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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Evelina G. Escudero called the session to order

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Please remain standing for the prayer to be delivered by the Hon. Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao of the Fourth District of Isabela.

PRAYER

REP. AGGABAO. Heavenly Father, You said, "For where two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I in the midst of them."

Lord, with faith in our hearts, we invoke Your divine presence to guide us as we tackle important pieces of legislation. May our work reflect Your wisdom for what is best for our people and in accordance to Thy will, not ours.

In this Christmas season, may we always be reminded to focus on the true meaning of its celebration. May each new day be a start of a bright beginning and an opportunity for us to be instruments of peace, love and faith.

Lord, we also pray for Your abundant blessings and graces as we celebrate the birthday of one of our esteemed colleagues, our beloved Deputy Speaker Evelina G. Escudero, or simply Tita Evie to all of us, as she marks another milestone on the 16th of December. May she be blessed with many, many more years of

continued good health, filled with love, happiness, peace and prosperity.

We ask all these through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Thank you, Honorable Aggabao.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The calling of the roll is deferred.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

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

The approval of the Journal is deferred.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, Messages from the Senate, and Committee Reports,

and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8743, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PASSENGER PROTECTION OFFICE IN ALL MAJOR AIRPORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES”
By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8744, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL COURTS OF LABOR RELATIONS (RCLR) UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT, THEREBY ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION (NLRC)”
By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 8745, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FRESH GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT”
By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 8746, entitled:
“AN ACT PRESCRIBING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY STANDARDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8747, entitled:
“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 46 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8749 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999’ TO SHIFT LIABILITY FOR SMOKE BELCHING FROM THE DRIVER TO THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE”
By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8748, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STIFFER FINES AND PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIALS AND

VIOLATION OF OTHER PROHIBITED ACTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000’ ”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8749, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ADMINISTRATION”
By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8750, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS QUALITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8751, entitled:
“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SUSTAINABLE SANITATION PROGRAM BY REORGANIZING THE SANITATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8752, entitled:
“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT’S EFFORTS TOWARDS THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENTS BY ESTABLISHING DRUG REHABILITATION CENTERS IN EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY IN THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 8753, entitled:
“AN ACT PENALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A ‘NO PERMIT, NO EXAM’ POLICY OR ANY SUCH POLICY THAT PROHIBITS STUDENTS OF POST-SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION FROM TAKING THEIR MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAMINATIONS, OR OTHER SIMILAR

ASSESSMENTS DUE TO UNPAID TUITION
AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8754, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES
FOR THEFT, ROBBERY AND
DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
PROPERTY”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 8755, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE-STOP SHOP
FOR PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8756, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 45, CHAPTER
10, BOOK IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS
AMENDED”

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8759, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING 13TH AND 14TH
MONTH BENEFITS FOR ALL PENSIONERS
OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE
INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) AND SOCIAL
SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS)”

By Representatives Salo and Hernandez (P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 8760, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE PHILIPPINE
PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE AS THE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
AND HOMELAND SECURITY EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND RESEARCH”

By Representatives Salo and Hernandez (P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 8761, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF

ROAD USE, ETIQUETTE, AND SAFETY
EDUCATION IN THE CURRICULUM OF
THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION
(K TO 12) PROGRAM TO PROMOTE
THE GENERAL WELFARE OF DRIVERS,
PASSENGERS, AND PEDESTRIANS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuarema
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8763, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF ROADS
FOR SAFE, FAST AND ECONOMIC
TRANSPORT”

By Representative Fernando
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8765, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE HUNDRED
(100)-BED HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN,
PROVINCE OF QUEZON TO BE KNOWN
AS THE TAGKAWAYAN PUBLIC
HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8766, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 48 OF
REPUBLIC ACT 9267, ‘OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE SECURITIZATION ACT
OF 2004’, PROVIDING FOR STIFFER
PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 8767, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO
SELF-ORGANIZATION, COLLECTIVE
NEGOTIATION AND PEACEFUL
CONCERTED ACTIVITIES AND USE
OF VOLUNTARY MODES OF DISPUTE
SETTLEMENT”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 8768, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 8769, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8770, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING STREET SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND PUBLIC SPACES HARASSMENT, EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 8771, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8772, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DUMPING OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE INTO SEA WATERS”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8773, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS THROUGH THE USE OF THE INTERNET AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 8774, entitled:

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

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8775, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10152, OR THE ‘MANDATORY INFANTS AND CHILDREN HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ACT OF 2011’”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8776, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8777, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PROMOTION OF RESEARCH WORK ALONG SCIENTIFIC LINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 8778, entitled:

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

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8779, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROTECT, TO PROMOTE, AND SUPPORT BREAST FEEDING PRACTICES THROUGH PROPER INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING BY REGULATING THE TRADE, MARKETING, AND PROMOTIONS OF BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES AND

FOOD PRODUCTS FOR INFANTS AND
YOUNG CHILDREN”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8780, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – VILLA MARIA ANNEX IN BARANGAY MOLINO II, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BACOR NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8781, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8782, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING GOV. JACINTO BORJA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO CANTAONGON TECHNOLOGICAL-VOCATIONAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8783, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SAFE DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT, APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8787, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE-STOP SHOP FOR PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8788, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PROCUREMENT OF THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY OF ALL PALAY PRODUCED BY THE LOCAL RICE FARMERS VIA DIRECT PURCHASE”

By Representative Pancho
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8789, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING SEAFARERS WHO SUFFER SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH, AND THEIR FAMILIES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS
WORKERS AFFAIRS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2357, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE MANNER OF BY WHICH PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTITIES ARE BEING LEASED OUT WITH THE END IN VIEW OF LEGISLATING A STANDARD FOR THE SAME TO ENSURE THE MOST BENEFICIAL CONTRACTS IN FAVOR OF THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representatives Pineda, Belmonte (R.), Canama, Lopez (B.), Villarin, Bertiz, Montoro, Belaro, Lacson, Mending, Salon and Lopez (M.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2359, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MAN HEE LEE, CHAIRMAN AND PEACE ADVOCATE OF HEAVENLY CULTURE, WORLD PEACE, RESTORATION OF LIGHT (HWPL) FOR THE SUCCESSFUL 4TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE WORLD ALLIANCE OF RELIGIONS’ PEACE (WARP) SUMMIT IN SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2360, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING WARM

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S A N D
C O M M E N D A T I O N T O M R . N O N I T O
D O N A I R E , J R . A . K . A . ‘ T H E F I L I P I N O
F L A S H ’ F O R W I N N I N G T H E W O R L D
B O X I N G A S S O C I A T I O N (W B A) S U P E R
B A N T A M W E I G H T C H A M P I O N ”

By Representative Olivarez
T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N G A M E S A N D
A M U S E M E N T S

House Resolution No. 2361, entitled:

“ A R E S O L U T I O N U R G I N G T H E H O U S E
C O M M I T T E E O N H U M A N R I G H T S T O
R E V I E W T H E R E S O L U T I O N O F T H E
H U M A N R I G H T S V I C T I M S C L A I M S
B O A R D D E N Y I N G T H E C L A I M O F D I O R I C A
F R A N C I S C O L U M B A D A N D O T H E R
W O R K E R S O F L A T O N D E Ñ A D I S T I L L E R S ,
I N C . F O R A B U S E S C O M M I T T E D D U R I N G
M A R T I A L L A W ”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)
T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N R U L E S

House Resolution No. 2362, entitled:

“ R E S O L U T I O N I N F O R M I N G T H E D E P A R T M E N T
O F B U D G E T A N D M A N A G E M E N T (D B M)
T H A T T H E H O U S E O F R E P R E S E N T A T I V E S
H A S R E S C I N D E D I T S A P P R O V A L O F
H O U S E B I L L 7 4 3 6 E N T I T L E D ‘ A N A C T
A B O L I S H I N G T H E R O A D B O A R D A N D
P R O V I D I N G F O R T H E D I S T R I B U T I O N
A N D M A N A G E M E N T O F T H E M O T O R
V E H I C L E U S E R ’ S C H A R G E C O L L E C T I O N S ,
A M E N D I N G F O R T H E P U R P O S E R E P U B L I C
A C T N O . 8 7 9 4 , E N T I T L E D “ A N A C T
I M P O S I N G A M O T O R V E H I C L E U S E R ’ S
C H A R G E O N O W N E R S O F A L L T Y P E S
O F M O T O R V E H I C L E S A N D F O R O T H E R
P U R P O S E S ” A N D R E L E A S E T H E F U N D S
F O R P R O J E C T I M P L E M E N T A T I O N ” ”

By Representatives Rodriguez (M.), Tejada, Cerilles,
Siao, Amatong, Dimaporo (M.K.), Sacdalan,
Pimentel, Bautista-Bandigan, Hernandez (F.),
Acharon, Almonte, Amante, Arbison, Barbers,
Cagas, Catamco, Dimaporo (A.), Floirendo,
Fortun, Gonzaga, Mangudadatu (Z.), Matugas,
Mendoza, Pacquiao, Papandayan, Pichay,
Plaza, Romualdo, Sahali, Suansing (H.),
Ungab, Uy (J.), Uy (R.), Yu, Zamora (M.C.),
Revilla, Almario and Sema
T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N A P P R O P R I A T I O N S

M E S S A G E S F R O M T H E S E N A T E

Message dated December 11, 2018, informing the
House of Representatives that the Senate on even

date adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No.
15, entitled:

“ R E S O L U T I O N P R O V I D I N G T H A T B O T H
H O U S E S O F C O N G R E S S C O N V E N E
I N J O I N T S E S S I O N T O D E L I B E R A T E
O N T H E R E Q U E S T O F P R E S I D E N T
R O D R I G O R O A D U T E R T E T O F U R T H E R
E X T E N D T H E P R O C L A M A T I O N O F
M A R T I A L L A W A N D T H E S U S P E N S I O N
O F T H E P R I V I L E G E O F T H E W R I T O F
H A B E A S C O R P U S I N T H E W H O L E O F
M I N D A N A O F O R A P E R I O D O F O N E
(1) M O R E Y E A R , F R O M 0 1 J A N U A R Y
2 0 1 9 T O 3 1 D E C E M B E R 2 0 1 9 , O R F O R
S U C H O T H E R P E R I O D O F T I M E A S T H E
C O N G R E S S M A Y D E T E R M I N E ”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House
of Representatives.
T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N R U L E S

Message dated December 11, 2018, informing the
House of Representatives that on December
10, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace
Poe, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Juan Miguel
F. Zubiri and Risa Hontiveros as conferees
to the Bicameral Conference Committee on
the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 7385,
entitled:

“ A N A C T R E N E W I N G T H E F R A N C H I S E
G R A N T E D T O P H I L I P P I N E
C O M M U N I C A T I O N S S A T E L L I T E
C O R P O R A T I O N (P H I L C O M S A T) T O
C O N S T R U C T , I N S T A L L , M A I N T A I N A N D
O P E R A T E I N T H E P H I L I P P I N E S G R O U N D
S A T E L L I T E T E R M I N A L S T A T I O N S
F O R T E L E C O M M U N I C A T I O N W I T H
S A T E L L I T E F A C I L I T I E S A N D D E L I V E R Y
T O C O M M O N C A R R I E R S ”
T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N R U L E S

Message dated December 11, 2018, informing the
House of Representatives that on even date the
Senate approved the Conference Committee
Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee
on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 8302,
entitled:

“ A N A C T G R A N T I N G M O R E E L E C T R I C A N D
P O W E R C O R P O R A T I O N A F R A N C H I S E T O
E S T A B L I S H , O P E R A T E , A N D M A I N T A I N ,
F O R C O M M E R C I A L P U R P O S E S A N D I N
T H E P U B L I C I N T E R E S T , A D I S T R I B U T I O N
S Y S T E M F O R T H E C O N V E Y A N C E O F
E L E C T R I C P O W E R T O T H E E N D U S E R S
I N T H E C I T Y O F I L O I L O , P R O V I N C E O F
I L O I L O ”
T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N R U L E S

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 1023), re H.B. No. 8784, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS FROM SERVICE CHARGES OF RANK-AND-FILE AND SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 96 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4562, 5911, 6650, 7116 and 7270

Sponsors: Representatives Ting, Laogan, Silverio, Tugna, Villarín and Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 1024), re H.B. No. 8785, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING PHILIPPINE INDIGENOUS OR TRADITIONAL WRITING SYSTEMS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PROTECTION, PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1022

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Bataoil and Cayetano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 1025), re H.B. No. 8786, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATORS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8124, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATORS, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5030

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Maceda, Revilla and Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 1026), re H.C.R. No. 23, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER, SALE, OR ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTROLLING INTEREST OF MINDANAO ISLAMIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.”

recommending its adoption without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Economic Affairs (Committee Report No. 1027), re H.R. No. 2363, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF), BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR) AND/OR THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) TO IMMEDIATELY LIBERALIZE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) LAW OF 2009, WITH A VIEW TO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH AND SUSTAIN THE REIT INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES AS ENVISIONED AND ORDAINED BY THE REIT ACT BY: (1) REFLECTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE VALUE ADDED TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE SPONSOR/S TO THE REIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10963, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION (TRAIN) LAW; (2) REMOVING THE ESCROW REQUIREMENT FOR REITs UNDER REVENUE REGULATION 13-2011; (3) RESTORING THE MINIMUM PUBLIC OWNERSHIP (MPO) REQUIREMENT TO ONE-THIRD (1/3) OF THE OUTSTANDING CAPITAL STOCK OF THE REIT AS INITIALLY FIXED BY THE REIT ACT; AND (4) ADOPTING OTHER MEASURES AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SUCH AS AMENDING THE RULES GOVERNING PROPERTY AND FUND MANAGERS FOR REITs, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE GROWTH OF THE REIT INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 2057: following the Committee’s Inquiry on the Delayed Implementation of the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Law, together with the Committee’s findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Garcia (G.) and Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Economic Affairs and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1028), re H.B. No. 8791, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES”

recommending its approval in substitution to House Bills Numbered 69 and 2510

Sponsors: Representatives Garcia (G.), Suansing (E.), Salceda, Co, Garbin, Batocabe, Cua, Romualdo, Nieto, Panganiban and Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8790, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL TRANSPORT NETWORK COMPANIES (TNCs) AND OPERATORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR TRANSPORT NETWORK VEHICLE SERVICES (TNVS) TO ACQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE RIDING PUBLIC”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8792, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING NATIONAL HOLIDAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND DIPLOMACY DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representatives Evardone, Daza and Noel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8793, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING S.I. POWER CORP. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTABLE POWER TECHNOLOGIES AND MINIGRID SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT

THE PHILIPPINES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2364, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE, FOR THE RETURN OF THE HISTORICAL ‘BELLS OF BALANGIGA’ TO THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Concurrent Resolution No. 25, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GIVING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY EDUARDO JOSE A. DE VEGA, FORMER AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO MEXICO FROM 31 MARCH 2016 TO 23 APRIL 2018 TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE ‘ORDEN MEXICANA DEL AGUILA AZTECA (MEXICAN ORDER OF AZTEC EAGLE)’ FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Labor and Employment and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1029), re H.B. No. 172, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEW GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT”

recommending its approval without amendments, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 852, 1937, 2821, 3332, 3795, 4493, 4997 and 6197

Sponsors: Representatives Ting, Suansing (E.), Villarica, Noel and Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Women and Gender Equality (Committee Report No. 1030), re H.B. No. 8794, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING GENDER-BASED STREET,

PUBLIC SPACES AND ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5213, 5781 and 5956

Sponsors: Representatives Herrera-Dy, Rocamora, Villarin and Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

It was 3:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:17 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Good afternoon, Mme. Speaker. I move that we adopt the proposed Rules of the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth Congress, copies of which have already been distributed to all the Members of the House.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. We just got a copy of the proposed Rules of the House for the Seventeenth Congress. We were given no time yet to go over the rules and possibly to propose amendments. We earnestly request that we defer action on the proposed rules until we return in January.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, if it will help the Gentleman, the rules that we are approving today, principally, just incorporated the provisions that we have so far amended here in the Plenary upon motions that we had approved, Mme. Speaker, and we are willing to walk the Gentleman through the amendments. They are not much, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. LAGMAN. So, may we be informed on the amendments being proposed by the leadership of the House as incorporated in the proposed rules?

REP. DEFENSOR. Yes, Mme. Speaker, we can give the Gentleman a copy of the matrix that illustrates the amendments and after a while, Mme. Speaker, we can go back to the motion.

REP. LAGMAN. Then not only this Representation, but all Members of the House should be given a copy of the matrix, so that they will be aware of the amendments being proposed and to give us time also to propose our own amendments.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 3:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:45 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 41, dated December 12, 2018.**

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we insert in the *Record* the explanation of vote of the Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers on his affirmative vote as requested by him, and his explanation in writing, a copy of which will be submitted to the Office of the Secretary General.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, at this point, I move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Shernee Abubakar Tan, KUSOG TAUSOG Party-List. They are participants of the team building seminar on December 12, 2018, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The guests of Cong. Shernee Tan, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2347

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2347.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 2347, entitled: RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TOWARDS FORMULATING A FRAMEWORK OR INSTRUMENT THAT WILL ENSURE THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE WELFARE AND RIGHTS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS.

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

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2347

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2347.

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

House Resolution No. 2347 is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2353

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2353.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 2353, entitled: RESOLUTION CONVEYING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE CONCERN IN THE MANNER BY WHICH THE IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE BOARD (IRB) OF CANADA HEARD, AND EVENTUALLY

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

** See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

APPROVED, THE LUDICROUS CLAIM FOR REFUGEE PROTECTION OF A FUGITIVE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL.

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

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2353

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2353.

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

House Resolution No. 2353 is adopted.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 4:00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:12 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Good afternoon Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker, I move that we take up items in the Calendar of Business for the Day and these are bills on Second Reading.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8646 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8646, contained in Committee Report No. 952, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of House Bill No. 8646.

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. 8646, entitled: AN ACT CREATING NINE (9) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF TACURONG AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISULAN, PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. To sponsor the measure, Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the distinguished Gentleman from the Third District of Leyte, the Hon. Vicente “Ching” S. E. Veloso.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Vicente Veloso is recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mme. Speaker, Senior Vice Chair of the Committee on Justice, may I request that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8646 be considered as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, with that, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

The period of amendments is opened.

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8646 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8646 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8646 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8646 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8658 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8658, contained in Committee Report No. 958, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8658, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATANAUAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, to sponsor the measure, again, I move that we recognize the Hon. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Vicente Veloso is now recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mme. Speaker, may I likewise request that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8658 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

REP. DEFENSOR. With that, Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8658 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8658 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8658 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8658 is approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8659 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8659, contained in Committee Report No. 959, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of House Bill No. 8659.

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. 8659, entitled: AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, to sponsor the measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Again, the Hon. Vicente Veloso is recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8659 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, we join the Gentleman in his motion to consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8659 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8659 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8659 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8659 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8660 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8660, contained in Committee Report No. 960, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8660, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF MAASIN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso to sponsor the measure.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Vicente Veloso is recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mme. Speaker, relative to the creation of one Municipal Trial Court in the City of Maasin, Southern Leyte, may I request that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8660 be considered as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. With that, Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8660 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8660 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8660 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8660 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTE. RPT. ON H.B. NOS. 4814 AND 8554, AND S.B. NO. 2059

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill Nos. 4814 and 8554 and Senate Bill No. 2059.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4814, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING AMNESTY IN THE PAYMENT OF ESTATE TAX; House Bill No. 8554, entitled: AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION BY GRANTING AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2017 AND PRIOR YEARS; and Senate Bill No. 2059, entitled: AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION, AND BROADENING THE TAX BASE BY GRANTING AN AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2017 AND PRIOR YEARS WITH RESPECT TO ESTATE TAX, OTHER INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES, AND TAX ON DELINQUENCIES AND ADDRESSING CROSS-BORDER TAX EVASION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 5675 AND S.B. NO. 2081

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5675 and Senate Bill No. 2081.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5675, entitled: AN ACT ALLOWING THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTH RECORDS AND PRESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE; and Senate Bill No. 2081, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING AMNESTY FOR SIMULATED BIRTHS, ALLOWING THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTH RECORDS THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 8110 AND S.B. NO. 192

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8110 and Senate Bill No. 192.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8110, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) TO DEVELOP, PUBLISH, DISSEMINATE AND UPDATE A HANDBOOK ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MIGRANT WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022; and Senate Bill No. 192, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) TO DEVELOP, PUBLISH, DISSEMINATE AND UPDATE A HANDBOOK ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MIGRANT WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6618

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6618.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6618, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE HUNDRED (100) BED CAPACITY HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY HABAY 2 IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS THE BACOR DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 8528 and Senate Bill No. 454, respectively, on regulating the practice of occupational therapy in the Philippines. We have been informed that the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation, sponsor of House Bill No. 8528, as well as the authors thereof, is in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 454.

In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 454 as an amendment to House Bill No. 8528.

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

We adopt Senate Bill No. 454 as an amendment to House Bill No. 8528.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8661
ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of items in the Calendar of Business for the Day.

Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8661, contained in Committee Report No. 961, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8661, entitled: AN ACT CREATING SIX (6) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF DAVAO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, to sponsor the measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Vicente Veloso is now recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. House Bill No. 8661 calls for the creation of six Regional Trial Court branches in the City of Davao, Eleventh Judicial Region. I, therefore, move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill to be my sponsorship speech thereon, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. With that, Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8661 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8661 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8661, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8661 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8661 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8662 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8662, contained in Committee Report No. 962, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8662, entitled: AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MAASIN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso to sponsor the measure.

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

We recognize Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso for his sponsorship speech.

REP. VELOSO. Mme. Speaker, there is really a need for additional two branches of Regional Trial Courts in the cities of Maasin and Sogod, and I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8662 be considered as my sponsorship speech on the measure, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I join the motion of the Sponsor that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8662 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8662 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8662, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8662 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8662 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8663 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8663, contained in Committee Report No. 963, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8663, entitled: AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBIGON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(H) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso to sponsor the measure.

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

The Hon. Vicente Veloso is recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mme. Speaker, there is an equal need for us to create two branches of Regional Trial Courts in Tubigon, Bohol. I therefore move that we consider the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8663 as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. We join the Gentleman, Mme. Speaker, in his motion to consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8663 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8663 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8663, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8663
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8663 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8664
ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8664, contained in Committee Report No. 964, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8664, entitled: AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

PURPOSE SECTION 14(D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso to sponsor the measure.

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

We again recognize the Hon. Vicente Veloso to sponsor House Bill No. 8664.

REP. VELOSO. Mme. Speaker, Muntinlupa is one of the areas we have in the National Capital Judicial Region that suffers a huge backlog in cases. I therefore move that we consider the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8664 as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I join the Sponsor in his motion that we consider the Explanatory Note of the measure as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8664 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8664 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8664, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8664 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8664 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8665 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8665, contained in Committee Report No. 965, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8665, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso to sponsor the measure.

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

Again, we recognize the Hon. Vicente Veloso.

REP. VELOSO. Mme. Speaker, there is a need for us to create one branch of a Regional Trial Court in Villanueva, Misamis Oriental. I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8665 as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I join the Sponsor in his motion that we consider the Explanatory Note of the measure as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8665 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8665 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8665, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8665 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8665 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8666 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8666, contained in Committee Report No. 966, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8666, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MLANG, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso to sponsor the measure.

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

Again, we recognize the Hon. Vicente Veloso.

REP. VELOSO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. M’lang, Cotabato needs one branch of a Regional Trial Court. I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8666 as my sponsorship speech on the measure, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, we join the Gentleman in his motion to consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is

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

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

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 8666 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8666 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8666 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8666 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 4:40 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:42 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we take up the Business for Thursday and Friday, the local bills.

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

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following measures:

House Bill No. 8724, contained in Committee Report No. 1003;

House Bill No. 8725, contained in Committee Report No. 1004;

House Bill No. 8726, contained in Committee Report No. 1005;

House Bill No. 8729, contained in Committee Report No. 1008;

House Bill No. 8730, contained in Committee Report No. 1009;

House Bill No. 8731, contained in Committee Report No. 1010;

House Bill No. 8732, contained in Committee Report No. 1011;

House Bill No. 8735, contained in Committee Report No. 1014;

House Bill No. 8736, contained in Committee Report No. 1015;

House Bill No. 8212, contained in Committee Report No. 1016;

House Bill No. 8757, contained in Committee Report No. 1018; and

House Bill No. 8762, contained in Committee Report No. 1020.

I so move.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve the aforementioned measures on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is an omnibus motion for the approval of the said local Bills on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of the Bills enumerated in the omnibus motion, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

The Bills enumerated in the omnibus motion are approved on Second Reading.*

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we include additional coauthors of House Bills

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

No. 172, 8719, 8727, 8728, 8733, 8734, 8741, 8764, 8784, 8785, 8786, 8791, 8794 and 8795, as contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we include as additional coauthors of the bills and resolutions that are pending in the committees, the Members appearing in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules after due verification of their requests for inclusion as coauthors of such bills and resolutions.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of the earlier motion for the approval of the amendments to the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth Congress, copies of which have been distributed earlier to the Members of the House.

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

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Edcel Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. As agreed upon with the Sr. Dep. Majority Leader, this Representation will propose some amendments to the Rules of the House of the Seventeenth Congress, and I am ready to propose the amendments, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. We can go through the proposal of the Gentleman, Mme. Speaker, and we will see if they are acceptable to the House Members.

May we know the amendments, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, subject to style and the situs where the amendment will be provided for. The following are the proposed amendments: First, the explanation of vote of a Member during Third Reading shall be made immediately after such Member shall have cast his or her vote. This is reviving the old Rules of the House.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, may we go through the amendments one by one. Mme. Speaker, the status is, there are two rules on that. If we are in the process of nominal voting on Third Reading, then the explanation of votes will come after the results have been announced. But if it is just nominal voting because a Member of the House asked for a nominal voting and one-fifth of the House acceded to such nominal voting, then the rule in such nominal voting, the explanation of vote is not done after the announcement of the results. So, we would like to maintain the present status of the rules.

REP. LAGMAN. That is why we are making an amendment, Mme. Speaker, because this will be the nominal voting on Third Reading.

REP. DEFENSOR. The sense of the Committee, Mme. Speaker, is that there is a difference because we want to facilitate the voting, so, we do not want to disturb the voting when we are in a nominal voting on Third Reading of a bill. That is the difference, Mme. Speaker, because, in fact, we have a rule that we do not want to interrupt the voting. So, there is a difference, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. This is not an interruption of the voting, Mme. Speaker, but it is part of a voting. This has been the rule since the Eighth Congress which was abandoned lately. There is a need for an immediate explanation of a vote of a Member. We could not wait until the results are announced because any explanation after the votes have been announced will be a post-mortem explanation. We should have an active explanation and that should be done immediately after a Member has cast his vote.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 4:49 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we lay on the table, that is, to set aside temporarily the motion for the adoption of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth Congress.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8727
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8727, contained in Committee Report No. 1006, as reported out by the Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8727, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTS TO PLANT TWO (2) TREES FOR EVERY CHILD BORN TO THEM.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and we recognize Rep. Noel L. Villanueva to sponsor the measure.

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

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva is recognized.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable author in his motion to consider the Explanatory Note of the measure as his sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8727 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8727 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8727
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8727 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8728
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8728, contained in Committee Report No. 1007, as reported out by the Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8728, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GRADUATING ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS TO PLANT AT LEAST TEN (10) TREES EACH AS A PREREQUISITE FOR GRADUATION.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and to sponsor the said measure, recognize the Hon. Noel L. Villanueva.

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

The Honorable Villanueva is recognized.

REP. VILLANUEVA. Again, Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note attached to the Bill be considered as my sponsorship speech thereon.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable author in his motion that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be made as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8728 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8728 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8728
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8728 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 8636 AND S.B. NO. 1850

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8636 and Senate Bill No. 1850.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8636, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and Senate Bill No. 1850, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we include additional coauthors of House Bills No. 172, 8719, 8727, ...

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, to continue, my apologies—8728, 8733, 8734, 8741, 8764, 8784, 8785, 8786, 8791, 8794 and 8795, as contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

Mme. Speaker, I move that we include as additional coauthors of the bills and resolutions that are pending in the committees, the Members appearing in the list to be submitted also by the Committee on Rules after due verification of their requests for inclusion as coauthors of such bills and resolutions.

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Games and Amusements (Committee Report No. 1031), re H.R. No. 132, entitled: "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARLON TAPALES FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP IN AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND"

recommending its adoption with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Tambunting, Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1032), re H.B. No. 8795, entitled:

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998’, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1177, 1502, 1727, 1813, 3201, 3333 and 3820

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Suansing (E.) and Zamora (M.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 5:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:08 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 23

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Concurrent Resolution No. 23, contained in Committee Report No. 1026, 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. Escudero). 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 23, entitled: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER, SALE, OR ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTROLLING INTEREST OF MINDANAO ISLAMIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

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

ADOPTION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 23

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 23 is adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 25

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Concurrent Resolution No. 25.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 25, entitled: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GIVING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY EDUARDO JOSE A. DE VEGA, FORMER AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO MEXICO FROM 31 MARCH 2016 TO 23 APRIL 2018 TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE “ORDEN MEXICANA DEL AGUILA AZTECA (MEXICAN ORDER OF AZTEC EAGLE)” FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

ADOPTION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 25

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Concurrent Resolution No. 25.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 25 is adopted. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8734
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8734, contained in Committee Report No. 1013, as reported out by the Committees on Science and Technology and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8734, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS GRANTED TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T) PERSONNEL OF THE GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8439, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, RESEARCHERS AND OTHER S&T PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Michael L. Romero, PhD to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Hon. Michael Romero is recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Mikee Romero is recognized.

REP. ROMERO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8734 as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable author in his motion to consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as his sponsorship speech on the said measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8734 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8734 on Second Reading.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye.*

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8734
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8734 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8764
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8764, contained in Committee Report No. 1021, as reported out by the Committees on Economic Affairs and Trade and Industry.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8764, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7042, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ACT OF 1991."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Gwendolyn F. Garcia to sponsor the said measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is

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

The Hon. Gwendolyn Garcia is now recognized.

REP. GARCIA (G.). Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8764 be considered as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

REP. PALMA. We join the honorable author, Mme. Speaker, and move that the Explanatory Note be considered as his sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we approve House Bill No. 8764 on Second Reading. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8764 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye.*

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8764
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8764 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8682
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8682, contained in Committee Report No. 974, as reported out by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations and Ways and Means.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8682, entitled: AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Paolo Everardo S. Javier to sponsor the measure.

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

The Hon. Paolo Javier is recognized.

REP. JAVIER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8682 as my sponsorship speech on the measure, Mme. Speaker.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable Sponsor and move that the Explanatory Note be considered as his sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I now move to open the period of amendments.

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we approve House Bill No. 8682 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8682 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8682
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8682 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 5:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8786
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8786, contained in Committee Report No. 1025, 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 said measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8786, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATORS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8124, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATORS, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES."

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open

the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez to sponsor the measure.

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

The Hon. Franz Alvarez is recognized.

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable Sponsor and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as his sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8786 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There

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is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8786 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8786
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8786 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8794
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8794, contained in Committee Report No. 1030.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8794, entitled: AN ACT DEFINING GENDER-BASED STREET, PUBLIC SPACES AND ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

Hon. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Hon. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy is recognized.

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable Sponsor and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as her sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8794 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There

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is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8794 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8794
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8794 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8791
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8791, contained in Committee Report No. 1028, as reported out by the Committees on Economic Affairs and Ways and Means.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8791, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

the Hon. Gwendolyn F. Garcia to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Hon. Gwendolyn F. Garcia is now recognized.

REP. GARCIA (G.). Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable Sponsor and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as her sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8791 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There

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is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8791 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8791
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8791 is now approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2363

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2363, contained in Committee Report No. 1027, as reported out by the Committee on Economic Affairs.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 2363, entitled: A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF), BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR) AND/OR THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) TO IMMEDIATELY LIBERALIZE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) LAW OF 2009, WITH A VIEW TO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH AND SUSTAIN THE REIT INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES AS ENVISIONED AND ORDAINED BY THE REIT ACT BY: (1) REFLECTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE VALUE ADDED TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE

TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE SPONSOR/S TO THE REIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10963, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION (TRAIN) LAW; (2) REMOVING THE ESCROW REQUIREMENT FOR REITs UNDER REVENUE REGULATION 13-2011; (3) RESTORING THE MINIMUM PUBLIC OWNERSHIP (MPO) REQUIREMENT TO ONE-THIRD (1/3) OF THE OUTSTANDING CAPITAL STOCK OF THE REIT AS INITIALLY FIXED BY THE REIT ACT; AND (4) ADOPTING OTHER MEASURES AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SUCH AS AMENDING THE RULES GOVERNING PROPERTY AND FUND MANAGERS FOR REITs, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE GROWTH OF THE REIT INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2363

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, the Chairman of the Committee on Economic Affairs, the Hon. Gwendolyn F. Garcia, is present before the Plenary and upon her request, we move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2363 as contained in Committee Report No. 1027.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

House Resolution No. 2363 is adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8719
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8719, contained in Committee Report No. 1001, as reported out by the Committees on Local Government and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8719, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND ALLOCATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FUND.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Pedro B. Acharon Jr. to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Honorable Acharon is recognized.

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable Sponsor and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as his sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8719 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8719 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8719 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8719 is now approved on Second Reading.

REP. ACHARON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8741 ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8741, contained in Committee Report No. 1017, as reported out by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8741, entitled: AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE FAITH ACADEMY AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER AND GRANTING THE ACADEMY CERTAIN PREROGATIVES TO PROMOTE ITS DEVELOPMENT.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Honorable Durano is now recognized.

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable Sponsor and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as his sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8741 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8741 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8741 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8741 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8785 ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8785, contained in Committee Report No. 1024, as reported out by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8785, entitled: AN ACT PROMOTING PHILIPPINE INDIGENOUS OR TRADITIONAL WRITING SYSTEMS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PROTECTION, PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Honorable Durano is now recognized.

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable Sponsor and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as his sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8785 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8785 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8785 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8785 is now approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8795 ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8795, contained in Committee Report No. 1032, as reported out by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, Appropriations, and Ways and Means.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8795, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998”, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Ramon “Red” H. Durano VI to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Honorable Durano is again recognized.

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable Sponsor and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as his sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8795 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8795 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8795 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8795 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Resolution on First Reading and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding reference:

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 2365, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO RECONSIDER

THE APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE BENJAMIN DIOKNO AS SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT BASED ON THE FINDINGS DURING THE QUESTION HOUR”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2365

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2365.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 2365, entitled: RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO RECONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE BENJAMIN DIOKNO AS SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT BASED ON THE FINDINGS DURING THE QUESTION HOUR.

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

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2365

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2365.

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

House Resolution No. 2365 is adopted.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. COMM. RPT.
ON H. JT. RES. NO. 26 AND S. JT. RES. NO. 13

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt

of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 26 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 13.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Joint Resolution No. 26, entitled: JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS INTENDED FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE MARCOS REGIME UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019, AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF TREASURY AND THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RELEASE THE FUNDS AND ENSURE THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, AND THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ADMINISTER THE EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS TO QUALIFIED VICTIMS OR THEIR HEIRS OR REPRESENTATIVES, AS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS REPARATION AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2013,” AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10766; and Senate Joint Resolution No. 13, entitled: JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MAINTENANCE, AVAILABILITY AND RELEASE OF THE FUNDS CREATED PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10766, SPECIFICALLY SUCH FUNDS IN THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, UNTIL DECEMBER 2019 TO ENSURE PAYMENT OF QUALIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS VICTIMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ADMINISTER THE EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION THEREOF.

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

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

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 5:43 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:44 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Resolution and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding reference:

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 2366, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FAMILY OF GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2366

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2366.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 2366, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FAMILY OF GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2366

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2366.

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

House Resolution No. 2366 is adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 172 ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 172, contained in Committee Report No. 1029, as reported out by the Committee on Labor and Employment, and Ways and Means. I move that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the said measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 172, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEW GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Estrellita B. Suansing to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Honorable Suansing (E.) is recognized.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. PALMA. We join the honorable author, Mme. Speaker, and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as her sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 172 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 172 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 172, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). As many as are not in favor, please say *Nay*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 172 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 172 is now approved on Second Reading. Congratulations.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7513 ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7513 as contained in Committee Report No. 723, as reported out by the Committees on Welfare of Children and Appropriations.

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

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7513, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE TIME BETWEEN TEN IN THE EVENING AND FIVE IN THE MORNING AS UNSAFE HOURS, PROHIBITING THE LOITERING, ROAMING AROUND, SLEEPING OR MEANDERING OF CHILDREN IN PUBLIC PLACES DURING THESE HOURS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor, Mme. Speaker, the said measure, may we recognize the Hon. Divina Grace C. Yu.

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

The Hon. Divine Yu is recognized.

REP. YU. Mme. Speaker, may I move to consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable author and move that the Explanatory Note of the measure be made her sponsorship speech thereon.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we ...

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker.

REP. PALMA. ... close the period of ...

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). I think there is somebody who wants to interpellate, Majority Leader.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7513

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 7513.

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

The consideration of House Bill No. 7513 is suspended.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8784 ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8784, contained in Committee Report No. 1023, as reported out by the Committee on Labor and Employment.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 8784, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS FROM SERVICE CHARGES OF RANK-AND-FILE AND SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 96 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, may we recognize the Hon. Dennis C. Laogan.

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

The Hon. Dennis Laogan is now recognized.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the author and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as his sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8784 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8784 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8784, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8784
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8784 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 7385

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 7385.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7385, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORPORATION (PHILCOMSAT) TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN THE PHILIPPINES GROUND SATELLITE TERMINAL STATIONS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION WITH SATELLITE FACILITIES AND DELIVERY TO COMMON CARRIERS.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the Conference Committee Report.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2339

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2339, contained in Committee Report No. 979, as reported out by the Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity.

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

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

The Secretary General will please read only the title of the measure.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2339, entitled: RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO RESUME THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (GRP) AND THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF THE PHILIPPINES (NDFP), AND COMPLETE THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS ON SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORMS TO LAY THE BASIS FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE.

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.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2339.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to hold the adoption in abeyance and then move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

It was 5:53 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2339

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we withdraw the earlier motion to adopt House Resolution No. 2339 and suspend its consideration instead.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). I move for a one-minute suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 5:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:55 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 132

REP. GONZALEZ (A.P.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 132, contained

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

in Committee Report No. 1031, as reported out by the Committee on Games and Amusements.

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

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

The Secretary General will please 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. 132, entitled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARLON TAPALES FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP IN AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mme. Speaker, may we move for a suspension of the session.

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

It was 5:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:57 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve the amendments, as contained in Committee Report No. 1031, on House Resolution No. 132.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendments are approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 132, AS AMENDED

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 132, as amended.

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

House Resolution No. 132, as amended, is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for one minute.

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

It was 5:59 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8733 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8733 on Second Reading, contained in Committee Report No. 1012, as reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Science and Technology, Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

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

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

The Secretary General will please 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.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8733, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR REGULATORY FRAMEWORK, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize one of the authors thereof, the Hon. Virgilio S. Lacson of MANILA TEACHERS Party-List, to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Hon. Virgilio Lacson is recognized.

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

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, we join the author in his motion to consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as his sponsorship speech thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no

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

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

REP. LACSON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8733 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8733 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8733, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8733 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8733 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we authorize all committees to conduct meetings or public hearings, if deemed necessary, during the House recess from December 13, 2018 to January 13, 2019.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOEL. I move for a few minutes suspension of the session.

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

It was 6:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:03 p.m., the session was resumed with Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo presiding.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REMARKS OF THE SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. My fellow Representatives, Christmas is the best time to thank all those who have helped us do our jobs. During the first two-and-a-half years of President Duterte's term, the Executive put in place a set of policies to guide the country's economic and infrastructure development in the coming years. For its part, the Legislative Department enacted a set of laws in support of those policies.

During the day of the State of the Nation Address last July, I accepted the offer of support of many Representatives who elected me Speaker of the House. It is an honor to be the House Speaker, a position that I do not take lightly, and I thank you all for your support and cooperation. As you have seen, my leadership and management style as Speaker is still similar to when I was the President. The keywords are hard work; selectively hands-on, especially in shepherding the 2018 SONA bills of President Duterte to passage by the House; strict but hopefully, fair and open-minded.

Since the Third Session of the Seventeenth Congress opened in July this year, as of an hour ago, we have already processed about 1,361 bills, and approved 492 of those measures. *(Applause)* We have approved 492 measures, including 95 passed into law, 39 bills ready for the President's signature, 27 ratified bicameral reports, 25 in conference committees, 22 approved on Second Reading, plus 38 resolutions approved. We have processed an average of 33 measures per day. Congratulations! *(Applause)*

More important for me, shortly after I assumed the speakership, I told you, my colleagues, is that my goal is to implement the legislative agenda of President Duterte, and you have seen that the legislation which the House has prioritized these past six months were the priority bills announced by the President in his 2018

State of the Nation Address. My concern is not my legacy as Speaker, my concern is to support President Duterte's legacy during the year that I have assumed as Speaker. As of yesterday, the House can report with confidence that we have already passed the President's entire legislative agenda as he had announced in his 2018 State of the Nation Address. *(Applause)* So you all deserve congratulations and thanks.

Thus, the country already has a good policy framework in place supported by good legislation. There will always be room for making new policy and legislation and next year, we will be able to attend to your pet bills; but on the whole, I think it is time to pivot from mere policies to implementation. We must harvest the results during the final three-and-a-half years of President Duterte's term. The area of government that is most responsible for this task is the Executive.

For the remaining months of the Seventeenth Congress, I ask the House to be prepared to give the implementing departments and agencies the support that they may need to the extent that they make this pivot from policy to action such as by way of House resolutions from us, the elected Representatives of the people, or through the helpful exercise of House oversight functions. Next year, we will expect the oversight committees to be very active in the next months or so. Meanwhile, let us enjoy this Christmas break with the assurance that we have done our best despite the short time given to us.

Merry Christmas and a productive New Year. *(Applause)*

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. This session is adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, the 14th of January 2019, or unless the President declares that we should have a special session prior to that.

Thank you once again.

The session is adjourned. *(Applause)*

It was 6:08 p.m.

