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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu called the session to order.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Everybody will please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer and meditation.

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

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8685, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING FAIR INVESTIGATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ROAD CRASHES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Mariño

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8686, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE (AGRI) NETWORK PROGRAM”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8687, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL YOUTH AGRIPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8688, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE REGULATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4226, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HOSPITAL LICENSURE ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND ITS CORRESPONDING IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS, DOH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2015-0046 DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2015”

By Representative Tan (S.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 8689, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE RECRUITMENT QUOTA REQUIREMENT OF FEMALE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) OFFICERS, AMENDING SECTION 58 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8551, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pimentel, Gonzales (A.P.), Ortega (V.N.), Roa-Puno, Hofer, Matugas, Herrera-Dy, Noel and Alonte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 3:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:16 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 37, dated December 4, 2018.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 180 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 180 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2337, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS, TO REVIEW THE PRIVATIZATION OF WATER UTILITIES IN THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY THE PRIVATIZATION OF METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (MWSS) AND THE LOCAL WATER DISTRICTS, AND ITS IMPACT TO THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES AND SECURITY OF TENURE OF WATER DISTRICT EMPLOYEES”

By Representatives Zarate, Brosas and Casilao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2338, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8543 ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE BASILAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISABELA, PROVINCE OF BASILAN INTO A TERTIARY HOSPITAL UNDER THE FULL ADMINISTRATION

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8179

Continuation

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, under the Calendar of Unfinished Business, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8179, contained in Committee Report No. 848 and submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

For this purpose may I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the Bill.

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to read only the title of House Bill No. 8179.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8179, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING SOLAR PARA SA BAYAN CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTABLE POWER TECHNOLOGIES AND MINIGRID SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY.

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

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that the period of amendments has been terminated.

I now move that the main author of the Bill, Cong. Arthur C. Yap from the Third District of Bohol, be recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Deputy Speaker Art Yap is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List?

REP. ATIENZA. With the kind permission of the Majority Leader and the sponsoring author, Congressman Yap, we would like to make an inquiry as to the final version of this particular Bill, and if we are going to be given a copy of this measure now before we approve it on Second Reading.

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the author of the Bill, Deputy Speaker Arthur Yap.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). I already recognized the honorable Deputy Speaker. Kindly respond please.

REP. YAP (A.). We can distribute the clean copy this afternoon.

REP. ATIENZA. May we ask for a one-minute suspension of the session until we get a copy of the final version.

REP. YAP (A.). Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HOFER. May I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

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

It was 3:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:27 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, as to the question raised by the Honorable Atienza regarding copies of the Bills, the final copy of the measure is not yet ready simply because the copy is supposed to be distributed only before its consideration on Third Reading. We cannot do that until and unless we approve the Bill on Second Reading. We are just about to approve the Bill on Second Reading that is why the final copy is not supposed to be distributed yet, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Noted.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, we respect the opinion of the Majority Leader.

REP. MARCOLETA. That is not an opinion, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. But that is his opinion.

REP. MARCOLETA. That is the rule.

REP. ATIENZA. That is his opinion. We need to get a copy of this very contentious measure.

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

REP. ATIENZA. Never did we get a copy...

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, the final copy will be distributed only before the Third Reading this afternoon.

REP. ATIENZA. Not on the ...

REP. MARCOLETA. We are not supposed to give copies on the floor because this Bill is yet to be approved on Second Reading. This is the practice of the House of Representatives, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. We cannot approve on Second Reading ...

REP. MARCOLETA. We cannot deviate from that rule, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. ... because the amendments are not clear and as I mentioned, this is one of the most contentious issues on legislative franchises that this Congress, or even past Congresses for that matter, has faced.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move for a ruling of the Chair that the final copy of the Bill is not yet to be distributed because we are yet to approve the same on Second Reading.

REP. YAP (A.) Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, we appeal to the Gentleman to be more magnanimous on this issue. As I said, never pa tayo nagkahiwa-hiwalay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The statement made by the Majority Leader is enough and I think he is right.

REP. MARCOLETA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). May we proceed now?

REP. ATIENZA. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, ...

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

REP. ATIENZA. ... I will not insist on a copy but I would like to ask the Sponsor.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move ...

REP. ATIENZA. Will the Sponsor ...

REP. MARCOLETA. ... that we recognize...

REP. ATIENZA. ... kindly accede to one question?

REP. MARCOLETA. ... the Hon. Arthur Yap to continue on the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rep. Art Yap, is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my previous motion considering that the period of amendments has been finished.

REP. ATIENZA. With the kind accommodation of the Sponsor, without the approval of the Majority Leader ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the parliamentary status, Majority Leader?

REP. ATIENZA. ... may we ask whether he will accommodate one question?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that the period of amendments has been terminated. That is the status of the Bill, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. We take note, Mr. Speaker, but the Majority Leader is taking his position.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). We move now to the next ...

REP. ATIENZA. Isa lamang po, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8179, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of approving House Bill No. 8179 on Second Reading, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8179, AS AMENDED,
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8179, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, the vote was not clear. We ask for a recount, we ask for an explanation, we ask for a head count.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, our rules say that we can only ask for nominal voting if the Chair so decides that the *viva voce* vote is not clear.

May we know the ruling of the Chair.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; and House Bill No. 8179, as amended, is approved on Second Reading. I have already ruled on it.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, may I manifest one important issue related to this vote. Just for one minute.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Representative Atienza may now have the floor for his manifestation.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to ask the Sponsor whether in the final version of the Bill, the amendment that practically everyone is concerned with has been placed.

Ito pong prangkisang ito ay hinihingi ng isang korporasyong Pilipino, pinangungunahan ng isang batang-batang negosyante. Kahanga-hanga subalit kinakailangang lagyan natin ng probisyon iyong

prangkisang ating pinag-uusapan sapagkat kung hindi, mauulit na naman ang lahat ng nangyayari sa Kongreso ng Pilipinas—ang prangkisa ay nagiging sanhi ng negosyo. Hindi iyong prangkisa ang nananaig kung hindi iyong pagbebenta ng prangkisa.

We asked the Sponsor for such an amendment, and I would like to hear his assurance that he has included the amendment, that if this franchise or this corporation which has been assuring the nation that they would provide cheap and affordable electricity, especially to the underserved and unserved areas. Ito po ay kinatawan by no less than the son of Senator Legarda.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With due respect to the Honorable Atienza, your one minute has expired.

REP. ATIENZA. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Sponsor whether he has incorporated amendment number 13, that if this franchise of this company is sold to anyone, especially foreigners, it automatically is dissolved and non-effective. Inilagay po ba ninyo iyon?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The time of Honorable Atienza has expired.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Ang tinatanong ko po ay hindi ang Majority Leader kung hindi ang ating Sponsor. Inilagay po ba ninyo ang amendment na iyon?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, may I move that the statement of the Honorable ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). I recognized you for a manifestation, Honorable Atienza.

REP. ATIENZA. Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to ask the Sponsor, is it a “yes” or “no?”

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Majority Leader now has the floor.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully move that the statement of the Honorable Atienza be noted as part of the debate of today’s session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The manifestation of the Honorable Atienza is duly noted.

REP. ATIENZA. If the Gentleman refuses to answer, then I will take it as a “no.”

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to take up ...

REP. ATIENZA. Hindi niya inilagay, then this is a very onerous, abnormal and questionable franchise that you are giving.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Majority Leader will please proceed.

CONSIDERATION OF R.B.H. NO. 15

Continuation

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we continue the consideration of Resolution of Both Houses No. 15, Mr. Speaker, and may we request that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Secretary General is hereby directed to read the title of Resolution of Both Houses No. 15 for consideration on Second Reading.

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

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

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of this Bill is that the period of sponsorship and debate has been terminated yesterday. I therefore move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. May we recognize one of the authors of the measure, Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II to introduce the Committee amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Sharky Palma is recognized.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

REP. PALMA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, thank you Majority Leader.

For the Committee amendments, Mr. Speaker, we

move that we replace the word “Senate” with the word VICE in Article XVII, Section 4, paragraph 2 of the Transitory Provisions, specifically in line 25, page 44 of RBH No. 15 which shall now read as follows:

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the House say?

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

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

What is the next Committee amendment?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, there being no more Committee amendments, we move that we proceed to consider individual amendments.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. May we recognize the Hon. Frederick W. Siao, Mr. Speaker, for his individual amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Frederick Siao is recognized.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

REP. SIAO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On Article VIII, Section 2, paragraph 3, specifically on line 5, page 11 thereof, replace the word “handicapped” with DIFFERENTLY ABLED. It will now read as follows:

The remaining twenty (20%) percentum of the members of the House of Representatives shall be elected through a party-list system of registered sectoral parties or organizations. The party-list representatives shall be elected at large. They shall represent the marginalized sectors of Philippine society which shall include labor, peasant, fisherfolk, urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, elderly, DIFFERENTLY ABLED, women, youth,

veterans, overseas workers, and seafarers. The Congress shall pass a law that shall ensure that each sector shall be represented by at least one (1) party-list.

REP. PALMA. We accept, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the House say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we accept the individual amendment.

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

Any other amendment?

REP. SIAO. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Proceed.

REP. SIAO. On Article XII, Section 12, page 35, specifically on line 3, add the following sentence after the second paragraph thereof:

FEDERAL STATE SHALL INCLUDE THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION AS CREATED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054 AND AS RATIFIED IN A PLEBISCITE PROVIDED THEREIN.

The section will now read as follows:

Sec. 12. A federal state may be created in any part of the country upon a petition addressed to Congress by any contiguous, compact, and adjacent provinces, highly urbanized and component cities, and cities and municipalities in metropolitan areas through a resolution of their respective bodies, subject to approval by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite in the political units affected.

In exceptional cases, a province may be established as a federal state based on area, population, necessity, geographical distance, environmental, economic, and fiscal viability, and other special attributes.

FEDERAL STATES SHALL INCLUDE THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION AS CREATED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054 AND AS RATIFIED IN A PLEBISCITE PROVIDED THEREIN.

REP. PALMA. We accept.

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

REP. PALMA. We accept, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt the amendment.

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

Another amendment.

REP. SIAO. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. SIAO. On Article X, Section 11, specifically line 4, page 26 thereof, add the following words as the last sentence of the section; DURING THEIR CONTINUANCE IN OFFICE, THEIR SALARY SHALL NOT BE DECREASED, which shall read as follows:

Sec. 11. The salary of the Chief Justice and of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, and of judges of lower courts shall be fixed by law. DURING THEIR CONTINUANCE IN OFFICE, THEIR SALARY SHALL NOT BE DECREASED.

REP. PALMA. We accept, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt the amendment.

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

Any other amendment?

REP. SIAO. Number four amendment, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. SIAO. On Article XIII, Section 2, specifically line 13, page 36 thereof, please add the words, OTHER HIGH CRIMES, OR BETRAYAL OF PUBLIC

TRUST, after the word “corruption” which shall read as follows:

Sec. 2. The President, the Vice President, the members of the Supreme Court, the members of the Constitutional Commissions, and the Ombudsman shall be removed from office, on impeachment for and conviction of, culpable violation of the Constitution, treason, bribery, graft and corruption, OTHER HIGH CRIMES, OR BETRAYAL OF PUBLIC TRUST. All other public officers and employees may be removed from office as provided by law but not impeachment.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I noted that the good Congressman Siao has mentioned, “Ombudsman shall be removed from office x x x.” I think the better phrase is “may be removed ...

REP. SIAO. May be removed from office.

REP. PALMA. ... from office.” But we will accept, Mr. Speaker, the amendment thereto, the addition of the words OTHER HIGH CRIMES, OR BETRAYAL OF PUBLIC TRUST.

We accept, Mr. Speaker.

REP. SIAO. I correct myself, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the introduced amendment.

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

Any other amendment?

REP. SIAO. Number five, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. SIAO. Replace the pronouns “he or she” or “his or her,” as found in the entire draft, with other forms of suitable gender-sensitive words and phrases. For example:

Section 3. No person shall be a Member of the House of Representatives unless he or she is a natural-born citizen of the Philippines and,

on the day of the election, is at least twenty-five (25) years of age, holder of a college degree, and, except the party-list representatives, a registered voter in the district in which he or she shall be elected, and domiciled therein for a period of not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the day of the election.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What ...

REP. SIAO. We can use the words A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE, instead of he and she, SHALL BE ELECTED.

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

REP. PALMA. May I ask, Mr. Speaker, if the good Sponsor is amenable to matter of styling ...

REP. SIAO. Yes.

REP. PALMA. ... to remove the gender-sensitive words. If so, Mr. Speaker, then, we accept.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the proposed amendment.

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

Any other amendment?

REP. SIAO. The last amendment, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. SIAO. Add a Section 28 of Article II on the Declaration of Principles and State Policies, this last section:

SEC. 28. THE STATE SHALL RECOGNIZE THE DISTINCT CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE OF MUSLIM MINDANAO AND THE CORDILLERAS. IN THE CREATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES, THE CONGRESS SHALL CONSIDER THE HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND OTHER RELEVANT CHARACTERISTICS OF THESE TERRITORIES WITHIN THE

FRAMEWORK OF THIS CONSTITUTION AND THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AS WELL AS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

REP. PALMA. We accept, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. I move to adopt the suggested amendment, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Antonio Tinio for his individual amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Antonio Tinio from ACT TEACHERS Party-List is recognized for his individual amendments.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Sponsor, I would like to propose the following amendments:

First of all, on the second page, starting with line 11, this is after the “whereas clauses,” the resolatory clause says here, “RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, by a vote of three-fourths of all its Members,” I would like to propose the inclusion of the phrase, VOTING SEPARATELY.

That is my amendment.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, may I ask for a one-minute suspension?

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

It was 3:46 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:48 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, we accept the proposal of the Honorable Tinio.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt the amendment.

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

Next amendment.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Next, I would like to move on to Article II, Declaration of Principles and State Policies, this is “Sec. 6. The separation of church and State shall be inviolable.” I would like to move for the deletion of the next sentence, “Relations between them shall be governed by benevolent neutrality.”

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, we cannot accept.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority Leader say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we side with the action taken by the Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment is not accepted.

Next amendment.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, the next amendment that I propose—well, Mr. Speaker, I wish that the amendment shall be put to a vote. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Body vote on my proposed amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). So, you are objecting to the ...

REP. TINIO. Yes, I object, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are for the amendment presented by the Honorable Tinio, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are against the amendment presented by Honorable Tinio, please say *Nay*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

REP. TINIO. (*Laughter*) Mr. Speaker, I believe the *ayes* have it.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to repeat the proposition. I do not think the Members ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). I would like to repeat the question. May I direct the Majority Leader to please propound the question.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

It was 3:51 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:52 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

To make the motion or question that is being put to a vote in a clear, precise and simple language, may I direct the Majority Leader to please state the question or motion to the vote...

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... to be voted upon.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, there is a pending motion by the Hon. Antonio Tinio, which was not accepted by the Sponsor, and so, the Honorable Tinio moved to divide the House.

This means that a vote of *Aye* will support the motion of the Honorable Tinio and a vote of *Nay* is in support of the nonacceptance by the Sponsor.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, before we vote, may we ask the Secretary General to clearly state the issue involved.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). We are now in the process of voting and no one can interrupt the process of voting.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of the amendment presented by the Honorable Tinio, please say *Aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are against the amendment presented by the Honorable Tinio, please say *Nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it.

REP. ATIENZA. So, now that the voting is done, may we now ask the Secretary General to clarify the issue that the Body voted upon, for the record, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, can we ask the Honorable Tinio to please ...

REP. TINIO. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With respect to the question of the Honorable Atienza, ...

REP. ATIENZA. Bumoto po ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... the question of the Honorable Atienza has been properly answered by the Majority Leader before the voting.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, may we be more magnanimous in chairing this Body. We are all elected Members of Congress, not just you but all of us. This Member asked to be clarified. Is there anything wrong with that request? You keep on denying the request of this Representation and you are being biased, you are being personal, and I would not allow that.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). No, I am not being personal.

REP. ATIENZA. E personal dahil...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Bago tayo magbotohan...

REP. ATIENZA. ... mas magandang lalake ako sa iyo...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Bago tayo magbotohan, sinabi ng Majority Leader na ang pagbobotohan natin ay mula sa amendment na iprinisenta ni Honorable Tinio na hindi tinanggap ng ating Sponsor.

REP. ATIENZA. Ang itinatanong po namin, ano nga po ba iyong amendment? Hindi ninyo pinagbigyan. Sabi ninyo we are in the process of...

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, the proposal is that the Honorable Tinio made a proposal to remove the second sentence of the proposed Article II, Section 6, and this is regarding the "relations between them shall be governed by benevolent neutrality." This is the sentence which the Honorable Tinio wishes and proposes to delete, and this Representation rejected.

REP. ATIENZA. I would just approach the Sponsor. So, the Chair is not ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Next amendment, Honorable Tinio.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Before your amendment, Honorable Tinio...

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). May I appeal to my colleagues in the House. Makinig naman sana kayo kung ano iyong amendment na ipinapasok. Honorable Tinio, please proceed.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me move to state the section on State Policies in Resolution of Both House No. 15, and that is Section 10. This Section 10, if I may read:

The State shall give the highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of every person to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities by equitably distributing wealth and diffusing

political power for the common good. It shall promote social justice in all phases of national development.

My proposed amendment, Mr. Speaker, is that we include as the first sentence in this section the formulation in the current Constitution, which reads: THE STATE VALUES THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN PERSON AND GUARANTEES FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the language of the current Constitution is important not only as an affirmation of that very basic respect for the dignity of the human person but also the use of the language of, the specific terminology of human rights which is in consonance with the international commitments of the Philippine State to the UN Convention on Human Rights. So, it is important that that language be in the State Policies of our Constitution, Mr. Speaker. That is why I move that this sentence be included as the first sentence in Section 10.

REP. PALMA. Honorable Tinio, what ...

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Honorable Tinio, what section in the 1987 Constitution is he referring to?

REP. TINIO. That is Section 11 of the current Constitution.

REP. PALMA. Section 11 of the current.

REP. TINIO. So, I am proposing that it be retained there as the first sentence of your Section 10.

REP. PALMA. And then the second sentence will now read as THE STATE SHALL GIVE THE x x x.

REP. TINIO. Yes.

REP. PALMA. We accept, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt...

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

Next amendment.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me move on to, this is Section 22 of R.B.H. No. 15 which states: “The State shall promote rural development, higher agricultural productivity, and equitable land ownership arrangements.” My proposed amendment, Mr. Speaker, is to include the phrase “agrarian reform.”

So, “The State shall promote AGRARIAN REFORM, rural development” and so on, Mr. Speaker. So I move to include a very critical phrase, “agrarian reform,” since even the President himself continues to speak of the need to continue land reform. So, this phrase cannot be dropped from any proposed Constitution, Mr. Speaker.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, may I ask ...

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Honorable Tinio, to which arrangement? Kasi po mayroon pong rural development, higher agricultural productivity. Saan po natin isisingit iyong agrarian reform, to begin?

REP. TINIO. Dito po Section 22, “The State shall promote AGRARIAN REFORM.”

REP. PALMA. Then rural development, higher ...

REP. TINIO. If I may amend my proposed amendment, GENUINE AGRARIAN REFORM.

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

REP. PALMA. “x x x shall promote GENUINE AGRARIAN REFORM, rural development, higher x x x,” we accept, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. TINIO. Thank you.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we move to adopt the action taken by the Sponsor.

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

Is there another amendment? Please proceed.

REP. TINIO. Section 26, Mr. Speaker—sorry, on Article II, Section 25, Mr. Speaker of R.B.H. No. 15, which states, “The State shall guarantee equal access

to opportunities for public service,” I would like to propose the inclusion of the language in the current Constitution which says, AND PROHIBIT POLITICAL DYNASTIES PERIOD (.)

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

REP. PALMA. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, we cannot accept that proposed amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority Leader say?

REP. MARCOLETA. I move to adopt the action taken by the Sponsor, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment is lost.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I object to the position of the Sponsor. Bakit po tatanggalin natin iyong prohibition sa political dynasties? In fact, that is in consonance with the other principles enunciated in this very proposed Constitution when it says that—dito po sa Section 10 mismo ng RBH No. 15, ang sabi, “The State shall give highest priority to xxx enhance the right of every person to human dignity, reduce social, economic and political inequalities and remove cultural inequities by equitably distributing wealth and diffusing political power x x x.”

So, nasa prinsipyo din po mismo ng proposed Constitution na ito iyong konsepto ng diffusing political power, and in our context, as we know, political power is concentrated in political dynasties. Kaya kailangan po ibalik doon o ilagay dito sa probisyong ito iyong prohibition on political dynasties, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Nagkaroon po ng amendment na iprinisinta si Honorable Tinio, at hindi ito tinanggap ng ating Sponsor. Magkakaroon po tayo ngayon ng botohan. Sa lahat po ng pumapanig doon ho sa amendment na iprinisinta ni Honorable Tinio na hindi tinanggap ng Majority, please say *Aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Doon naman po sa mga pumapanig sa kagustuhan ng Majority na hindi pagtanggap sa amendment ni Honorable Tinio, please say *Nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it.

Next amendment.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, yes, let me move to the Bill of Rights, Mr. Speaker. Again, napakahalagang bahagi ng anumang Konstitusyon at sa panahon po ng interpellation na pinaiksi na dahil marami pa pong nakalista, si Congressman Bordado, nakikita ko diyari, hindi na nakapagtanong dahil isinara po ang debate—pero noong panahon po ng interpellation ay kinuwestyon ko po kung bakit ang unang-unang linya sa Section I ng Bill of Rights ay “The natural right to protect oneself shall always be respected by the State.” So, para po bang itinuturing ng Konstitusyong ito bilang pangunahing karapatan ang karapatang ipagtanggol ang sarili. Samantala, sa kasalukuyang Konstitusyon, hindi nga po iyon ang pangunahing ginagarantiya ng Konstitusyon. Under our current Constitution, the most fundamental right, if you read it is, sabi dito, “No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws.”

The first, the fundamental right guaranteed under our Constitution by the Bill of Rights is the right to due process, Mr. Speaker. So, therefore, I propose the deletion of that first sentence in Section 1 of R.B.H. No. 15, “The natural right to protect oneself shall always be respected by the State.”

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, may I ask for a minute of suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:06 pm.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:06 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Honorable Tinio if he is amenable to my proposal that instead of the first sentence of Section 1 of the proposed federal constitution being “The natural right to protect

oneself shall always be respected by the State,” parang ire-rearrange lang po. Let us put this sentence in the last portion of Section 1, if the Honorable Tinio is amenable to my counter proposal, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I am not amenable. I believe that the right to self-defense is already a well-established legal doctrine not only in Philippine jurisprudence but worldwide. So, there is sufficient basis for respecting that and let me also note that the right to self-defense is a matter of defense in a court proceeding guaranteed under due process. So, hindi po awtomatikong kinikilala ito. Kailangang patunayan din sa korte na ang ginawa ng isang tao, halimbawa, ay isang act of self-defense. Unfortunately, kapag inilagay po natin iyan sa Bill of Rights, parang ang sinasabi, awtomatiko na ito na kikilalanin. Kailangan pa rin po na patunayan na nagkaroon ng self-defense sa isang korte. Iyon po ang mahalagang kailangang idiin.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, we cannot accept the proposal of the Honorable Tinio.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt the action taken by the Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment is not accepted.

REP. TINIO. I object, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, may I please reiterate the position of the Majority Leader in relation to the Rules of the House. We are in the period of introducing individual amendments. The remedy here, Mr. Speaker, is for any individual to stand up and introduce an amendment. It is for the Sponsor to either accept or reject it. Interpellations or further explanations as to the amendments introduced are not in order, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, point of order. Amendments according to our Rules ...

REP. MARCOLETA. May I know the point of order, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TINIO. Amendments, according to our rules, are subject to the five-minute rule, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we are in the period of amendments. If the Sponsor does not accept the amendment, the remedy is appeal, not interpellation, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I am not interpellating, I am availing of the right to the five-minute rule to explain the amendment that I am proposing. So my ...

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. MARCOLETA. May I move to suspend the session, Mr. Speaker.

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

It was 4:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:18 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Honorable Tinio to continue with his individual amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Honorable Tinio is recognized to continue his individual amendments.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, let me move to Article IV, Bill of Duties. That is, to me, one of the innovations in this proposed Constitution. I ask the Sponsor if he will accept the total deletion of Article IV, Bill of Duties.

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

REP. PALMA. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, we reject the proposal.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. PALMA. We reject, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt the action taken by the Sponsor in rejecting the amendment.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I object and appeal to the Body to decide on my proposed amendment.

REP. MARCOLETA. The Honorable Tinio has five minutes, Mr. Speaker, to appeal.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, katulad ng binanggit ko po sa interpellation, ngayon lang po tayo nakakita ng, sa kasaysayan ng Pilipinas, Konstitusyon na nagdadagdag ng Bill of Duties at ang problema po rito ay itinatali po ang pagrespeto ng Estado sa karapatan ng mamamayan sa paggampan niya ng mga tungkuling inihahanay dito at kasama pa nga po rito ang tungkulin, ayon dito, na mag-cooperate with duly constituted authorities.

Ano po ba ang ibig sabihin ng “cooperate”? Ang problema po natin kapag nasa Constitution iyan ay magiging lisensiya ito upang maghigpit at magsupil sa pagtutol sa lehitimo, legal at konstitusyunal na pagtutol ng mamamayan na pinahihintulutan ng anumang demokrasya. Napakadali nang sabihin na kapag may nag-rally kontra sa isang patakaran ng mamamayan, halimbawa, mga mamamayang nag-rally kontra sa TRAIN Law dahil sa pabigat na mga batas—na mga buwis na ito, sasabihin nila ngayon, “Nasa Constitution, kailangan mong mag-cooperate. Bakit ka nag-rally?” Magiging lisensiya po ito sa pagsupil. Kaya po, napakadelikado ng Bill of Duties na ito kaya po iminumungkahi ko na tanggalin ito. Wala itong lugar sa anumang demokratikong Konstitusyon, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment presented by Honorable Tinio was not accepted by the Sponsor and by the Majority.

Sa lahat po ng sumasang-ayon kay Honorable Tinio sa kanyang amendment, please say *Aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Lahat po ng tumututol at sumasang-ayon sa Majority na hindi tanggapin ang amendment ni Honorable Tinio, please say *Nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it.

The next amendment.

REP. TINIO. Yes, Mr. Speaker, on Article VII - Political Parties, this is from Section 1 and Section 2. Well, my amendment then, Mr. Speaker, is for the deletion of Article VII, the article that provides for the establishment of a two-party system under this proposed

Constitution, Mr. Speaker. So, I propose—will the Sponsor accept my proposal to delete ...

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

REP. PALMA. We reject, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt the action taken by the Sponsor.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment was not accepted.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker. I appeal to the Body, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You have five minutes.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, sa totoo lang, ito po ang isa sa pangunahing layunin ng panukalang bagong Konstitusyon na ito. Hindi po ang pederalismo na iyon daw ang pangunahing dahilan kung bakit gusto ng Duterte administration ng Charter change. Ang layunin ng Konstitusyon na ito na inilabas ng House Committee on Constitutional Amendments ay ang pagtatatag ng two-party system. Ngayon, wala pong lugar sa ating sistema, sa ating lipunan ang two-party system, Mr. Speaker. Napakarami pong iba't ibang grupo sa ating lipunan, mga political tendencies, may kani-kaniyang mga plataporma at adbokasiya. Ang kinakailangan po natin ay mas maraming sistemang pampulitika. Kung itatag po ang two-party system, mangangahulugan lang po ito ng konsentrasyon ng pampulitikang kapangyarihan sa kamay, sa totoo lang, ng isang partido, iyong dominant political party. Ito iyong party kadalasan ng mga nakaupo o ng incumbent.

Nakita na po natin ito noong panahon ng diktadurya ni Marcos na mayroong isang dominanteng partidong politikal. Alam natin iyon, iyong Kilusang Bagong Lipunan o KBL, tapos, iyong mga iba pa ay mga isang platitong mani na halos walang impluwensiya sa buhay pampulitika ng lipunan, maging sa loob ng lehislatura, maging sa mga pamahalaang lokal o sa pambansa. Kaya, Mr. Speaker, kailangang tutulan at ibasura ang buong artikulo na ito ng two-party dystem dahil susing sangkap ito sa pormula ng one-party rule sa ating lipunan. Kailangang tutulan at ibasura ito, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment presented by the Honorable Tinio was not accepted by the Sponsor and by the Majority.

Sa lahat po ng sumasang-ayon sa amendment ni Honorable Tinio, please say *Aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Sa lahat ng tumututol at pumapanig sa Mayorya na hindi tatanggapin ang amendment ni Honorable Tinio, please say *Nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it.

The next amendment.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, nais ko pong pumunta sa Section 18 ng Article IX, the Executive Department. Sa Section 18, ito po iyong seksyon kaugnay sa martial law—ah well, sa Commander-in-Chief powers ng Presidente. Ang mungkahi po natin ay, sa Section 18 po ng RBH No. 15, idinagdag po dito ang katagang “lawless violence” bilang batayan para sa pagsuspende ng privilege of the writ of habeas corpus at pagdeklara ng martial law. Para sa atin, napakababa po ng bar, kaya I move for the deletion of the phrase “or lawless violence” as among the grounds upon which the President may suspend the writ of habeas corpus or declare martial law, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, we reject.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we adopt the action taken by the Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment was not accepted by the Sponsor and the Majority.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I object, and may I appeal to the Body.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You have five minutes.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, napakadelikado po ng proposed amendment na ito na ilalagay, na idadagdag na batayan iyong katagang “lawless violence” bilang tuntungan ng pagsuspinde ng privilege of the writ of habeas corpus o pagdeklara ng martial law sa alinmang bahagi ng bansa o sa buong bansa. Bakit po napakadelikado nito? Eh ngayon pa lamang po, Mr. Speaker, mula pa noong 2016 ay naglabas na ng proclamation ang Pangulo ng Pilipinas, si Pangulong Duterte ng state of emergency, at binabanggit niya na mayroong kasing kalagayan ng lawless violence sa buong Mindanao at sa buong Pilipinas. So, kung magiging Konstitusyon natin ang pinapanukala ng Sponsor, ngayon pa lamang ay maaari nang magdeklara ng martial law sa buong Pilipinas si Pangulong Duterte.

So, kahit po walang anumang invasion or rebellion na nagaganap ay pahihintulutan na po ang deklarasyon ng martial law, panghabang-panahong martial law po ang magiging kahulugan kung sakaling papayagan ang amendment na ito na nakapaloob sa RBH No. 15. Dahil kahit kailan, kahit sinong presidente habang may kriminalidad, may marahas na krimen na nagaganap, ay makakahanap ng batayan sa Konstitusyon para magdeklara ng martial law. Hinding-hindi po maaaring mapahintulutan na ipasok ang “lawless violence” bilang batayan para sa deklarasyon ng martial law, Mr. Speaker. Kaya dapat po mariing tanggihan at i-reject ng Kongresong ito ang napakapeligrong mungkahi ng Sponsor, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment presented by the Honorable Tinio was not accepted by the Sponsor and by the Majority.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Sa lahat po ng sumasang-ayon sa amendments ni Honorable Tinio, please say *Aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Sa lahat ng tumututol at sumasama sa Sponsor at sa Majority, please say *Nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it.

Honorable Tinio, may I know if there are still—how many individual amendments do you still have?

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I still have several very important amendments particularly with respect to the economic provisions, Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). One-minute suspension.

It was 4:31 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:33 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery. Let us start with the guests of the Hon. Salvador “Doy” C. Leachon from the First District of Oriental Mindoro. They are Vice Governor Bonz Dolor and Board Member Ca Jojo Perez and the 60 Sangguniang Kabataan Representatives of the municipality of Naujan, First District of the province of Oriental Mindoro.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Cong. Doy Leachon, the Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, will please rise. Mabuhay po kayo. Welcome sa House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. HOFER. Also, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Alfredo “Albee” B. Benitez and Cong. Jose Christopher “Kit” Y. Belmonte. They are the members of the Pantawid UPA.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Cong. Albee Benitez and Cong. Kit Belmonte will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Rogelio “Ruel” D. Pacquiao from Kiamba, Sarangani Province, in the gallery. They are: Vice Mayor Danny Martinez, Councilor Jose Hulinganga, Councilor Jeric Santillana, Councilor Edwin Alonso, Sheelah Corpuz, Municipal Engineer Alan Jay Espanol, Ronnel Secadron, and Mona Monica Aminola.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Cong. Ruel Pacquiao will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Finally, Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Rep. Rodrigo A. Abellanosa from the Second District of Cebu, in the gallery.

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

REP. HOFER. They are the students of Saint Paul College of Quezon City, taking up Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship, headed by Ms. Roxane Sabine Bacalso.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Rep. Bebot Abellanosa will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. HOFER. May we again recognize Congressman Tinio for...

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 4:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:37 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

Honorable Tinio, you may now proceed to your next amendment.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

Continuation

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, one of my proposals is under Article XI. Let me propose an omnibus amendment, Mr. Speaker, that one of the controversial proposals contained in R.B.H. No. 15 is for the inclusion of a college degree as a requirement for holding public office, including appointment to Constitutional Commissions and other government bodies. Mr. Speaker, some of our colleagues who were given the chance to interpellate have raised various objections to such a requirement. So, I propose an omnibus amendment to delete the requirement for a college degree as a criterion for elected public officials as well as appointed public officials in the Constitution, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. We reject, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt the action taken by the Sponsor in rejecting the proposal.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendments were not accepted ...

REP. TINIO. I object ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... the omnibus amendment.

REP. TINIO. ... and I appeal to the Body, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You have five minutes.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, kahit mismo dito sa proposed Constitution, sa Declaration of Principles at State Policies, sinasabi rito na layunin daw ang pagpapakalat ng pampulitikang kapangyarihan sa mamamayan, diffusion of political power and opportunities to serve in public office. Ngayon, iyong pagdagdag po sa proposed Constitution na ito ng college degree bilang requirement ay kabaligtaran noon. Sa halip na ibinubukas sa mas nakararaming mamamayan ang pagkakataong makapaglingkod sa gobyerno ay lalong nililimitahan po ito. Sa madaling sabi, tawagin po nating "elitista" ang mga probisyong ito ng Konstitusyon.

Alam naman natin na sa halos 30 milyon na pumapasok sa iba't ibang antas ng basic education, ang nakatutungtong lang po sa kolehiyo ay umaabot ng mahigit kumulang dalawang milyon at sa dalawang milyon na iyon, mga kalahati lang niyan ang nakakatapos ng kolehiyo taun-taon, Mr. Speaker. Napakaliit na porsiyento lamang po ng ating populasyon ang may college degree. Ang ibig sabihin, kung ipapasá ang Konstitusyong ito, disqualified na po ang mahigit nobenta porsiyentong populasyon sa pagtakbo para sa public office o pag-upo sa iba't ibang mga mahahalagang government agencies, including Constitutional Commission.

Kaya, Mr. Speaker, again, dito ay tinanggal na nga iyong pagbabawal sa political dynasties at tinanggal pa iyong term limits at ngayon nagdadagdag pa ng elitistang requirement. Kaya kailangan pong i-reject ng Kongresong ito ang requirement para sa college degree, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment presented by Honorable Tinio is not accepted by the Sponsor and by the Majority Leader.

Sa lahat po ng sumasama o sumasang-ayon sa amendment ni Honorable Tinio, please say *Aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Sa lahat ng tumututol at sumasama sa Mayoriya at sa Sponsor sa hindi pagtanggap nila sa amendment ni Honorable Tinio, please say *Nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it.

Next amendment, please.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, magmumungkahi po ako ng amendments sa Article XIV ng R.B.H. No. 15, ito iyong section on “National Economy and Patrimony.” Para po mapabilis ang ating proseso, gagawin ko na naman pong omnibus amendment.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. TINIO. Yes, ang proposal ko po ...

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, point of clarification.

I am sorry, Congressman Tinio, that in the middle ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Deputy Speaker Fred Castro, what is your pleasure?

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). ... that in the middle of your proposed amendments, I have to intervene.

What I understand, Mr. Speaker, is that, when the motion is an omnibus motion and if you are allowed by the Chair to place an omnibus motion, you will have to state all the proposed amendments in that omnibus motion; and failing to include any proposed amendments, you are then barred from proposing further amendments. That is how this Representation, Mr. Speaker, understands an omnibus motion. That is why it is called an omnibus motion.

May I ask for a ruling, Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). One-minute suspension of the session.

It was 4:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:55 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

Deputy Speaker Fred Castro, you have the floor.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, having discussed the issue of omnibus motions intelligently and with calm with the distinguished Rep. Antonio L. Tinio, this Representation, Mr. Chairman or Mr. Speaker, withdraws his point of clarification.

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

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Thank you, our distinguished veteran Deputy Speaker.

The Honorable Tinio may proceed.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the Honorable Castro.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to propose the following amendments on the matter of term limits. In R.B.H. No. 15, the limit of three consecutive terms for Members of the Senate, the Members of the House, and officials of local government units, namely: mayors, governors, and so on, the three-term limit has been removed, Mr. Speaker. So, I propose that the language found in the current Constitution...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Will you please state what particular article and section?

REP. TINIO. Yes, Mr. Speaker. This is in Article—this would be inserted into Article VI, THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT. So, this would be Section 4 when it comes to the House and Section 6 when it comes to the Senate. I would like to propose the inclusion of the following language: NO MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL SERVE FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS. And, in the case of the Senate, similar language, to the effect, for the Senate, that, NO MEMBER OF THE SENATE SHALL SERVE FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. We reject, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt the action taken by the Sponsor in rejecting those amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendments were not accepted.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, again, I appeal—I object and appeal.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You have five minutes.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, kaya nga po walang tiwala ang publiko at ang mamamayan, sa mga tangka mula pa noong panahon ni Pangulong Ramos hanggang panahon ni dating Pangulong Arroyo, hanggang sa kasalukuyan sa mga tangkang pagbabago ng Konstitusyon kasi palagi pong kakabit nito iyong mga panukala na tanggalin iyong probisyon sa kontra sa dynasty, tanggalin iyong term limits, at iba pa. Malinaw sa taumbayan na self-serving ang motibo rito. Gusto raw makapanatili ng mga nakaupo sa poder ng mahabang panahon at kung aaprubahan po ang mga probisyon ng Resolution of Both Houses No. 15 na nagtatanggal ng term limits, ay ganoon na nga ang mangyayari.

Magiging lifetime po ang mga elected positions whether in the House or in the Senate or in local governments, iyong mga mayor, mga governor, mga konsehal, mga provincial board member, and so on and so forth. Hindi po iyan ang gusto ng ating taumbayan. Hindi rin po iyan alinsunod sa mga prinsipyo na diumano ay nasa panukalang Konstitusyon na ito dahil sinasabi dito, kailangan daw tiyakin na mapalaganap ang pagkakataong makapagsilbi sa gobyerno.

Kapag tinanggal po iyong term limits ay “unli” na po ang pagpapanatili sa poder ng mga nakaupo na sa puwesto—ang mga dati nang pamilya, dati nang mga dynasty, dati nang mga mukha ay magpapatuloy nang habang panahon. Hindi po tayo makakapayag diyan kaya iminumungkahi ko po na ibalik ang mga probisyon na naglalagay ng three-term limit sa elected public office, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Ang amendment po ni Honorable Tinio ay hindi tinanggap ng Isponsor at ng Mayoriya. Sa lahat po ng sumasangayon sa amendment ni Hon. Antonio L. Tinio, please say *Aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Sa lahat ng tumututol at sumasama sa Isponsor at sa Mayoriya na hindi tanggapin ang amendment ni Honorable Tinio, please say *Nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it.

The Honorable Tinio is recognized.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, Article XIV, National Economy and Patrimony, so ang panukala ko po dahil sa unawaan namin ay, again, pagsasama-samahin ko na po. Iminumungkahi ko po ang pagtanggap sa mga katagang “such terms and conditions as may be provided by law” at saka “unless otherwise provided by law.” Matatagpuan po iyan sa Section 2, Section 3, Section 11 ng panukalang Konstitusyon.

Iminumungkahi ko po na tanggalin o i-delete ang mga katagang ito, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. We reject, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we adopt the stand of the Sponsor in rejecting the amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment was not accepted.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I object and appeal to the Body.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You have five minutes.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, simula pa po noong panahon ni dating Pangulong Fidel Ramos, ito na ang pinakapangunahing agenda ng mga tangkang baguhin ang Konstitusyon—iyong economic agenda.

Ang gusto nila ay tanggalin iyong mga tinatawag na “nationalist economic” or sometimes “nationalist,” sometimes “protectionist” ang banggit na economic provisions ng Konstitusyon. Ito po iyong mga probisyon ng kasalukuyang Konstitusyon under Article XII – National Economy and Patrimony na nagtatakda na ang likas-yaman at ang ekonomiya ng bansa ay kailangang

nasa kontrol at pag-aari at pangunahing pinakikinabangan ng mga mamamayang Pilipino mismo. Kaya nga po mayroong mga probisyon dito kaugnay sa pagmamay-ari ng lupa kaugnay sa pagkontrol at pakinabang sa likas-yaman, natural resources, katubigan, karagatan, kagubatan, kabundukan, at iba pa. Ang pagkontrol sa mga stratehikong sektor ng ekonomiya ay kailangang nasa kontrol ng Pilipino. At sa Konstitusyon, ang sinasabi po, matitiyak ang kontrol kung at least 60 percent ng isang korporasyon ay pag-aari ng mga Pilipino. Ngayon, sa panukala po ng R.B.H. No. 15 ay ipinapasok po ang mga qualifications sa mga probisyon na ito, kaya ipinapasok po iyong mga salitang, “under such terms and conditions as may be provided by law or unless otherwise provided by law.” Sa bisa po ng mga salitang ito ay maaari pong baliktarin, baliwalain o kontrahin ng Kongreso sa hinaharap iyong itinatakda ng Konstitusyon. So, kung sinasabi ng Konstitusyon, kailangang pag-aari ng Pilipino ang lupain ng Pilipinas, pero unless otherwise provided by law, kapag ipinasá po iyong Konstitusyon na ito, puwede na pong magpasá ang Kongreso ng batas na nagsasabing puwede nang maging pag-aari ng mga dayuhan ang lupain ng Pilipinas.

Hindi po ganyan ang ekonomiya na pakikinabangan ng mga Pilipino, lalo pa po ngayon na nakaamba po at nangyayari na ang pag-aangkin ng Tsina sa malaking bahagi ng teritoryo natin sa West Philippine Sea. Ngayon pa po na pinag-uusapan ng Malacañang at ng Tsina ang joint exploration para sa langis at natural gas sa West Philippine Sea, kahit na malinaw ang mga prohibition at limitation sa kasalukuyang Konstitusyon. Kapag babaguhin po iyan ay puwede na pong ariin at pakinabangan kahit pa 100 percent ng dayuhan ang ating mga likas-yaman, karagatan, lupain at iba pa. Kailangang tutulan po natin ito. Tinututulan ko po ito, kaya ipinatatanggal ko po sa panukalang Konstitusyon na ito, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Hindi po tinatanggap ng Sponsor at ng Mayoriya ang amendment ni Honorable Tinio. Sa lahat ng sumasama sa amendment ni Honorable Tinio, please say *Aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Sa lahat ng tumututol at sumasama sa hindi pagtanggap ng mayoriya sa amendment ni Honorable Tinio, please say *Nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it.

The Honorable Tinio is recognized.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, sa Transitory Provision po, patapos na po ako, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, ang concern po ng, well, ang mungkahi ko po ay sa Section 3, Article XVII ng R.B.H. No. 15 Transitory Provision. Section 3, sabi dito:

The first national and local elections under this Constitution to elect the President, Vice President, senators, representatives, and local officials shall be on the 2nd Monday of May 2022. They shall assume office at noon on June 30, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, I propose the inclusion of the following provisions, provided that, well, baka sa styling puwede pong mabago ito, pero ang panukala po natin ay lagyan ng probisyon na nagtatakda na hindi maaring tumakbo sa ilalim ng bagong Konstitusyon ang mga kasalukuyang nakaupo, iyong mga incumbents, Mr. Speaker, para matiyak po...

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

REP. PALMA. We reject, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority Leader say?

REP. MARCOLETA. We adopt the action in rejecting the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment was not accepted.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I object and may I appeal to the Body.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You have five minutes.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, napakahalaga po na sa pagbabago o sa panukalang pagbabago ng anumang Konstitusyon, para pagkatiwalaan ito ng taumbayan na malinaw at makita ng taumbayan na iyong mga nagpapanukala ng pagbabago ay hindi sila mismo ang makikinabang sa kanilang ipinanunukala. E ngayon nga po na tinatanggal iyong dynasty, tinatanggal iyong term limit, tapos mag-e-establish pa raw ng two-party system, sino ang pangunahing makikinabang sa mga iyan? Eh di iyong mga kasalukuyang nakaupo po. Kaya nga po, sa totoo lang, galit na galit ang maraming Pilipino at naging mabaho na ang mga tangka mula pa noong panahon ni Pangulong Ramos hanggang panahon ni dating Pangulong

Arroyo hanggang sa kasalukuyan sa mga tangkang baguhin ang Konstitusyon dahil palagi pong nakikita kaagad ng mamamayan na self-serving ang mga panukalang ito na kapag naipasá ito ay mananatili sa poder iyong gumawa ng Konstitusyon, at sila ang pangunahing makikinabang sa mga pagbabago na kanilang itinulak.

Kaya for the sake of any credibility of this proposed Constitution, kailangan pong maglagay ng probisyon na nagbabawal sa mga incumbent na makinabang sa mga probisyon na narito. Kasama po at unang-una na iyong mga Kongresista na nais magpasa ng panukalang ito. Iyon ang dahilan kung bakit ipinapadagdag ko po ang probisyong—barring incumbents from benefitting, from running in any election under this Constitution, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment proposed by Honorable Tinio was not accepted by the Sponsor and by the Majority.

Those who are in favor of the amendment presented by Honorable Tinio, please say *Aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are against, and for the stand of the Majority and the Sponsor, please say *Nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it.

REP. TINIO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

Iyon lamang po ang aking mga amendments. Maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Marami pong salamat, Honorable Tinio.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to recognize the Hon. Manuel “Chiquiting” T. Sagarbarria for his individual amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Honorable Sagarbarria is recognized for his individual amendment.

REP. SAGARBARRIA. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

A point of inquiry, Mr. Speaker. As I was listening moments ago, on Section 22 ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). May I remind the honorable Gentleman that we are now considering individual amendments.

REP. SAGARBARRIA. Okay. So, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). May you please proceed and present your amendment.

REP. SAGARBARRIA. Thank you very much.

Moments ago, as I was listening to the amendments of Honorable Tinio, on Section 22, Genuine Agrarian Reform, was introduced, on line 22, this Representation thinks otherwise. So, at this point, Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire if the proponent of such has divided the House for the approval or such incorporation on Section 22.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

The Honorable Sagarbarria is recognized.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENT

Continuation

REP. SAGARBARRIA. Okay, Mr. Speaker. This Representation would like to remove on “Section 22, Genuine Agrarian Reform,” for the record, Mr. Speaker.

I so move.

REP. PALMA. I accept, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. I accept.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we adopt the action of the Sponsor in accepting the amendment.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, it appears that there is no more Member who wishes to introduce individual amendments, I therefore move ...

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I now move that Resolution of Both Houses No. 15, as amended, be approved on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of Resolution of Both Houses No. 15, as amended, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF R.B.H. NO. 15, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

Resolution of Both Houses No. 15, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8541 ON THIRD READING.

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8541 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the

title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on November 29, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8541, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SPACE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION POLICY AND CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SPACE AGENCY, DEFINING THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF ITS ACTIVITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 37, dated December 4, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8541 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 207 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8541 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Wes Gatchalian in the gallery. They are the officers and members of the Liga ng mga Barangay in Valenzuela City. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The presence of the officers and members of the Liga ng mga Barangay in Valenzuela City, guests of Hon. Wes Gatchalian is hereby acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8553 ON THIRD READING

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8553 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on November 29, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8553, entitled: AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE MECHANISMS TO FACILITATE THE DISPOSITION OF IDLE GOVERNMENT-OWNED LANDS FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 37, dated December 4, 2018.*

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No,” and please allow me to explain my vote later.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Noted.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The result shows 202 affirmative votes, five negative votes and no abstention.

House Bill No. 8553 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of Honorable Ty?

REP. TY. May I know if we have a quorum?

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:27 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

Before we proceed, may I recognize the Honorable Brosas for her explanation of vote.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

REP. BROSAS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, ang pagpapakete ng panukalang batas na ito ay maaaring makalito at maaari pa ngang makapanlinlang, Mr. Speaker. “No” ang boto ng Kinatawang ito sa House Bill No. 8553 dahil gagamitin lamang ito ng private companies upang magkamkam ng lupa na dapat sana ay para sa pabahay. Bakit ko po nasabi iyon? Sa Section 8 of House Bill No. 8553, it states:

To encourage private sector and NGO participation in socialized housing projects described in Section 7 hereof, the incentives provided in Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7279, otherwise known as the “Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992,” on Incentives for Private Sector Participation in Socialized Housing, shall apply.

Sa Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 o RA No. 7279 pa lamang ay exempted na ang private sector sa pagbabayad ng capital gains tax on raw lands na gagamitin sa lahat ng proyekto, value-added tax para sa project contractor concerned, transfer tax for both raw and completed projects at donors’ tax for lands certified ng LGU donated for socialized housing purposes. Sa incentives na ito pa lang, mas mapapadali na para sa private companies na kumita habang ang monthly housing amortization ay patuloy na nagpapahirap sa milyun-milyong low-income homeless families. Halimbawa na lamang dito ay ang Bistekville unit na kung saan wala ngang required downpayment pero ang monthly amortization ay P2,273.84 per month over a period of 30 years dapat babayaran. Malinaw na ang House Bill No. 8553 ay ganansya para sa mga developers at hindi para sa mga pamilyang halos wala nang matirhan.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8553 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 202 affirmative votes, five negative votes and no abstention, House Bill No. 8553 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8590 ON THIRD READING

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8590 and direct the

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on November 29, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8590, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS “NATIONAL HIJAB DAY.”

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 37, dated December 4, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8590
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 208 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8590 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8628
ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8628 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on November 29, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8628, entitled: AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY (PNPA) AND THE NATIONAL POLICE TRAINING

INSTITUTE (NPTI) FROM THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE (PPSC) TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 24, 35, 66 AND 67 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990”, AS AMENDED.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 37, dated December 4, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8628
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 208 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8628 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8630
ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8630 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on November 29, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8630, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ABC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS TV5 NETWORK, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7831, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING ABC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, UNDER BUSINESSNAME ‘ASSOCIATED BROADCASTING COMPANY,’ A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.”

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 37, dated December 4, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8630
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 207 affirmative votes, one negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8630 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8633
ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8633 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on November 29, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8633, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ULTIMATE ENTERTAINMENT, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8102, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ULTIMATE ENTERTAINMENT, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 37, dated December 4, 2018.*

REP. VIOLAGO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Yes, Congresswoman Violago.

REP. VIOLAGO. May I make a motion to adjourn the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). We are in the process of voting.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8633
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8633 is approved on Third Reading.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:48 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8511
ON THIRD READING

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8511 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on November 29, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8511, entitled: AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF MANDAUE FROM THE SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF MANDAUE.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 37, dated December 4, 2018.*

REP. VIOLAGO. Mr. Speaker.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8511
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8511 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VIOLAGO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Yes, what is the pleasure of Congresswoman Violago?

REP. VIOLAGO. Motion for reconsideration, to recall House Bill No. 8633 that was approved on Third Reading because of lack of quorum.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority Leader say?

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, may I just ask the Lady from Nueva Ecija, how she voted on House Bill No. 8630?

REP. VIOLAGO. I voted “No.”

REP. ORTEGA (V.). For that, Mr. Speaker, we invoke Section 103 that those who voted “No” on any House bill cannot move for reconsideration.

If I may read Section 103:

When a measure, report or motion is approved, adopted or lost, a Member who voted with the majority may move for its reconsideration on the same or succeeding session day. Only one (1) motion for reconsideration shall be allowed. The motion for reconsideration shall take precedence over all other questions, except a motion to adjourn, a point of order, a question of privilege, and a motion to declare a recess. A bill, resolution, memorial or petition recommitted to a committee or ordered to be printed shall not be brought back to the House on a motion to reconsider.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The motion presented by the Honorable Violago is lost. It is not accepted.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:59 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Gavini “Apol” C. Pancho. They are Grade 10 students from Immaculate Conception School of Baliuag, Baliuag, Bulacan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of the Hon. Apol Pancho will please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

Napakarami, pare, napakarami.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8627
ON SECOND READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8627, contained in Committee Report No. 937, as reported out by the Committee on Muslim Affairs.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8627, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING HOSPITALS,

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

MEDICAL CLINICS, AND OTHER FACILITIES TO RELEASE A CADAVER IN THEIR POSSESSION WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS FROM TIME OF DEATH TO THE FAMILY OR RELATIVES IN RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9439 ENTITLED “AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CLINIC ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES.”

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize Rep. Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema to deliver her sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the parliamentary status, Majority Leader?

REP. ORTEGA (V.). We are asking that the Hon. Bai Sema be recognized for her sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Bai Sema is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Representative from the First District of Maguindanao with Cotabato City, Hon. Bai Sandra Sinsuat Sema, for her sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Representative from the First District of Maguindanao, Hon. Bai Sema, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 8627.

REP. SEMA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

May I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8627, under Committee Report No. 937, be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Majority Leader, there is a motion coming from the Sponsor that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8627 is considered as its sponsorship speech.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Again, Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my motion that we proceed to the interpellation.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate—I move that we open the period of amendments. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee amendment or Member who wishes to introduce his individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8627 on Second Reading, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8627, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8627
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 8627 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SEMA. Thank you.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2307

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2307.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Please repeat—resolution?

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Two-three-zero-seven.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Two-three-zero-seven.

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. 2307, entitled: RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REQUIRE THE APPEARANCE AND PARTICIPATION OF DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SECRETARY BENJAMIN DIOKNO IN THE QUESTION HOUR REGARDING THE 2019 ELECTION BUDGET.

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

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Resolution.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2307

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

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

House Resolution No. 2307 is adopted.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8667
ON SECOND READING

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8667, contained in Committee Report No. 968, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8667, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, OWN, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO END-USERS ANYWHERE IN ALL AREAS COVERED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the Chairperson of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, Rep. Franz E. Alvarez, to sponsor the measure.

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

Rep. Chicoy Alvarez is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 8667.

REP. ALVAREZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, may I request that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the interpellation.

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee amendment, I move that we proceed to consider individual amendments.

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

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize Deputy Speaker Hernandez for his individual amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Deputy Speaker Ferdinand Hernandez is recognized for his amendments.

REP. HERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce amendments to House Bill No. 8667, if the Sponsor is amenable.

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

REP. ALVAREZ (F.). Yes, we are amenable, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority Leader say?

REP. HOFER. If there is no objection from the Sponsor and the author, we accept the proposed amendment.

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

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

REP. HERNANDEZ. May I read the proposed amendments, Mr. Speaker.

On page 2, line 1, after the word “grantee,” delete the word “under” and replace it with the phrase PURSUANT TO.

On the same page and line, after the word “amended,” insert the phrase EXCLUDING AREAS UNDER THE SUBIC FREEPORT AND ECONOMIC ZONE, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE SUBIC SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE and delete the succeeding phrase “including the Subic and Clark military reservations.”

On the same page, delete line 2 to line 5.

On the same page, line 19, insert the acronym (ERC) after the word Commission.

On the same page, line 20, after the acronym ERC, delete the phrase “which has jurisdiction over the operation of the herein grantee.”

On page 4, after line 9, insert a new paragraph to read as follows: THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS GRANTED HEREIN SHALL NOT RESULT TO STRANDED ASSETS AND STRANDED CONTRACT COSTS OF EXISTING AND OPERATING DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES NOR TO UNREASONABLE INCREASES IN COSTS TO CONSUMERS.

On page 7, lines 6 to 7, delete the sentence starting from the word “Provided” up to the word “limitations,” and insert the following sentence:

PROVIDED COMMA (,) THAT THE FORGOING LIMITATION SHALL NOT APPLY IF THE GRANTEE SHALL TRANSFER OR ASSIGN THIS FRANCHISE OR THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ACQUIRED HEREUNDER TO ITS WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES COMMA (,) AND AS CONTRIBUTION TO JOINT VENTURES COMMA (,) OF WHATEVER NATURE AND KIND COMMA (,) WITH ANY ENTITY COMMA (,) IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS COMMA (,) LAWS COMMA (,) RULES AND REGULATIONS;

And the title to read as follows:

AN ACT GRANTING THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT COMMA (,) INSTALL COMMA (,) ESTABLISH COMMA (,) OPERATE COMMA (,) OWN COMMA (,) MANAGE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO END-USERS IN ALL AREAS COVERED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227 COMMA (,) AS AMENDED COMMA (,) OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992 COMMA (,) EXCLUDING AREAS UNDER THE SUBIC SPECIAL FREEPORT AND ECONOMIC ZONE.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the good Sponsor say on the omnibus amendments presented by Deputy Speaker Hernandez?

REP. ALVAREZ (F.). We accept all amendments, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. HOFER. We move to accept the amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the omnibus amendments presented by Deputy Speaker Hernandez are approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mr. Speaker, there being no other individual amendment, I move to close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. I move that we approve House Bill No. 8667, as amended, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many

as are in favor of House Bill No. 8667, as amended, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8667, AS AMENDED,
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 8667, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF CTTEE. RPT. NO. 967
OF H. RES. NO. 1505

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1505, contained in Committee Report No. 967, as reported out by the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 1505, entitled: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY AND INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE APPARENT CORRUPTION AND IRREGULARITIES IN THE IMPOSITION, COLLECTION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES AND FEES ON THE QUARRYING OPERATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA AND OTHER PROVINCES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of the measure.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of House Resolution No. 1505, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

ADOPTION OF FINDINGS AND RECOM. IN CTTEE. RPT. NO. 967 OF H. RES. NO. 1505

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; House Resolution No. 1505 is adopted. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8683
ON SECOND READING

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8683, contained in Committee Report No. 975, as reported out by the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). For consideration on Second Reading?

REP. ALONTE. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8683, entitled: AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize Rep. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Chairperson of the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization, the Honorable Sacdalan, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 8683.

REP. SACDALAN. Mr. Speaker, may I submit that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8683 will be the sponsorship speech.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ALONTE. Mr. 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of sponsorship and debate is closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8683 on Second Reading.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of House Bill 8683, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8683
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 8683 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 6:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:17 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8668
ON SECOND READING

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8668, contained in Committee Report No. 969, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). For consideration on Second Reading?

REP. ALONTE. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8668, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO VIMCONTU BROADCASTING CORPORATION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8116, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE VIMCONTU BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS, WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the Gentleman or the Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, Representative Alvarez, for his sponsorship speech

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

Rep. Chikoy Alvarez is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 8668.

REP. ALVAREZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, may I move that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ALONTE. Mr. 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of sponsorship and debate is closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve on Second Reading House Bill No. 8668.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8668 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8668 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8668, under Committee Report No. 969, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8670 ON SECOND READING

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8670, contained in Committee Report 970, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8670, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SWARA SUG MEDIA CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8122, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE SWARA SUG MEDIA CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize Rep. Franz E. Alvarez for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Chairperson of the Committee on Legislative Franchises is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 8670.

REP. ALVAREZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the interpellation.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8670 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8670 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8670 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 8670, under Committee Report No. 970, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7785 *Continuation*

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7785, contained in Committee

Report No. 765, as reported out by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, on Appropriations and on Ways and Means.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7785, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE SELECTION OF NATIONAL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANIES, DESIGNATING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PERFORMING ARTS GENRES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, the status of the Bill is that it is under the period of sponsorship and debate. 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve on Second Reading House Bill No. 7785.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of the approval of House Bill No. 7785 on Second Reading, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7785
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7785 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8691
ON SECOND READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8691, contained in Committee Report No. 981, as reported out by the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, on Transportation, and on Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8691, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE DAVAO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and

recognize the honorable Rep. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Chairperson of the Committee on Government Enterprises is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 8691.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the interpellation.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The period of amendments is opened.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, there being no Member ...

REP. SACDALAN. There is an amendment.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). ... who wishes to introduce amendments.

REP. SACDALAN. Amendment.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. ORTEGA (V.). May we recognize the honorable Deputy Speaker Mylene J. Garcia-Albano to introduce her individual amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Deputy Speaker and the author of House Bill No. 8691 is recognized for her individual amendments.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

REP. GARCIA-ALBANO. Mr. Speaker, please allow me to introduce the following amendments:

On page 4, line 7, after the word “sector,” insert the phrase TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS, FROM A LIST OF TEN (10) PERSONS RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR OF DAVAO CITY.

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

REP. SACDALAN. Accepted.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. ORTEGA (V.). We accept the amendment introduced.

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

REP. GARCIA-ALBANO. Mr. Speaker, on page 5, Section 7, line 2, after the acronym (GCG) enclosed in parenthesis, insert the following: PROVIDED, THAT THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DAVAO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW.

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

REP. SACDALAN. Accepted.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Majority say?

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, we accept.

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

Are there any more amendments?
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, there being no other Member who wishes to introduce any Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8691, as amended, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8691, as amended, on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8691, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8691, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7856 ON SECOND READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7856, contained in Committee Report 998, as reported out by the Committee on Revision of Laws.

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

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

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

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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. 7856, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the Hon. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas of the province of Pangasinan to deliver her sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Chairperson of the Committee on Revision of Laws, the Honorable Primicias-Agabas, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7856.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the interpellation.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. 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. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7856 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 7856 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7856 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7856 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate ...

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. ... informing the House ...

REP. TY. Motion to adjourn, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. May I just finish, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Yes, you may proceed.

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. ... that the Senate has passed with amendments House Bill No. 5640.

REP. TY. My motion is motion to adjourn. Point of order, motion to adjourn. We do not have any quorum, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are in favor to adjourn, please say *Aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are against, please say *Nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it; ...

REP. TY. That is not part of the rules, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... the motion is lost.

REP. TY. That is not part of the rules, Mr. Speaker. According to the rules, we need to have a quorum.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). That is part of the rules.

REP. TY. No, Mr. Speaker, I ...

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, may I ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Majority Leader, please proceed.

REP. TY. I object to that, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, may I explain. Earlier this afternoon, we had just established a quorum. That quorum stays, Mr. Speaker, unless it is verified. We do not know where the other Members are now. They might be in their respective office, they might be in the South Lounge or the North Lounge, but we have to speculate whether we have a quorum or not. That is only a speculation, Mr. Speaker, against the presumption of regularity, against the establishment of a quorum we earlier had, Mr. Speaker, there is already a quorum.

ANACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SURRENDER OF THE JAPANESE MILITARY FORCES LED BY GENERAL TOMOYUKI YAMASHITA IN BAGUIO CITY.

We have been informed that the Committee on Revision of Laws, the sponsor of House Bill No. 5640, as well as the author thereof, has no objections to the amendments introduced by the Senate to the said House Bill.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 5640.

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

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE CONF. CTTEES.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the ...

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my motion ...

REP. MARCOLETA....Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions ...

REP. TY. ...to adjourn because we do not have any quorum, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. ...of House Bill No. 8636 and Senate Bill No. 1850,...

REP. TY. We have a rule, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. ...institutionalizing a National Cancer Control Program. These are Reps. Angelina "Helen" D. L. Tan MD, Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, ...

REP. TY. Nakakahiya ho tayo, Mr. Speaker, ...

REP. MARCOLETA....Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno, Geraldine B. Roman and Arlene B. Arcillas.

REP. TY. ...kapag tayo ay nagse-session nang walang quorum, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

designate Rep. Salvador B. Belaro, Jr. as additional member of the Conference Committee...

REP. TY. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. ...on the disagreeing provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 26 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 13, re extending the period of availability of funds intended for victims of human rights violations during the Marcos regime, until December 31, 2019.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions...

REP. TY. Again, Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my motion.

REP. MARCOLETA. ...of House Bill No. 8637 and Senate Bill No. 1997 re ...

REP. TY. Point of order, lack of quorum.

REP. MARCOLETA. ... CREATING THE REGIONAL INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE...

REP. TY. Motion to adjourn, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. ...COORDINATING HUB OF CENTRAL LUZON. These are Reps. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan, Mark O. Go, Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Lorna C. Silverio, Geraldine B. Roman, Victor A. Yap, "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado and Orestes T. Salon.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt...

REP. TY. I continue to reiterate my motion, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. ...of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Abu). Majority Leader, before I recognize the Majority Leader, it is very clear in our House Rules that the motion to adjourn at any time shall be in order if approved by a majority.

REP. TY. I object to that, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Abu). Therefore, it is subject to vote.

REP. TY. I do not see...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Abu). In the seven precedence of the motions—the motion to adjourn is not subject to debate but it is subject...

REP. TY. Okay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Abu). ... to vote.

REP. TY. Then, I move to call the roll ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Abu). That is the ruling of the Chair...

REP. TY. ... the calling of the roll, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Abu). ... and it is in our House Rules. You may proceed now, Majority Leader.

REP. TY. I move to call the roll.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 8239 AND S.B. NO. 1477

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8239 and Senate Bill No. 1477, promoting positive and non-violent discipline, protecting children from physical, humiliating or degrading acts as a form of punishment for children.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we include additional coauthors of House Bills No. 6613,

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

7421, 7856, 8626, 8627, 8654, 8655, 8667, 8673, 8682, 8683, 8691, 8698, 8699...

REP. TY. Point of order, Mr. Speaker, Section 74.

REP. MARCOLETA. ... 8700, 8714, and 8715, as contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of a Message from the Senate...

REP. TY. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. ... informing the House that the Senate has passed with amendments House Bill No. 6724,...

REP. TY. Under Section 74, we need to call the roll.

REP. MARCOLETA. ... entitled: AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF LUPON SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN LUPON, DAVAO ORIENTAL, INTO THE DAVAO ORIENTAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

We have been informed that the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the sponsor of the House Bill No. 6724, as well as the author thereof, has no objections to the amendments introduced by the Senate to the said House Bill.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 6724.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF REP. UY TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

REP. MARCOLETA. On the part of the Majority, Mr. Speaker, I move that we elect the Hon. Juliette T. Uy as additional member of the Committee on Disaster Management.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we move that the Secretary General be directed to transmit all the Bills approved on Third Reading to the Senate, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday December 5, 2018.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at three o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 6:37 p.m.