secretary General, in fact, the title would suggest to embrace all the necessities that the Bill would like to envision, if enacted; thus, in likewise manner, just as I said a while ago, I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8101 be considered as the sponsorship speech of this Representation on the measure.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. 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. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; motion is approved.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8101 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8101 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8101 is approved on Second Reading.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8121 ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8121, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 826, as reported out by the Committee on Justice, and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8121, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF SLAIN JUSTICES AND JUDGES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 910, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETIREMENT OF JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT AND OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, AND TO REPEAL COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, Rep. Doy C. Leachon of the First District of Oriental Mindoro, for his sponsorship speech on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Leachon is now recognized.

REP. LEACHON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

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

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8121 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8121 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8121 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8380 ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8380, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 887, as reported out by the Committee on Justice.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8380, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO HANS GUENTER SCHOOF.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, Rep. Doy C. Leachon from the First District of Oriental Mindoro for his sponsorship speech on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Leachon is now recognized.

REP. LEACHON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

The following House bills will deal definitely with the different naturalization requests from various individuals. And to deal with it, first, we will go to House Bill No. 8380, in likewise manner, the granting of citizenship to Mr. Hans Guenter Schoof. We would like to request that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on said measure, for your consideration, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8380 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8380 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8380 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8381 ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8381, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 888, as reported out by the Committee on Justice.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8381, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MARGARITA MELIAN ORTIGAS.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Doy C Leachon for his sponsorship speech on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Leachon is now recognized, please proceed.

REP. LEACHON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

The last for consideration for sponsorship of this Representation is House Bill No. 8381, the House Bill granting citizenship to Ms. Margarita Melian Ortigas. At this point, I move that the Explanatory Note as contained in the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8381 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8381, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8381 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8381 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move for one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:20 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, before we proceed with further deliberations, may I acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Leopoldo N. Bataoil. They are Municipal Councilors Napoleon Petaca, Ricardo Pastor; Punong Barangay Aguedo Petaca;

Barangay Kagawad Melanie Petaca, Agnes Petaca, Nedy Gil, Donato Espiritu, Alexis Apostol, Marlon Vergara and Amado Servanda; Barangay Secretary Jeria Prado; Barangay Treasurer Roldan Cayaban; and Senior Citizen President Lorna Apostol.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The guests of Honorable Bataoil are now acknowledged. Please rise and welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7005 ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7005, contained in Committee Report No. 576, as reported out by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, Mme. Speaker.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 7005, entitled: AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE EVEREST ACADEMY AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER AND GRANTING THE ACADEMY CERTAIN PREROGATIVES TO PROMOTE ITS DEVELOPMENT.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Vice Chairperson of the Committee on

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

Basic Education, Rep, Rodrigo A. Abellanosa of the Second District, Cebu City, for his sponsorship of the measure, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Abellanosa is now recognized. Please proceed.

REP. ABELLANOSA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 7005 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is now closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7005 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7005 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7005 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8249 ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8249, contained in Committee Report No. 866, as reported out by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8249, entitled: AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BRITISH SCHOOL MANILA AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER GRANTING THE SCHOOL CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCTIVE TO ITS DEVELOPMENT.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Basic Education, Rep. Rodrigo A. Abellanosa, to begin the sponsorship of the measure.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Abellanosa is now recognized.

REP. ABELLANOSA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8249 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendment is now closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker I move that we approve House Bill No. 8249 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8249 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8249 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 4:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:27 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7973 ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7973, contained in Committee Report No. 802, 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. Arenas). 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. 7973, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REMEDY OF FILING A PETITION FOR CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW THE DECISIONS OF THE NATIONAL

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 229 AND 230 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Employment, Rep. Randolph S. Ting of the Third District of Cagayan, for the sponsorship of this measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Ting is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. TING. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no

Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7973 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are against/ opposed, please say *Nay*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7973 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7973 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8368 ON SECOND READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8368, contained in Committee Report No. 883, 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. Arenas). 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. 8368, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REGULATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 40, 41 AND 42 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.”

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Employment, Rep. Randolph S. Ting, be recognized to begin his sponsorship of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Ting is now recognized. Please proceed.

REP. TING. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8368 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8368 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8368 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 4:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7878 ON SECOND READING

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7878, contained in Committee

Report No. 791, as reported out by the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Public Order and Safety.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 7878, entitled: AN ACT ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL BY ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Sponsor of the said Bill, the Hon. Pedro B. Acharon Jr. of the First District of South Cotabato, to sponsor the said measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Acharon is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. ACHARON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. 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.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 791 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. I am sorry, correction; that is House Bill No. 7878, under Committee Report No. 791.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are against/ opposed, please say *Nay*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7878 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7878 is approved on Second Reading.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ACHARON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move for the suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 4:37 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:39 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 4:39 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:40 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8417 ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8417 on Second Reading, contained in Committee Report No. 892, as reported out by the Committees on Energy and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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 Bill.

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. 8417, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENERGY VIRTUAL ONE STOP SHOP FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS OF ENERGY PROJECTS.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the author of the Bill, Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Batocabe is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. BATOCABE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker, dear colleagues, may I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). 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. Arenas). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to propose Committee nor individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8417 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8417, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8417 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8417 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8378 ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8378 on Second Reading, contained in Committee Report No. 886, as reported out by the Committee on Dangerous Drugs.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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 Bill.

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. 8378, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4200, ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE WIRE TAPPING AND OTHER RELATED VIOLATIONS OF THE PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Romeo M. Acop from the Second District of Antipolo City to begin his sponsorship of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Acop is now recognized. Please proceed.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

May I move that the Explanatory Note of the three authors be considered as the sponsorship speeches on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). 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. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

At 4:47 p.m., the session was resumed.

REP. GARCIA (J.). I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2178

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2178, contained in Committee Report No. 858, as reported out by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is closed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8378 on Second Reading.

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.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8378, please say *Aye*.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2178, entitled: A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION OF THE LATE FAMED ARTIST MAURO "MALANG" SANTOS TO FILIPINO CULTURE AND ARTS AND EXTENDING THE SYMPATHIES OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE TO HIS BEREAVED FAMILY AND LOVED ONES.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8378 ON SECOND READING

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

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2178.

House Bill No. 8378 is approved on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2178

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a minute.

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

House Resolution No. 2178 is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2180

It was 4:46 p.m.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that

we consider House Resolution No. 2180, contained in Committee Report No. 860, as reported out by the Committee on Housing and Urban Development.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 2180, entitled: A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO GRANT AMNESTY TO ITS SOCIALIZED HOUSING BENEFICIARIES WITH DELINQUENT LOAN ACCOUNTS, CONDONING THEREBY ALL PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES ON UNPAID LOAN AMORTIZATIONS AND TO INSTITUTE A LOAN RESTRUCTURING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9507.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2180.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2180

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

House Resolution No. 2180 is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1741

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1741, contained in Committee Report No. 867, as reported out by the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability and Committee on Energy.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 1741, entitled: RESOLUTION URGING THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) TO IMMEDIATELY RESOLVE THE SEVEN (7) POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT APPLICATIONS OF THE MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY (MERALCO), PROVIDED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND THE APPROPRIATE HEARINGS ON THE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1741.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1741

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

House Resolution No. 1741 is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, may I ask for a minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:50 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:56 p.m., session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8145
ON SECOND READING

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8145, contained in Committee Report No. 834, as reported out by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and Committee on Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). 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. 8145, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN ALL COASTAL MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Lawrence H. Fortun from the First District of Agusan del Norte to sponsor the said measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The Honorable Fortun is now recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

May I request, Mme. Speaker, that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be adopted as my sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. 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.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of amendments is closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8145 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8145, please, say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8145
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 8145 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, may I ask for one-minute suspension of the session.

REP. LEACHON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, honorable colleague.

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

It was 4:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:00 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we amend Section 94, Rule XII, of our Rules by deleting the phrase “or business attire” in the first sentence of the first paragraph, which will now read as follows:

“Members shall wear proper attire which is *barong Filipino* or coat and tie for men, and Filipina dress or business suit for women, and observe proper decorum during sessions and committee meetings.”

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, Mme. Speaker. Likewise, we would like to move for the election of the following Members to the Committee on Disaster Management:

Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan, as member No. 7
Rep. Federico “Ricky” S. Sandoval II
Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco
Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento
Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr.
Rep. Jonas C. Cortes
Rep. Lucy T. Gomez
Rep. Ann K. Hofer
Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo
Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga
Rep. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan
Rep. Ruby M. Sahali
Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza
Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, there being no other matters, I move that we adjourn until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Arenas). The session is adjourned until 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, November 14, 2018.

It was 5:02 p.m.