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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
The session is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). Everybody will please remain standing for the Invocation to be led by Rep. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara of the Third District of Nueva Ecija.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. VERGARA. Almighty and ever-living God, yesterday marked the feast of the Baptism of the Lord signaling the end of the Christmas season, yet the work of Christmas endures. We recall the words of civil rights leader and theologian Howard Thurman:

When the song of the angel is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the king and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

As the Seventeenth Congress comes to a close, may we be guided by his words and draw strength and inspiration from the lives of our dearly departed colleagues from the Seventeenth Congress: Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe, Rep. Henedina R. Abad, Rep. Jum J. Akbar,

Rep. Ciriaco S. Calalang, Rep. Maximo B. Dalog and Rep. Tupay T. Loong. As well as former Representatives and public servants—Carmelo “Tarzan” F. Lazatin, Carmencita O. Reyes, Eufanio “Franny” C. Eriguel, and Manuel “Manny” S. Agyao; Gov. George T. Hofer, Gov. Vicente T. Pimentel Jr, and Sen. Edgardo J. Angara. Their earthly journey may have ended but their legacies and advocacies will continue to live on through us.

May we always remember that the essence of Christmas is the spirit of selfless service and love which lasts throughout the year and never dies. May this new year be characterized by kindness, compassion and goodwill amongst ourselves and to all we serve. In this great silence, as we gather in this Seventeenth Congress, the People’s House, may we be ever mindful of the camaraderie and companionship we all share; we are all Filipinos who have been elected to perform a public responsibility for our country and this carries many burdens and also a shared danger.

Protect and defend us, Dear Lord, with Your power against all enemies. May our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, intercede for us.

Dear God, we place all our trust in You now and forever. Bless our country and may all that is done this day be for Your greater glory and honor. Amen.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). Happy New Year to everyone. Happy New Year to the honorable Speaker.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I also move that we defer the approval of the Journal.

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

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

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8796, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO AMCARA BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8135 OR ‘AN ACT GRANTING AMCARA BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8797, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING OVERLOADING OF PASSENGERS IN PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES (PUVs), IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8803, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE AND LIBERALIZED CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) IN THE COUNTRY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8809, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 12 OF EVERY

YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE HISTORIC DECISION OF THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION (PCA) IN FAVOR OF THE PHILIPPINES OVER THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA MARITIME DISPUTE”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8810, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES OF SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF RA 10742 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015”

By Representative Biron
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2367, entitled:

“RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ACT TEACHERS PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE FRANCE CASTRO AND CALLING FOR THE DISMISSAL OF THE TRUMPED-UP CHARGES AGAINST HER AND COMPANIONS INITIATED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE IN TALAINGOD, DAVAO DEL NORTE”

By Representatives Tinio, De Jesus, Zarate, Elago, Brosas, Casilao, Ortega (P.), Villarica, Lopez (M.L.), Maceda, Lopez (C.), Cerafica, Malapitan, Savellano, Cojuangco, Duavit, Canama, Labadlabad, Yu, Uy (J.), Yap (V.), Lagman, Pico, Rodriguez (I.), Arenas, Panotes, Kho, Nieto, Ramirez-Sato, Quimbo, Lacson, Alonte, Paduano, Belaro, Sangcopan, Mending, Fortun, Gatchalian, Cua, Alvarez (F.), Sarmiento (C.), Roman, Romero, Pineda, Belmonte (R.) and Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2368, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. ROMNICK L. BLANCO FOR HAVING BEEN ADMITTED TO THE PRESTIGIOUS HARVARD UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2022”

By Representative Silverio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2369, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE NATIONAL TOBACCO ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A BRIEFING ON THE ILLEGAL MANUFACTURE OF FAKE CIGARETTES”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2370, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT OF HONORABLE GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, 41ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2371, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM AND LEGACY OF THE BRAVE SONS OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR”

By Representative Romualdez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2374, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE YEAR 2019 AS THE YEAR OF MUTUAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN CELEBRATION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 2375, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. CATRIONA GRAY FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2376, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONGRATULATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO BINIBINING PILIPINAS-UNIVERSE CATRIONA GRAY FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISS UNIVERSE CROWN”

By Representative Violago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2377, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. CATRIONA MAGNAYON GRAY FOR WINNING THE CROWN AND TITLE OF MISS UNIVERSE 2018”

By Representatives Garbin, Batocabe and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2378, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MS. CATRIONA GRAY FOR WINNING THE 67TH MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND”

By Representatives Lopez (M.L.) and Lopez (C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2379, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CATRIONA ELISA MAGNAYON GRAY FOR WINNING THE 67TH MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2380, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALARMING DEATH REPORTS DUE TO CONSUMPTION OF LAMBANOG AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2382, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND PROFOUND SYMPATHIES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF HONORABLE GILBERTO M. DUAVIT SR., FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF RIZAL”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2383, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE EXCLUSION OF AGRICULTURALLY VIABLE PARCELS OF LAND IN SARIAYA, QUEZON FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2384, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING, COMMENDING AND AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISTINCTION TO MS. CATRIONA ELISA MAGNAYON GRAY FOR BEING CROWNED AS MISS UNIVERSE 2018”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 17, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 61 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10964, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2018”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1616, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER V, SECTION 85 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘TOURISM ACT OF 2009’”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed 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”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1823, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL BY INCREASING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND AUGMENTING ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9417 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1888, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY IN PREVENTING TEENAGE PREGNANCIES, INSTITUTIONALIZING SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR TEENAGE PARENTS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5717, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE ASSIGNED TO PBN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8158, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO JORGE D. BAYONA UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIFTY-SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE, ASSIGNING IT IN FAVOR

OF PBN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., AND RENEWING THE TERM THEREOF FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6166, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8168, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6914, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PEÑAFRANCIA BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8166, EXPANDING ITS COVERAGE TO THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF ITS CORPORATE SHARES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7363, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY AS THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7752, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER

TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO INSULAR BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7964, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE INSULAR BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 6, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Richard J. Gordon, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Joel Villanueva, Sonny Angara and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1997, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE REGIONAL INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATING HUB OF CENTRAL LUZON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 8637, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE REGIONAL INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATING HUB OF CENTRAL LUZON AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate designated Senators Risa Hontiveros, Grace Poe, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Emmanuel ‘Manny’ D. Pacquiao and Paolo Benigno ‘Bam’ Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of 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”

and House Bill No. 5675, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTH RECORDS AND PRESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 6, 2018 the

Senate designated Senators Joel Villanueva, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Sonny Angara, Emmanuel ‘Manny’ D. Pacquiao and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 192 and 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”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 10, 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 provisions of Senate Bill No. 1391 and House Bill No. 8014, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 6, 2018 the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1454 and House Bill No. 8078, entitled:

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 6, 2018 the Senate approved the Conference Committee

Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1716 and House Bill No. 5615, entitled:

“ANACTESTABLISHINGASPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE SPORTS TRAINING CENTER’, AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES, AND THE ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTER”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 10, 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 provisions of Senate Bill No. 1896 and House Bill No. 5784, entitled:

“ANACTINSTITUTINGUNIVERSALHEALTH CARE FOR ALL FILIPINOS, PRESCRIBING REFORMS IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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 provisions of Senate Bill No. 192 and 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”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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 provisions of Senate Bill No. 1431 and House Bill No. 8139, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE LABOR FORCE COMPETENCIES COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM AND FREE ACCESS TO TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET), AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6315, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE VOLUNTEER LIFECARE MINISTRIES, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN NONCOMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6914, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PEÑA FRANCIA BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8166, EXPANDING ITS COVERAGE TO THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF ITS CORPORATE SHARES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6431, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BOHOL CHRONICLE RADIO CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11,

2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6170, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RMC BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8159, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE DXRA-RMC (RIZAL MEMORIAL COLLEGES) BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING STATION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6166, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8168, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6708, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ADVANCED MEDIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8061, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE

ADVANCED MEDIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6167, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO, DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO BROADCASTING NETWORK AND UM BROADCASTING NETWORK, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8170, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 7752, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO INSULAR BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7964, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE INSULAR BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe,

Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 5717, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE ASSIGNED TO PBN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8158, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO JORGE D. BAYONA UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIFTY-SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE, ASSIGNING IT IN FAVOR OF PBN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., AND RENEWING THE TERM THEREOF FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6169, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7962, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6707, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RAVEN BROADCASTING CORPORATION,

UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8084, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING RAVEN BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN LUZON AND OTHER AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES WHERE FREQUENCIES AND/OR CHANNELS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING'".

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 11, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6316, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING NORTHEASTERN BROADCASTING SERVICES, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN ISABELA PROVINCE AND REGION II".

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 13, 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. 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".

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 13, 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 provisions of Senate Bill No. 1997 and House Bill No. 8637, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE REGIONAL INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATING HUB OF CENTRAL LUZON, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 13, 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 provisions of Senate Bill No. 1850 and House Bill No. 8636, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR".

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 13, 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 provisions of Senate Bill No. 2059 and House Bill Nos. 4814 and 8554, entitled:

"AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION 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".

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 13, 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 provisions of Senate Joint Resolution No. 13 and House Joint Resolution No. 26, entitled:

"JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MAINTENANCE, AVAILABILITY, AND RELEASE OF THE FUNDS INTENDED FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS 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 OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO ADMINISTER THE EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS TO QUALIFIED VICTIMS OF 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".

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 13, 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 provisions of Senate Bill No. 1397 and House Bill No. 8419, entitled:

“AN ACT PREVENTING AND PENALIZING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES BY REQUIRING BIGGER, READABLE AND COLOR-CODED NUMBER PLATES AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 13, 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 provisions of Senate Bill No. 1439 and House Bill No. 8417, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENERGY VIRTUAL ONE-STOP SHOP FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS OF POWER GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 13, 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. 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”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 17, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 13, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Win Gatchalian, Loren Legarda, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1531, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION,

ENHANCING THE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY, GRANTING INCENTIVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 8629, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated November 9 and 29, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 11132, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FABIAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;

2. R.A. No. 11133, entitled:

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

3. R.A. No. 11134, entitled:

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

4. R.A. No. 11135, entitled:

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

5. R.A. No. 11136, entitled:

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

6. R.A. No. 11137, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ADLAW HONG BUTUAN’”;
7. R.A. No. 11138, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘BATAAN FOUNDATION DAY’”;
8. R.A. No. 11139, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘FOUNDATION DAY OF CATANDUANES’”;
9. R.A. No. 11140, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PASAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘FOUNDATION DAY OF PASAY CITY’”;
10. R.A. No. 11141, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING JULY 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALUBIJID, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG ALUBIJID’”;
11. R.A. No. 11142, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JASAAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG JASAAN’”;
12. R.A. No. 11143, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OPOL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG OPOL’”;
13. R.A. No. 11144, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 19 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATIONAL HERO, DR. JOSE P. RIZAL, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG KAPANGANAKAN NI DR. JOSE P. RIZAL’”;
14. R.A. No. 11145, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ORANI FOUNDATION DAY’”;
15. R.A. No. 11146, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 18 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘BACOLOD CITY CHARTER DAY’, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE DAY PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON SIGNED AND APPROVED INTO EFFECT COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 326, CREATING THE CITY OF BACOLOD”;
16. R.A. No. 11147, entitled:
 “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE NARRA MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM TEN (10) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BED CAPACITY, AND NAMING IT AS THE GOVERNOR ALFREDO MENDOZA ABUEG, SR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
17. R.A. No. 11148, entitled:
 “AN ACT SCALING UP THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS THROUGH A STRENGTHENED INTEGRATED STRATEGY FOR MATERNAL, NEONATAL, CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION IN THE FIRST ONE THOUSAND (1,000) DAYS OF LIFE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”; and
18. R.A. No. 11149, entitled:
 “AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KWOK HING CARLOS YEUNG”.
- TO THE ARCHIVES
- Letter dated December 13, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 11150, which was signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:
 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH COTABATO STATE COLLEGE IN

THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SURALLAH NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated December 14, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 11151, which was signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ISLA COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS INNOVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7372, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE ISLA COMMUNICATIONS CO. A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND INTERNATIONAL POINTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated December 28, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Joint Resolution No. 03, which was signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 61 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10964, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2018”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated 10 December 2018 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Acting Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated copies of BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 1023 dated 4 December 2018; and
2. Memorandum No. M-2018-034 dated 3 December 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 11 December 2018 of Reynaldo A. Catapang, Assistant Secretary, Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers’ Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, submitting to the House of Representatives the Report to Congress on Assistance to Nationals for the period January to June 2018, in digital format.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

Letter dated 12 December 2018 of Honorable Milagros T. Tan, Representative, 2nd District of Samar, relative to her voluntary compliance with the Ninety-Day Preventive Suspension Order pursuant to Sandiganbayan Case No. SB-17-CRM-2152 to 2164.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Letters dated 13 December 2018 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Acting Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated copies of BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 1024 dated 6 December 2018; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-078 dated 11 December 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated December 13, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, to the Honorable Senate President Vicente C. Sotto III, transmitting the letter of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, copy furnished the Honorable Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, certifying to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 8169 that was transmitted to the Senate, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1033), re H.B. No. 8798, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE MASBATE INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES AND TECHNOLOGY IN TICAO ISLAND, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MASBATE INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES AND TECHNOLOGY-TICAO ISLAND CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2978

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.) and Bravo (M.V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1034), re H.B. No. 8799, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NORTHERN BUKIDNON COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANOLO FORTICH, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN BUKIDNON STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1160

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.), Suansing (E.) and Acosta-Alba

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1035), re H.B. No. 8800, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMARINES NORTE STATE COLLEGE (CNSC) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAET, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMARINES NORTE (UCN), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 637 and 6416

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.), Suansing (E.), Unico and Panotes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1036), re H.B. No. 8801, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SIARGAO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A LEVEL 3 GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6606

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Matugas and Zamora (M.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1037), re H.B. No. 8802, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTER IN THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1884

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.) and Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Games and Amusements (Committee Report No. 1038), re H.R. No. 2372, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXER DONNIE ‘AHAS’ NIETES FOR OUTPOINTING MEXICAN FIGHTER, EDGAR SOSA, IN THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION (WBO) INTER-CONTINENTAL FLYWEIGHT TITLE AT THE STUBHUB CENTER IN CARSON, CALIFORNIA ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2016”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 394

Sponsors: Representatives Tambunting, Sambar, Nograles (J.J.) and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Games and Amusements

(Committee Report No. 1039), re H.R. No. 2373, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING JERWIN ‘PRETTY BOY’ ANCAJAS FOR HIS DOMINATING VICTORY OVER MCJOE ARROYO DURING THEIR SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 BOUT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION (IBF) SUPER FLYWEIGHT WORLD TITLE”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 321

Sponsors: Representatives Tambunting, Floirendo and Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1040), re H.B. No. 8804, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DAVAO CITY THIRD DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7170

Sponsors: Representatives Fernando, Zamora (M.C.) and Garcia-Albano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1041), re H.B. No. 8805, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7406

Sponsors: Representatives Fernando, Zamora (M.C.) and Calderon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1042), re H.B. No. 8806, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ALBAY DIVERSION ROAD, IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MINALABAC, BULA, AND NABUA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6926

Sponsors: Representatives Fernando, Zamora (M.C.) and Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1043), re H.B. No. 8807, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMBA – PURA PROVINCIAL ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL TO BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL, BOTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND TO BARANGAY BUENAVISTA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PURA, PROVINCE OF TARLAC INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2493

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1044), re H.B. No. 8808, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMBA-TALUGTUG-UMINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GUIMBA AND TALUGTUG, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF UMINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2494

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Human Rights (Committee Report No. 1045), re H.R. No. 486, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO STRONGLY CONDEMN THE VIOLENT DISPERSAL OF THE DEMONSTRATION OF PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS LED BY NATIONAL MINORITY GROUPS IN FRONT OF THE US EMBASSY IN MANILA, AND CALLING ON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT A PROBE ON THE INCIDENT AND SUMMON TO CONGRESS THE PERPETRATORS BEHIND IT, ESPECIALLY PO3 FRANKLIN KHO AND SR. SUPT. MARCELINO PEDROZO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS OF THE MANILA POLICE DISTRICT”

and H.R. No. 487, entitled:

“OMNIBUS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING

THE VIOLENT DISPERSAL OF NATIONAL MINORITIES AND SUPPORTERS HOLDING A PEACEFUL PROTEST AT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AND CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, BY THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE SAID BRUTAL POLICE DISPERSAL OF PEOPLE EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE AND AIR THEIR GRIEVANCES”

informing the House of the Committee’s findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Elago, Zarate, De Jesus, Casilao, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Deloso-Montalla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Disaster Management (Committee Report No. 1046), re H.R. No. 2381, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO AFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT TO FACILITATE THE REBUILDING OF THE CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND BARANGAYS IN REGIONS 1, 2, AND THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (CAR) SEVERELY AFFECTED BY TYPHOON OMPONG IN SEPTEMBER 2018 AND TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS OPERATIONAL CONCERNS ON INFRASTRUCTURE, AGRI-INDUSTRY, AND SOCIAL ENGINEERING”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 2211

Sponsors: Representatives Roman and Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Games and Amusements (Committee Report No. 1047), re H.R. No. 2385, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, COMMENDING, AND CONGRATULATING MR. JOHNRIEL CASIMERO FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING HIS INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION (IBF) FLYWEIGHT CROWN AGAINST BRITISH FIGHTER CHARLIE EDWARDS”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 343

Sponsors: Representatives Tambunting and Velasco-Catera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 1048), re H.B. No. 8815, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DAVAO ORIENTAL A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

recommending its approval, in lieu of Committee Report No. 374 re: House Bill No. 5086 on the same subject matter which was recommitted by the Committee on Rules in its meeting held on Sept. 19, 2017 and the House of Representatives Plenary on November 27, 2018 to the Committee on Natural Resources

Sponsors: Representatives Abellanos and Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 1049), re H.B. No. 8816, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE THIRD DISTRICT OF PALAWAN AS A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

recommending its approval, in lieu of Committee Report No. 382 re: House Bill No. 6405 on the same subject matter which was recommitted by the Committee on Rules in its meeting held on Sept. 26, 2017 and the House of Representatives Plenary on November 27, 2018 to the Committee on Natural Resources

Sponsors: Representatives Abellanos and Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 1050), re H.B. No. 8817, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

recommending its approval, in lieu of Committee Report No. 383 re: House Bill No. 5301 on the same subject matter which was recommitted by the Committee on Rules in its meeting held on Sept. 26, 2017 and the House of Representatives Plenary on November 27, 2018 to the Committee on Natural Resources

Sponsors: Representatives Abellanos and Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1051), re H.B. No. 8818, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LOON AND BALILIHAN, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5044

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.) and Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1052), re H.B. No. 8821, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOAC, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BOAC TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6071

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.) and Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Order and Safety, the Committee on Games and Amusements and the Committee on Tourism (Committee Report No. 1053), re: Motu proprio inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the circumstances of the attack on Resorts World Manila that occurred on Friday, June 2, 2017

informing the House of their findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Acop, Tambunting and Nuñez-Malanyaon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for his question of personal and collective privilege.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Chair recognizes Representative Garbin for his question of privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. GARBIN

REP. GARBIN. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, my dear colleagues and friends, good afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege in solemn mourning over the loss of a colleague and a dear friend. AKO BICOL Party-List will always be identified with Cong. Rodel M. Batocabe, the energetic and outspoken Gentleman from Daraga, Albay; the son of a public school teacher who strove hard to succeed; and the lawyer from UP who worked part-time as a congressional staff while in law school and later on, became a legislator who championed advocacies on the environment and for the disabled, the bullied, and the senior citizens.

Last December 22, 2018, Cong. Rodel, along with his police escort, SPO1 Orlando Diaz, was abruptly and unjustly taken away from us by several masked gunmen. Cong. Rodel was doing his usual round of gift-giving for senior citizens and persons with disability in Barangay Burgos in Daraga. The gunmen, who are now under police custody, had the audacity to execute their evil act in broad daylight, in front of numerous witnesses.

Cong. Rodel may be gone, but I know his legacy will live on. To those of us who loved him, the pain of his passing will be long endured. We will certainly miss “Batocs,” as we fondly call him, for his infectious laughter and boisterous character. Being my senior in AKO BICOL Party-List, Cong. Rodel naturally assumed the role of mentor and guide as we started our service in Congress way back in 2010. He was the most optimistic among the three Representatives of AKO BICOL. He was also the most active during our campaign sorties and engagements, but he allowed each of us to have equal exposure. His words were, “We are all representing AKO BICOL, and AKO BICOL will be better represented by all of us.” Behind his easy-going and carefree attitude, Cong. Rodel was always seriously thinking of ways to advance AKO BICOL programs and advocacies through legislation. Once, during an outreach program, he whispered to me, “Dole-out projects can only do so much, legislation is the key!”

Mr. Speaker, perhaps Congressman Rodel’s deep sense of public service made him an easy target for his killers. He did not mind going to remote areas with little or no security personnel. He jokingly dismissed reminders and warnings from friends by saying, “Patay kung patay, basta makapagserbisyo.” Such was Congressman Rodel’s dedication to public service. He chose to go first to his constituents to give gifts before celebrating the anniversary of his wedding on that fateful day of December 22. I cannot imagine the

pain and devastation his wife, Gertie, felt having lost her most beloved on the day they were supposed to be celebrating their anniversary.

For his friends and relatives, a welcome consolation to the pain of losing Rodel is the swift resolution of the murder. In this regard, Mr. Speaker, we commend the efforts of the Philippine National Police, especially PNP Chief Oscar Albayalde, the CIDG as well as the local Daraga Police, and the Provincial Police Office headed by Colonel Escueta. Thanks to their efforts, Congressman Rodel and SPO1 Orlando Diaz's double murder was not relegated to the growing number of unsolved killings in the country. We commend the excellent police work that caught the perpetrators to answer for their crime. Even then, we continue to urge the authorities to be relentless in their pursuit of closing this case and we hope that they will immediately arrest the mastermind tagged by the suspects themselves, the incumbent mayor of Daraga.

Additionally, we hope that this is the last incident of politically-motivated killings in our country. There is simply no place for senseless killing with impunity in the democratic process of election. Let the informed electorate give their mandate to the deserving candidate. We join the call to put an end to private armed groups through dismantling and confiscation of loose firearms. Through these measures, we will be honoring Congressman Rodel and all other public servants who lost their lives while trying to render service to the public.

Thank you and good afternoon to all of you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Garbin to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I now move that we open the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Leopoldo N. Bataoil of the Second District of Pangasinan to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil of the Second District of Pangasinan is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BATAOIL

REP. BATAOIL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today on a matter, hopefully, of general interest to us as lawmakers. I rise to the call of the Latin maxim, "*Omnia quaecumque lex loquitur; aliter, at non omne.*" The law applies to all; otherwise, none at all. This time-honored precept has been the immutable keystone of countries that have come under the enduring sway of Roman law. Our former colonizer, Spain, was one. From Spain, it had become a part of our heritage. In recent days, it has come to fore, although under contrasting and tragic circumstances, through two noteworthy and well-publicized events.

The first incident was the politically-motivated murder on December 22, 2018, in Daraga, Albay, of our dear colleague, the late Cong. Rodel Masigan Batocabe of the AKO BICOL Party-List. Felled with him in the line of duty during the rain of an assassin's bullets was SPO1 Orlando Diaz. In record time, the Philippine National Police, under the able leadership of Police Director General Oscar David Albayalde, with superb teamwork among the PNP Special Investigation Task Force Batocabe, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, and Police Regional Office V have solved the case.

Six prime suspects and a key witness are now under police custody, including the confessed gunman who fired the fatal shots that took the lives of Representative Batocabe and SPO2 Orlando Diaz. The mastermind and his criminal cohorts now face preliminary investigation. No doubt, success was achieved not only because of the dedication of high-ranking police officers but also of the rank-and-file men and women in uniform, all of whom, in the performance of their sworn duty, have been trained and oriented to put their lives on the line such as SPO2 Diaz.

With us today are non-officers of the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Fire Protection and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology and some officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. They come from the noble profession of the military and the police, and they too risk their lives so that others may live. Now and here, I put on record my commendation and admiration, and my pride to all of them present here today in this hall of justice and those out there who are risking their lives for our countrymen and for our beloved country.

The second incident was on December 26, 2018 in Guimbal, Iloilo when PO3 Federico Macaya Jr. of the

Guimbal Police Station was kicked, slapped and hit with fist blows, and even spat on, while handcuffed and defenseless and held at gunpoint. The perpetrator was reportedly a distinguished Member of our House. PO3 Macaya was lucky to escape with his life despite the gunshot fired in the air, thankfully not finding its mark. My heart bleeds for PO3 Macaya and many others who, like him, are all but nameless men and women in uniform quietly serving and even dying, albeit some of them sometimes are subjected as well to assault, disrespect and abuse by persons in high offices, the so-called mighty and powerful.

I apologize if my words here today will ruffle some feathers. That is not my intention, my dear colleagues. I merely wish to remind us all that, as the Latin maxim I earlier recalled decrees, "The law applies to all; otherwise, none at all." I agree with PNP Director-General Oscar David Albayalde that this incident must not be allowed to pass without justice, and that PO3 Macaya must be provided appropriate legal assistance in pursuing his criminal complaint for charges arising from the incident and in defending himself against possible counter-charges.

While Members of Congress are known to come to the defense of a beleaguered colleague, this tradition must have its limits. I have risen today for PO3 Macaya and many others like him. This is not only the House of Representatives, this is also the House of the People. It is and will always be for those who have no voice or for those whose sentiments are hardly heard in our venerable halls.

In a few months' time, I shall be singing my swan song as a legislator. I have added nine years from my time here, to the more than 30 years of dedicated service to our country and people as a man in uniform, na kabilang sa hanay ng ating tapat at magigiting na kapulisan at ng men in uniform, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines. It has been my honor to serve with the PNP. It has been my honor to serve the people of my district in Pangasinan, and it has been my honor to serve with you, my dear colleagues.

Maraming salamat po at mabuhay tayong lahat. *(Applause)*

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, to interpellate the Honorable Bataoil, may we recognize the Hon. Gary C. Alejano from the MAGDALO Party-List.

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

Rep. Gary C. Alejano from MAGDALO Party-List is hereby recognized.

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Magandang hapon po sa ating lahat. I just would like to ask whether the Gentleman from the Second District of Pangasinan, the Honorable Bataoil, Sir, is willing to answer some few questions and clarifications.

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, willfully.

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you very much, Honorable Bataoil, Sir.

I would like to express my appreciation with regard to the speech of the Honorable Bataoil and of course, my greetings to all officers and men of the Philippine National Police, not only to those who are present here today but to the entire organization of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police. I would like to thank them for their service to the country as they offer their lives to the Filipino people.

The Philippine National Police and this Representation from the MAGDALO may sometimes be at opposing ends on certain topics. Nevertheless, I recognize their role and importance as guardians of peace and order in our country. Hence, I, together with the Honorable Bataoil, Sir, and the Honorable Acop and the Honorable Espino and other Members of this Chamber, have worked on numerous measures that aim to preserve the PNP's integrity and improve their efficiency in the performance of their functions as protectors of the public safety and in upholding the rule of law.

Earlier this morning, I understand that both Houses of Congress met to discuss the provisions provided under House Bill No. 8628, which the Honorable Bataoil and myself principally authored, and its counterpart measure in the Senate which seeks to transfer the Philippine National Police Academy and the Philippine National Police Training Institute from the Philippine Public Safety College to the PNP which would hopefully strengthen the foundation of a highly efficient, effective and competent police force. I would like to confirm this from the Honorable Bataoil, Sir.

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. At exactly 12:30 p.m., noontime, in the meeting chaired by Senator Lacson and our Chairman of the Committee on Public Order and Safety, Cong. Romy Acop, we tackled the said Bill and we were able to agree and approve various provisions and now, it is taking its course, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, the Honorable Bataoil, Sir. With regard to Republic Act No. 8551, do you think, Sir, that we need to revisit such in order to amend the law, specifically the provision granting police power to local chief executives as it makes

members of the Philippine National Police answerable to government officials, rather than strengthening its independence, especially when it comes to, you know, abuses committed by a local chief executive to the members of the PNP?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. I personally believe that such measure will take its course, likewise, because this has been the continuing clamor of men in uniform—for them to be led, to be governed, to be administered by the Chief PNP. There had been House bills relative to this measure that were filed in the previous Congresses. I remember one House bill which I also sponsored but sad to say, up to this date, it has not undergone due process, Your Honor, Sir.

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, the Honorable Bataoil, Sir. I understand that it has been five decades already that we have been battling the insurgency problem in our country. I also understand that peace and order is the responsibility of the local chief executive. Dapat sa lokal po iyon ng peace and order. Ang tanong ngayon, why is it na pagkatapos po ng limang dekada ay mayroon pa ring rebelyon sa ating bansa? Ang aking tanong po, have you heard that some local government officials are supporting the New People's Army and even paying revolutionary taxes and for the permit to campaign? Kasi po, the Honorable Bataoil, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, ang hirap pong lumaban sa ganitong laban na kung saan ay gobyerno rin po ang sumusuporta indirectly sa kalaban ng estado. What is your comment on this, the Honorable Bataoil, Sir?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor, it is really sad to know that some of our elected officials are supportive of the cause of the enemies of the state. I myself, when I was the Provincial Director of Negros Occidental, then I became the Provincial Director in my own province of Pangasinan and thereafter, as Regional Director of Region I, and then later on as NCRPO, I have been persistently receiving reports about some local officials, especially during the campaign period, receiving and providing support in whatever way to the so-called enemies of the state, Your Honor.

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you very much, General Bataoil, Sir, and Mr. Speaker. Naitanong ko po iyan dahil iyong seguridad ng ating bansa, iyong peace and order ay hindi po lamang responsibility ng pulis at ng ating militar. Responsibilidad po nating lahat iyan. Mayroon pong mindset na parang excused ang lahat ng ahensiya ng gobyerno pagdating sa seguridad at bahala na ang Philippine National Police and the military. I would like to state that the PNP and the Armed Forces can only do so much, at kahit ano pong gagawin

nila pero kapag ang lokal naman ho ay tumutulong at sumusuporta sa mga rebelde o terorista, hindi po matatapos ang patayan sa kapwa Pilipino.

Kaya nga po, I think it is high time that we review the Local Government Code of 1991, that Republic Act No. 6975 and Republic Act No. 8551 para po, once and for all, maging aware ang ating ahensiya ng gobyerno at high government officials ng kanilang responsibility in the overall security picture of our country. Do you have any comment, Sir Pol Bataoil, Mr. Speaker?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor, for many years, that was the subject of peace and development seminars and workshops among local officials, government agencies both local and national, NGOs and the people of the Republic. In many instances, we actively participated in this forum because we recognize the fact that the military and the police, the uniformed personnel cannot solve this problem alone, but that it has to be a concerted effort, a teamwork, so that the causes of insurgency will be addressed and there will be no reason for this insurgency to exist. For example, what are the causes of insurgency? Your Honor, we always say it is poverty. Who should address poverty? Hindi ba, lahat tayo na mga elected officials; hindi ba, lahat tayong mga appointed officials? The military and the PNP, hindi nila province iyan, hindi nila concern iyan, but you will find out that they are very active in various activities addressing poverty. I was a director of Police Community Relations. Anong ginawa ko? So that the Philippine National Police will be brought closer to the people, we addressed various concerns like livelihood. Whatever livelihood na puwede naming i-provide doon sa mga localities, na kaya na i-provide ng ating PNP ay ginagawa namin po. That is one of the roles of the Police Community Relations, among many others like, for example, education. There are still many of our people who are illiterate and sad to say, in spite of the biggest budget allocated every year and thereafter when we deliberate on our Appropriations Bill, where it is always the DepEd, the education sector that has the biggest chunk of budget, there are still many of our kababayans, kabalians as we call them in Pangasinan, who are less educated. In this case, there are many more concerns like injustice, soft state and abuse of authority. So, that is it—poverty, illiteracy, injustice, abuse of authority and soft state. Soft state, ano ba ito? Ito ay iyong walang political will, walang guts to implement the law and other related matters, Your Honor, Sir.

REP. ALEJANO. Maraming salamat po, G. Bataoil, Sir. In relation to that, ako po rin ay dating sundalo and I experienced that sa field. Ginawa na po nating doctor, teacher, construction worker ang ating military at police, at ang mga ito ang nagtatanggal mula sa kanila

sa kanilang primary mandate, na sana ay ginagawa ito ng mga ahensiya ng gobyerno. That is why I agree that it should be a whole-of-nation approach, at hindi lamang po ng PNP, hindi lamang po ng military. Kaya doon din po nanggagaling ang Representante na ito, when I say na hindi sa lahat ng problema ang kasagutan ay patayan, hindi lahat ng problema ay militar ang solusyon o military operation lamang.

Dito po nanggagaling tayo noong tayo ay nag-oppose sa extension of martial law dahil huwag ho sana tayong pumasok sa sitwasyon kung saan naranasan na po natin iyan in the past and it did not work. What we want is for all agencies of government to really function as they should para hindi ma-overburden ang ating militar at ang ating PNP at magawa po nila ang kanilang mandato po, the Honorable Bataoil, Sir.

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor. I understand that this present administration under President Rodrigo Duterte is working on that one whole-of-nation approach, one government approach, and it is the right direction, it is the right solution involving everyone, not only the private, not only the government, but everyone that has a say in improving the lives of our people on the ground, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, the Honorable Bataoil, Sir, Mr. Speaker. Sa akin po ay kailangan maging holistic at hindi lamang ang militar at ang pulis ang magiging nasa forefront ng peace and security.

Now, the Honorable Bataoil, Sir, in relation to Republic Act No. 6975, nailagay po doon, noong naipasa ang batas na ito, na iyong insurgency problem ng ating bansa should be with the Philippine National Police. Pagkatapos po ng ilang taon, in fact, from 1992 hanggang 1998 ay nagpasa po ulit tayo ng Republic Act No. 8551 at ibinalik ang primary responsibility sa ating Armed Forces when it comes to internal security operations. Now, in relation to this, hindi ba dapat ho ma-capacitate natin ang ating Philippine National Police para sa gayon, ang ating Armed Forces would be able to shift from internal security operations to external defense? Iyon po ang dahilan na, for the longest time, ay natali po ang ating Armed Forces sa internal issues at napabayaan po natin ang ating external defense and that is the reason butas-butis po ang ating bansa, dahil napakahaba po ng coastline ng ating bansa, around 36,000 kilometers ang hindi po natin mabantayan at andito na po iyong panghihimasok at pag-aagaw ng bansang Tsina ng mga isla natin.

So, the Honorable Bataoil, Sir, would you support a measure that will finally support the Philippine National Police into shifting, you know, to become the primary unit responsible for our internal security operations? Of course, we have to capacitate them, we have to support them so that finally, the Armed

Forces of the Philippines would be able to focus on our external defense.

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, I fully agree with that. In fact, tingnan ninyo na lamang ang Departamento na kinalalagyan ng Philippine National Police, hindi po ba ito ang Department of the Interior and Local Government? Therefore, dapat ito iyong puwersa, ito iyong kamay na dapat gamitin ng DILG upang i-address iyong internal security matters. Tama rin po kayo na dapat i-capacitate natin. Sa ngayon, sa set-up ng Philippine National Police, mayroon pong PNP Special Action Force at iyong PNP Special Action Force, kumbaga, ay masasabi natin na, ang ipi-peg nito at saka iyong mga tauhan nito, tama sa training at tama rin sa equipment, although there is still room for improvement. On the ground, sa regional at saka sa provincial, mayroon po iyong Regional Mobile Group at Provincial Mobile Group at ang mga ito po ay iyong puwersa naman ng Regional Commander or Regional Director at saka ng Provincial Director na i-address ang insurgency, pero tama rin kayo na kinakailangan suportahan natin ng todo-todo ang mga ito kung gusto natin na maging effective sila sa kanilang counter-insurgency operations.

REP. ALEJANO. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker, Sir Pol Bataoil. Mr. Speaker, while I understand that natatali po ang ating Philippine National Police sa Republic Act No. 8551, kung saan sila po ay support lamang sa internal security operations, mas maganda po na ma-amyendahan ang batas na iyan para mayroong kaakibat na suporta at pondo para sa ating Philippine National Police, at ang ating Armed Forces of the Philippines ay hindi natatali doon sa probisyon ng batas na iyan na makapag-shift finally mula sa internal security operations to external defense operations.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Bataoil, Sir, habang naiintindihan po natin ang kabayanihan ng ating mga sundalo at pulis na tinaya ang buhay nila para sa paglilingkod sa ating mga kababayan, hindi rin po lingid sa atin na mayroon ding umaabuso sa kanilang puwesto o sa kanilang panunungkulan. Mayroong debate ho kung ano ba ang disciplinary measures o iyong justice system na puwedeng i-implement within the Philippine National Police para sa gayon, kung gumawa man po sila ng labag sa batas, hindi po ito makakasira doon sa karamihan na gustong magsilbi sa bayan. Ano po ang tingin ninyo dito? Ano po ang puwede nating gawin upang magkaroon po ng effective na disiplina sa hanay ng ating kapulisan?

REP. BATAOIL. Magandang tanong po iyon, Mr. Speaker. Mahabang usapin po ito doon sa PNP Modernization Bill na ating ipinasa pero hanggang

ngayon ay kasalukuyan pa ring pinag-uusapan kung papaano ma-strengthen iyong internal discipline ng ating Philippine National Police. Ang magandang balita po, iyong Internal Affairs Service ng PNP, based on its performance in their previous reports which they have submitted to us, ang acceptance rating ng taumbayan sa kanila ay umaangat. Sana po, kung ang hiling ng karamihan ay maging independent na organisasyon o ahensiya ang Philippine National Police upang hindi maging subservient so to speak, iyon pong iba-ibang inputs na galing sa iba-ibang sektor, pinag-aaralan po ang mga iyan ng ating Committee on Public Order and Safety, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ALEJANO. In fact, Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Bataoil, Sir, itong paglilipat ng Philippine National Police Academy sa Philippine National Police ay isang hakbang upang makita natin kung sino ba talaga ang may responsibilidad sa paghubog ng disiplina ng ating PNP. Right now, this training institution is still under the Philippine Public Safety College. Kapag nailipat po natin, and I hope mapipirmahan ito para maging batas, diretso na po nating masingil ang liderato ng PNP kung mayroon mang kapalakan sa kanilang pagsasanay at sa disiplina ng ating Philippine National Police.

Mr. Speaker, ako po ay natutuwa na mayroong mga hakbang na magpapatibay sa disiplina ng ating Philippine National Police, and at the same time, ang pag-recognize ng kanilang sakripisyo sa ating bayan, but also at the same time, hindi po dapat tayo pipigil o tumigil sa paghanap ng kaparaanan upang ang ating kapulisan ay gagawa ng tama at naayon sa ating Konstitusyon, rather than cutting short the process kung saan ay masisira po ang ating institusyon at magiging panganib sa buong estado ng demokrasya sa ating bansa.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker, and to the Honorable Bataoil, Sir, for your privilege speech and at the same time, for his service also to this august Chamber as a Member of this Seventeenth Congress. Good luck po sa inyong bagong career.

Maraming salamat po.

REP. BATAOIL. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, before we continue with the interpellation by our Members, may I move

that we suspend first the Privilege Hour and call the roll of Members.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). 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. 42, dated January 14, 2019.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 206 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 206 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNALS

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journals No. 40 and 41 dated December 11, 2018 and December 12, 2018, respectively, copies of which have been distributed to the Members.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 8637 AND S.B. NO. 1997

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8637 and Senate Bill No. 1997.

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

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

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

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

** See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8637, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE REGIONAL INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATING HUB OF CENTRAL LUZON AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR; and Senate Bill No. 1997, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE REGIONAL INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATING HUB OF CENTRAL LUZON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

REP. PALMA. Likewise, Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, may we know the ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, we would like to manifest the real number of Members on the floor who answered the roll call. We want to be honest. We always want an accurate count. We are not questioning the quorum. We have a quorum with more than 160 Members on the floor, but it is not 206, malayo po iyon. Kapag hindi po natin pinuna ito, pupunta naman tayo sa make-believe, the fantasy of creating a quorum when there is none. We have a quorum, but it is not composed of 206 Members. We only have about 162 Members on the floor right now.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we note the manifestation of the Honorable Atienza.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). The manifestation is hereby noted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 8417 AND S.B. NO. 1439

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8417 and Senate Bill No. 1439.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). 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. 8417, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENERGY VIRTUAL ONE-STOP SHOP FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS OF ENERGY PROJECTS; and Senate Bill No. 1439, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENERGY VIRTUAL ONE-STOP SHOP FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS OF ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 8419 AND S.B. NO. 1397

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8419 and Senate Bill No. 1397.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
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. 8419, entitled: AN ACT PREVENTING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES THROUGH BIGGER NUMBER PLATES AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS; and Senate Bill No. 1397, entitled: AN ACT PREVENTING AND PENALIZING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES THROUGH READABLE PLATE NUMBERS AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE
CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO. 7376
AND S.B. NO. 1823

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 7376 and Senate Bill No. 1823, further strengthening the Office of the Solicitor General by increasing its powers and functions, namely: Reps. Doy C. Leachon, Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso, Henry S. Oaminal, Strike B. Revilla, Ron P. Salo, Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. and Anthony M. Bravo, PhD.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE
CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO. 8629
AND S.B. NO. 1531

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8629 and Senate Bill No. 1531, institutionalizing an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program, namely: Reps. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta, Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Reynaldo V. Umali and Orestes T. Salon.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, before we continue with the interpellation, may we acknowledge the presence of the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Fire Protection and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology who are present in the gallery. They are the guests of the Hon. Leopoldo N. Bataoil.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
May the guests of the Honorable Bataoil please stand to be recognized: the members of the PNP, BJMP and BFP. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)
The Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR
Continuation

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I now move that we continue with the Privilege Hour. May we recognize the Hon. Leopoldo Bataoil for the interpellation on his privilege speech and to continue with the interpellation, the Hon. Romeo M. Acop of the Second District of Antipolo City.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Hon. Romeo Acop is recognized.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I know if my esteemed colleague from the Second District of Pangasinan would be willing to accept some clarificatory questions?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor, my pleasure.

REP. ACOP. May I know if my esteemed colleague would know what profession, o ano ang profession na iyong mga miyembro nito ay nagpapakamatay para sa kanilang mga kliyente?

REP. BATAOIL. Of course, obviously, Your Honor, they are the police and the military and all the uniformed personnel. Many of them are here today in this august hall and some of them are out there in the countryside and risking their lives so that others may live, Your Honor.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker. May I know if my esteemed colleague from Pangasinan would know the definition of “dignity”?

REP. BATAOIL. Dignity, Your Honor, I can easily check on the Internet but tagalugin ko na lang po, Your Honor, para maintindihan ng lahat. Ang “dignity” ay karangalan o dangal na inherent sa isang tao, sa isang mamamayan, sa isang indibidwal, Your Honor.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. From the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, it is defined as “the quality or state of being worthy, honored or esteemed.” From the *Oxford Dictionary*, it is “a state or quality of being worthy of honor or respect.” From the *Cambridge Dictionary*, it is “the importance and value that a person has that makes other people respect them or that makes him respect himself.” Would you agree to these definitions?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor, I fully agree.

REP. ACOP. Now, may I ask my esteemed colleague, Mr. Speaker, whether a certain PO3 Macaya of the Guimbal Police Station has dignity?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor, definitely. PO3 Macaya has dignity just like any other individual Filipino citizen.

REP. ACOP. Regardless of rank or title, regardless of color, regardless of race, regardless of religion, each and every Filipino has his dignity.

REP. BATAOIL. Yes.

REP. ACOP. Would you agree to that?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor. I believe that a person, at the time of his birth, that individual already has dignity on his own, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ACOP. Would you know of a legal basis that would support your answer that each and every Filipino or individual would have dignity?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor. I think, I believe that it is enshrined in our Constitution, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ACOP. Yes, I agree with you, Your Honor. Under Article II on the Declaration of Principles and State Policies, Section 11 states: “The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights.” Tama po?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor.

REP. ACOP. Also, in Republic Act No. 6713, under Section 4, Norms of Conduct of Public Officials and Employees, under paragraph (c) thereof, it states:

Public officials and employees shall remain true to the people at all times. They must act with justness and sincerity and shall not discriminate against anyone, especially the poor and the underprivileged. They shall at all times respect the rights of others, and shall refrain from doing acts contrary to law, good morals, good customs, public policy, public order, public safety and public interest.

These two laws – one, the Constitution, and the other, Republic Act No. 6713, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, would say that each and every individual Filipino in our country would have dignity worthy of respect. Tama po ba iyon?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor.

REP. ACOP. Therefore, PO3 Macaya should have been afforded the respect that is proper or appropriate to him?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ACOP. Thank you. May I ask, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, what is your concept of respect?

REP. BATAOIL. Mr. Speaker, my concept of respect accorded to an individual transcends any level of society. Whether he is poor, whether he is rich, whether he is in the government, whether he is in private, in whatever profession he may belong to, Your Honor, that individual must be given due respect. Even the criminals, even the convicted ones, these individuals must be given due respect.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. For the information of everybody, in the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, as a noun, it is defined as “high or special regard or quality or state of being esteemed.” As a verb, “to consider worthy of high regard.” The other dictionaries have basically the same definition insofar as the term “respect” is concerned.

Now, may I ask, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, whether the third lowest rank, PO3 Macaya in the Philippine National Police, is worthy of respect?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, definitely. As I have said, any individual, whether he belongs to the government or not, whatever rank he wears, whether he is a PO1, PO2 or PO3 or the highest-ranking PNP official, must be given due respect.

REP. ACOP. It is reported, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, that when the incident happened, PO3 Macaya was in full uniform of the Philippine National Police. Is that true?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor, based on the report.

REP. ACOP. Yes, and would you agree, if we do not or somebody does not respect the individual, we must also respect the uniform that he wears?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, because that particular individual wears the uniform which represents a noble profession and the institution of the Philippine National Police.

REP. ACOP. Would you also agree with me, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, that if legislators do not respect the uniform or the individual wearing that uniform, would you expect that ordinary people will respect the police or the members of the police force?

REP. BATAOIL. Mr. Speaker, who else will respect these people in uniform if we ourselves will not do that?

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Your Honor. May I know what is your concept of abuse of authority?

REP. BATAOIL. Mr. Speaker, in my 33 years of service as a policeman, that particular provision of law, for us to be very judicious in the application of our power and duties and responsibilities, we must never abuse it; we must be fair to all concerned. Mr. Speaker, along that line, I hope that I have specifically answered our dear colleague.

REP. ACOP. The official definition of “abuse

of authority” is the improper use of authority by someone who has that authority because he or she holds a public office. What is your concept of the term “oppression”?

REP. BATAOIL. May I ask for a clarification, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ACOP. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, may I ask what is your concept of “oppression”?

REP. BATAOIL. “Oppression,” Mr. Speaker, is very much similar to abuse of authority. When you disgrace a particular individual and impose on him unjust and unlawful actions that, to me, is in itself an act of oppression, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Your Honor. The legal definition of “oppression,” according to a Supreme Court ruling, in *Ochate vs. Deling*, is “an act of cruelty, severity, unlawful exaction, domination and excessive use of authority.” May I ask the honorable Representative of the Second District of Pangasinan whether there was abuse of authority and oppression in the event that happened on December 26, 2018 in Guimbal, Iloilo?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Your Honor, this is being investigated properly by the authorities—that particular case of abuse of authority—and we respect whatever disposition or whatever judgment these particular agencies of the government will decide and impose, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker. You mentioned in your speech that the PNP is not without its faults. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker? In your speech, you mentioned that the PNP is not without its faults.

REP. BATAOIL. The PNP...

REP. ACOP. May mga kakulangan din sa PNP.

REP. BATAOIL. Of course, Mr. Speaker. The PNP is not a perfect organization. It is just like any other organization in the country and in the world, but the PNP is trying its best to transform itself into a better institution so that we can all be proud of it. In fact, there is this ongoing transformation program that they are implementing, and they are employing the services of experts from the outside so that these people will be able to give inputs on how the PNP can well be appreciated by the people they serve, and how they can be effective in their mandate of protecting this country and the people, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

REP. ACOP. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, does a PNP member, who is allegedly at fault, deserve the kind of treatment he received in Guimbal?

REP. BATAOIL. Mr. Speaker, the people themselves will say what transpired thereat and what should have been done. Mr. Speaker, I need not elaborate.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. Are there any rules that could have been applied to him as a purportedly erring member of the PNP? Are there rules in the Philippine National Police which could have been resorted to in order to discipline that erring PNP member if he committed such acts?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Mr. Speaker. There are established rules and regulations, and what should have been done is that the subject official should have reported it to the authorities. The Chief of Police is there, the Provincial Director can easily be contacted, the Regional Director can easily be summoned if he wanted to. What happened was the other way around and I was hoping that if, indeed, PO3 Macaya committed some improper actions in the handling of the case, he should have been reported to his superior or senior officers and even to the Internal Affairs Service so that it can watch over the actions of these officers, so that if their actions are not proper, then they can report these to the higher authorities. I believe that is the proper thing to do, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. As a public official yourself, do you agree that the act of assaulting another person, much more a man in uniform, would constitute a failure to observe the standards of professional conduct for public officials?

REP. BATAOIL. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker. I asked these questions to our esteemed colleague to be some sort of a reminder to those people who occupy positions of power and influence, that each and every individual or each and every Filipino is granted that kind of dignity which is supposed to be protected by law. As it is, sometimes, because of reasons beyond our control, we violate these laws. I hope this serves as a reminder.

Thank you, Your Honor, for answering candidly the questions that I have propounded, and thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the privilege of having had the opportunity to interpellate my esteemed colleague. Maraming salamat po. *(Applause)*

REP. BATAOIL. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, there being no other Member who wishes to interpellate, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Leopoldo Bataoil and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Jose "Lito" L. Atienza Jr. of BUHAY Party-List to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Rep. Lito L. Atienza Jr. of BUHAY Party-List is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ATIENZA

REP. ATIENZA. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Majority Floor Leader. I would like to be given the chance to deliver a personal and collective privilege, on the very nature of a personal and collective privilege, a very important issue now raging in our land. We are talking about the Catholic Church, the church where about 80 percent of our people and 80 percent of our Members belong to. Nais ko pong pansinin at ibigay sa ating talata ang nangyayari ngayon, na bago ito ay lumala pa, tumulong tayo na ito ay maapuhap.

Mr. Speaker, the President is someone who has been appointed and mandated by God. Iyon po ang paniniwala ng mga Katoliko, na ang sinumang nahahalal na Pangulo ay pinili ng Panginoong Diyos. Sa ganyang klaseng pananaw, noong nanalo po si Pangulong Duterte, isa na po ang inyong lingkod na tumanggap ng liderato na ibinibigay niya sa atin. At this point in time, I would like to stress that we continue to support the President in his efforts to give the Filipinos a better life and a more prosperous nation. Sinuportahan natin ang kanyang pagsisikap na labanan ang droga at harapin ang problema ng droga na kung saan ang pusher at ang user ay parehong napaparusahan. Ang mga pulitikong nasa likod ng mga pusher na ito ay hulihin at parusahan din.

The campaign against drugs has gone a long way in instilling in the minds of our people, embedded in our minds and our hearts, that the drug problem is

everybody's problem. On that score, we agree with him. Tinulungan po natin siya sa kanyang mga panukala na bigyan natin ng pansin ang ating militar, bigyan natin ng tamang suweldo ang kapulisan. Lahat po iyan ay pinagsikapan natin. (*Applause*) May idadagdag pa ho ako. Sinuportahan natin ang ating kapulisan noong sila ay nagsalita na hindi nila puwedeng tanggapin iyong mga bahay-kalapati na ibinigay sa kanila ng dating administrasyon. Our policemen and our military men deserve better housing and on that score, we are with them, and the whole Congress, I am sure, is supportive of the President's decision. (*Applause*)

Marami pa po tayong dapat ayusin at tayo po naman ay handang sumunod at tumulong sa lahat ng paraan. Ang hindi ko lang maintindihan, Mr. Speaker, bakit kailangang ang Simbahang Katoliko ay palagian na lamang nalalagay sa sentro ng hindi tamang pananaw? Our President had been quoted many times cursing God, even calling our God names, which words do not belong to the mouth of a leader. Alam po ninyo, Mr. Speaker, nakakabahala kapagka nakita at narinig ninyo sa radyo at telebisyon ang ganyang uri ng pagkawalan ng respeto sa ating Panginoong Diyos.

Ako po ay lumaki bilang isang mag-aaral na kung saan ang ating Pangulo ay nag-aral din, sa Ateneo. Kami po ay nagsanay at tinuruan ng wasto sa pamamagitan ng ating pananampalatayang Katoliko. Bakit kailangang ang ating Pangulo ay magkaroon ng ganoong uri ng katayuan kung saan itinuturing niya ang Katoliko, ang Simbahan, ay mali at siya lang ang tama? Why is he insulting even our faith? Sabihin ninyo na walang katotohanan ang buhay ng ating mga santo at ang ating mga martir at ang mga Katolikong nagpakamatay sa kanilang pananampalataya ay hindi po tama. Sabihin ninyo na ang ating mga obispo ay dapat patayin. Bakit po naman ganon? We are creating a climate of fear and a climate of death, a culture of death which does not belong to our time.

The President is a man of political will. We respect him for that. The President is a man who is committed to uplift the lives of the Filipinos. We are with him on that, but we cannot even countenance a smile on our face whenever we hear him insulting our faith. And there is one thing that binds the Filipinos together. If there is one element, why we keep on being the happiest men on earth—alam po ba ninyo na ang Pilipino ay itinuturing na pinakamaligayang tao sa balat ng lupa sa mga pagsusuri ng mga dalubhasa? Sapagkat mayroon tayong tinatanaw na Panginoong Diyos. Mayroon tayong itinuturing na tanggulan ng katotohanan at ng ating pananampalatayang nagmumula sa Panginoong Hesukristo.

Sino po ba ang nagtatag ng Simbahang Katoliko? Ito po ba ay si Juan Dela Cruz? Ito po ba ay isang pangkaraniwang pari o obispo? Hindi po. Ang nagtatag ng ating Simbahan ay ang Panginoong Hesukristo at ito

ay itinatag sa bato, it was founded on rock, at ang sabi nga ng ating Panginoon, mananatili ang Simbahang ito sa balat ng lupa sa habang panahon hanggang mayroon pang panahon ng tao. The Church cannot be destroyed, Mr. Speaker. The Church cannot even be affected, Mr. Speaker. Many have attempted to destroy the faith, to destroy the Catholic Church and they all failed. I do not want President Duterte to fail. I want him to succeed in his administration. I want all of us to succeed in our common efforts to give the Filipinos a better life, but to keep on picking on the Catholic Church, this will not make him succeed.

I am scared of the future. Nakatatakot po na ang ating hinaharap at ng ating Pangulong Duterte ay medyo may kadiliman. Hindi po nagtagumpay si Haring Herodes noong nais niyang patayin ang mga sanggol na ipinanganak noong ipinanganak si Kristo. Hindi po nagtagumpay ang mga hari at mga diktador na sirain ang Simbahang Katoliko. Hindi rin magtatagumpay si Pangulong Duterte kung ito ang pag-uukulan niya ng pansin.

Let us concentrate on what is good for the Filipinos. Let us concentrate and give our efforts to whatever will give us a better life, a better economy, a better peace and order. Let us give the policemen bigger houses, more salaries. Let us do all these so that we can claim these together as one government. But if you tell me that the solution lies in killing our priests, huwag naman. Mahirap po magpari. Mabuti at mayroon pang nagpapari sa ngayon. Kung sasabihin nating saktan ang mga obispo sapagkat sila ay nagnanakaw, bago po natin sang-ayunan iyon, sabihin natin iyong mga pulitikong nagnanakaw ang unahin natin because it is not fair to even look at the priests and the bishops whenever we talk about corruption. Nakikiisa tayo sa ating Pangulo na labanan ang korapsyon subalit huwag nating isentro sa Simbahang Katoliko. Marahil ay mayroong mga nangyayaring hindi tama sa Simbahan, katulad din po ng nangyayari sa maraming simbahan na hindi Katoliko, but we cannot condemn anyone on the basis of allegations. Kailangan mapatunayan ito at maparusahan kung sino man ang may sala.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity, although I am one of those who support the President when he is correct, I am also one of those who criticize the President when he is wrong. Ang loyalty ko po ay nasa ating Pangulo subalit hindi ko siya masasamahan sa kanyang direksiyon na alipustahin, maliitin, insultuhin at ibigay ang pataw ng pananakit at kamatayan sa mga pari ng ating Simbahan. We have to correct this. We have to voice this out ourselves. We have to register our collective voices that we do not condone this kind of government attitude, especially these words coming from the President no less. Kailangan po nating pag-usapan ito. Kailangan po nating punahin

ito at huwag naman sanang ikagalit ng ating Pangulo na si Lito Atienza ay tumatayo sa panig ng kanyang pananampalataya.

I believe in my faith and I will defend my faith. Kung anuman ang kahihinatnan ng aking pagtatanggol sa ating Simbahan, that is the same thing about Filipinos. Nakita po ninyo ang Nazareno, nakita po ninyo ang dalawang milyon at kalahating nananampalataya. Nakikita natin ito sa lahat ng dako kung saan mayroong pananampalataya ang Pilipino. Huwag nating sirain ito. Ito po ang paraan upang ang bansa natin ay maligtas sa sakuna, maligtas sa anumang problema at mabigyan natin ng mas magandang buhay ang Pilipino.

Tayong mga Miyembro ng Kongreso, kailangan po nating manindigan. Let us not support the continuing destruction of the foundations of the church. Whoever is doing this will not succeed. What will succeed in the end is the will of God, and we know very well who will win. Sa panahon pong ito, nais kong ilagay ng opisyal ang aking paninindigan. Nasabi ko sa inyo ang aking katapatan sa Pangulo, ang aking loyalty sa Pangulo, but I have to correct whatever he is doing. I do not want him to fall by the wayside as a failure. As St. Thomas More declared in his day of trial noong siya ay nililitis ng mga nagdedepensa sa hari nang ayaw niyang sumunod sa iligal na order, ang sabi po niya at uulitin ko po, "I am the king's loyal servant, but God's first." Iyon po ang aking paninindigan.

Salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate, I move that we refer the speech of the honorable Senior Minority Leader to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Majority Leader, the Hon. Rolando G. Andaya Jr. to deliver his question of privilege.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).

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

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. ANDAYA

REP. ANDAYA. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a question of personal and collective privilege. This issue involves not only this Representation's privilege but, likewise, the whole institution. We have been, shall we say, doing our level best in passing all the administrative measures endorsed by the President, more so, specifically, the centerpiece of his peace and order agenda, the Bangsamoro Organic Law.

Lost in all of these is the fact that we are about to hold the plebiscite on the Bangsamoro Organic Law come January 21 and February 6 but unfortunately, our beloved DBM Secretary has forgotten to include the amount of one billion pesos needed for the said plebiscite. He completely forgot about it. Had we listened to him and passed the budget without even looking at it, then we would have been part of that negligence. Secondly, the initial funding needed if and when the Bangsamoro Organic Law will be indeed approved, the initial amount of P40 billion has likewise been forgotten. It was not part of the submission of the DBM. Maybe he has other things in mind than the President's peace and order agenda. It could be his interest in the flood control scam, I do not know.

Likewise, on the last point, on his much-publicized and overly ambitious Cash Budgeting System which is now falling flat on its face, we are now in debt to various contractors and suppliers of the national government to a tune of P100 billion, payable last year which have not yet been settled as of today. I was informed that these amounts will be paid in the first quarter, meaning to say, your cash programming for the year is already off-tangent. With the extension of the 2018 budget as signed by the President, then your Cash Budgeting System is no longer in place. It has been effectively thrown away outside the window by our President. These three issues, we would like to further investigate and may I now move that they be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we continue with the Privilege Hour and extend the period of the Privilege Hour to 15 more minutes.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Before we continue, Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo and they are Public Administration students from the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Marikina, namely: Reymon Jethro Aguilar, Cindy L. Paz, Apple Joy Delos Reyes, Cherry Anne Lamarca, Justin Nicole Ordinario and Jose Maria Marquez.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May I ask the guests of Rep. Romero Quimbo to please stand and be recognized. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarin of the Party-List AKBAYAN.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Rep. Tom S. Villarin of AKBAYAN Party-List is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VILLARIN

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Majority Leader.

Mr. Speaker, last January 8, 2019, Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction Philippines, a South Korean shipbuilding company based in Subic, Zambales filed for bankruptcy, leaving some US\$412 million in outstanding loans with local banks in limbo. This also placed some 22,000 workers and their jobs in peril as well as losses to the local economy. A report claimed that the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation or RCBC, the state-owned Land Bank of the Philippines, Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company, the Bank of the Philippine Islands and the BDO UniBank are now working together to cover their combined loan exposures to the Korean conglomerate. These banks are among the top 10 banks in the country and the biggest lenders to business. Despite the pronouncement of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas that its impact on the banking system is negligible, stock prices of the three listed banks fell in the wake of the news. The shares of RCBC suffered the steepest blow as it dropped by 9.12 percent on Friday, while Metrobank and BPI stock prices went down to as much as 4.76 percent and 4.62 percent, respectively. The BDO shares, though, remained steady from the initial shock, having the least exposure among the Hanjin lenders.

The lenders are said to be working to take control of Hanjin’s property in Zambales with assets estimated

at \$1.6 billion. On instinct, these lending banks would rather sell off the assets of the debtor to immediately recoup their loans and limit exposure rather than undertake corporate rehabilitation which might not be to the best interest of banks. They would rather have all the assets up for grabs.

Amid the noise of this biggest default in the country’s banking history, our workers have to be prioritized in terms of severance packages and providing them with alternative jobs. In the mad rush to liquify assets, our workers might end up empty-handed and doubly victimized with loss of jobs and benefits. Even in December last year, Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, close to 7,000 workers were laid off by the Hanjin Shipbuilding Corporation. Aside from the issue of our workers, again, another looming threat is that we hear news that Chinese shipbuilding companies are keen on taking over the Hanjin shipyard located in a very strategic maritime and military facility. Subic Port was once home to the US Naval fleet which stationed its most advanced aircraft and ships in the region. Mr. Speaker, this default by Hanjin Philippines comes at a time when our country’s national security is at high risk because of Chinese incursions in our sovereign territory, especially in the West Philippine Sea. With these state-owned Chinese corporations taking over the Subic shipyard and nearby ports, it would leave us defenseless and highly vulnerable.

Mr. Speaker, this Hanjin default should be a wake-up call to this government to take seriously our national security. It is high time that our government undertook shipbuilding as a major national industrial policy linked to protecting our national security. As a maritime nation, the shipbuilding industry can be our comparative advantage. An inherent strength of the sector, which still needs to be fully taken advantage of, is the country’s strategic location to the shipping lanes of ocean-going vessels serving the Asia-Pacific Region. Such strategic location can be maximized by transforming it into a hub for ship repair or as a dry dock for ocean-going ships, including fishing vessels operating in international waters. For this inherently strategic strength to be realized, the country’s shipyards would need to be capable and competitive with neighboring foreign shipyards in servicing the dry docking and/or repair requirements of ocean-going ships.

Another strength of the sector is the readily available and easily trainable technical and skilled manpower for shipbuilding and ship repair works in the country. Many Filipino workers have inherent skills for shipyard-related jobs like welding, pipe fitting, molding, et cetera, including technical and engineering competence. With a comprehensive training program, a pool of skilled shipyard manpower can easily become a basic asset of the sector, not only for our local shipyard requirements but also for foreign-based shipyards. This

would then jumpstart our push for industrialization and job-creation.

Mr. Speaker, the shipbuilding industry refers to the sector involved in the construction, launching and outfitting of watercraft, while the ship repair industry deals with the overhaul, improvement, alteration and reconditioning of water vessels. The Philippines—take note, Mr. Speaker—now ranks no. 4 among the largest shipbuilding nations in the world, outpacing Europe. South Korea, China and Japan are respectively the first, second, and third shipbuilding nations worldwide. The arrival of foreign shipbuilders in the Philippines propelled the export growth of Philippine-made ships in the international market. Given the stimulus investment packages, which hopefully can be continued, the Philippine government can undertake joint ventures with other countries that pose no immediate threat to its sovereignty and national security. These countries can be the Nordic countries—Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and even other European nations. As these are also the countries to which we send our seafarers, this can serve also as a complementary undertaking.

The country's shipbuilding and ship repair sectors weave together and complement the maritime transport and shipping sector in an archipelagic country such as the Philippines. With a network of transport hubs and ships, these sectors can serve as the lifelines and linkages for the movement of cargoes, products, and people between and among the island-economies of the Philippines. It can likewise boost tourism with brand-new ships that are faster and more efficient. The safety and efficiency of domestic ships, however, will depend on the availability, capability and capacity of our ship repair industry to maintain the vessels' seaworthiness, especially for repairs and during a ship's dry-docking. Considering the age of most second-hand domestic ships, their repair and maintenance are basically dependent on the country's ship repair sector to comply with safety standards and requirements. On the other hand, the domestic demand for new ships, in line with the country's domestic shipping modernization efforts, would need to be catered to by a vibrant shipbuilding sector.

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, this Representation would call on our national government to do the following: 1. Ensure that our workers in Hanjin who are and will be affected by the Hanjin default are fully compensated, and their post-employment benefits secured; 2. Prioritize national security in shaping the future of Hanjin's properties in the Subic port area, a strategic location for maritime and military purposes; and 3. Examine the possibility and push for the national government to undertake shipbuilding as its cornerstone industrial policy.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues. Good day.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Villarín to the appropriate committee.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate of the Party-List BAYAN MUNA.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate of the Party-List BAYAN MUNA is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

G. Ispiker, sa pagkaantala ng pagpasa ng 2019 budget, ang mga karaniwang kawani ng pamahalaan ang isa sa higit na apektado at parang naiipit sa ngayon sa dalawang nag-uumpugang mga bato. Sa gitna ng patuloy na bangayan at bangga ng liderato ng Kamara at ng Department of Budget and Management na pinamumunuan ni Kalihim Benjamin Diokno, sinasabing hindi pa puwedeng maibigay ang ikaapat na tranche ng umento sa suweldo ng mga kawani ng pamahalaan na tinatadhana ng Executive Order No. 201. Matagal nang inaantay ng mga karaniwang kawani ang kahit na kakarampot na umentong ito para mapaglabanan lamang kahit papaano ang papamahal pa ring presyo ng mga batayang bilingin na itinulak ng dagdag na mga buwis at mataas na inflation nitong nakaraang taon. Ayon kay Kalihim Diokno, hindi maaaring itaas ang suweldo hanggang at hindi raw naaaprubahan ang 2019 budget dahil requirement daw ng Executive Order na magkaroon ng GAA bago itaas ang mga suweldong ito.

G. Ispiker, ito ay malaking kabalintunaan at tahasang paglililang sa ating mga kawani, lalo na at higit ang mga ordinaryong kawani ng pamahalaan. Sa katotohanan, G. Ispiker, ang pagkaantala ng 2019 budget ay hindi makakaapekto sa paglalabas ng pondo para sa umento sa suweldo ng ating mga kawani. Dagdag pa, maaari ding kumuha ng—sa sumusobrang pondo mula sa Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund or MPBF na pinapayagan naman ng batas na pagkukunan ng umento sa suweldo ng ating mga kawani. Maaari ding magpasa ang Kongreso kung kinakailangan ng supplemental

budget kung hindi nga maipasa o maaantala ang 2019 budget. Malinaw na naantala, G. Ispiker, ang 2019 budget dahil sa pagkalantad ng mga maanomalyang items na napaloob sa panukalang 2019 budget. Ito ay ang mga nasa katawagang “insertions,” “augmentations” o sa madaling sabi ay “pork barrel” na umaabot sa bilyon-bilyon samantalang ganoong kalaking halaga rin ang nakakaltas o tinatangal sa mga budget ng mga pangunahing serbisyo gaya ng kalusugan, pabahay, at iba pa. Sa ginagawang ito ng DBM at ni Kalihim Diokno, lumalabas na hindi alintana ng pamahalaang Duterte ang pagkakaantalang ito, na kung tutuusin ay mumo lamang umento sa suweldo, para matiyak lamang na mapunta ang bilyon-bilyong halaga ng mga proyekto ng pamahalaan sa mga pinapaborang kontraktor na siyang daluyan ng matinding korapsyon.

Ang matindi pa, G. Ispiker, habang umaasta ang pamahalaang Duterte na nakatali ang kamay nito sa pagbibigay ng mumong umento sa suweldo ng mga kawani ay wala namang makakapigil o hindi nito pinigilan ang implementasyon ng ikalawang round ng pagtaas ng excise taxes sa fuel na magdudulot ng pagsirit ng presyo ng mga pangunahing bilihan. Sa katunayan, bukas, ay mararamdaman ng ating mamamayan ang implementasyon ng “one-time, big time” na pagtaas ng presyo sa ating produktong petrolyo. Sadyang manhid na nga ang pamahalaang ito sa kapakanan ng maliliit na kawani. Ang isang regular na kawani, G. Ispiker, sa national government agency na nasa pinakamababang salary grade ay kumikita lamang o sumisuweldo lamang sa kasalukuyan ng P10,510. Samantala, ang regular na kawani naman sa isang sixth-class municipality na nasa pinakamababang salary grade ay sumisuweldo lamang ng P6,382 kada buwan. Lubhang napakalayo nito, G. Ispiker, sa buwanang kinakailangang gastos ng isang pamilya na nagkakahalaga, ayon sa sa isang pag-aaral, ng P35,250.

Hindi lamang umento sa suweldo sa katunayan ang naapektuhan ng pagkaantala ng 2019 budget. Sa ibang ulat na natanggap ng aking opisina ay nagdulot din ito ng tanggapan sa mga ahensiya katulad ng Department of Public Works and Highways. Sa Tacloban City alone, G. Ispiker, mahigit 3,786 contractuals at job order workers na kawani ng DPWH ay hindi na pinagre-report sa trabaho nila simula nitong January 1, 2019 dahil sa kakulangan ng pondo. At para pahupain ang galit ng mga kawani bunsod ng pagkakaantala ng umento ng suweldo ay buong pagmamayabang na inaanunsyo nitong nakaraan ni Kalihim Diokno na pinag-aaralan na raw ng DBM ang panibagong umento sa suweldo ng mga kawani ng pamahalaan para sa taong 2020 hanggang 2022. Inatasan daw niya ang Governance Commission for Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations na kumontrata na ng isang independent firm para pag-aralan daw ang istruktura ng pasahod sa kawani ng pamahalaan kumpara sa mga katumbas nito

sa mga manggagawa sa pribadong sektor. Ang gastos para sa nasabing pag-aaral ay kukunin naman sa 2019 budget ng GCG.

Ang tanong ngayon, G. Ispiker, bakit kailangang kumuha pa ng isang research team at magbayad para dito? Bakit hindi na lamang doblehin ang suweldo ng mga kawani ng pamahalaan katulad ng ginawa ng Duterte Administration sa suweldo ng ating mga kapulisan at militar kahit na wala nga ito sa 2018 budget? Bakit walang political will ang administrasyong ito pagdating sa usapin para maibsan ang paghihirap ng mga kawani ng pamahalaan? Pagkakagastusan na naman ang isang research team na, sa aking tingin, ay wala namang ibang gagawin kundi duktorin at manipulahin ang mga datos para bigyang katuwiran ang napakaliit o mumong umento sa suweldo, sa halip na kilalanin at gawing batayan sa pagtatakda ng makabuluhang umento sa sahod ang buwanang halaga ng gastusin or cost of living para mabuhay ng disente ang isang pamilya ng ordinaryong kawani ng pamahalaan.

Sa gitna ng walang habas na pagtaas ng mga pangunahing bilihan na mismong mga patakaran ng gobyerno ang nagpapasahol, mas lalong higit, Mr. Speaker, na magbuklod tayo, magbuklod ang mga kawani para ipaglaban ang pagkakaroon ng isang pambansang minimum wage or national minimum wage na P16,000 buwanang suweldo, sa halip na mga pakitang-taong mumong pagtaas ng suweldo na ibinibigay ng pamahalaan. Naniniwala tayo na sa pamamagitan ng isang national minimum wage na sistema ay maitatama ang hindi makataong pagkakaiba-iba ng mga sahod sa parehong salary grade level, lalo na sa mga kawaning nagtatrabaho sa mga mababang klaseng munisipyo at sa mga kontraktwal. Kasabay nito, G. Ispiker, tayo ay patuloy na nananawagan din sa ating mga kasamahan na ipaglaban din ang usapin ng regularisasyon ng lahat ng mga kawaning kontraktwal upang mabigyang seguridad ang kanilang trabaho at makamit ang mga benepisyong tinatamasa ng mga regular na kawani. Gayundin, kailangan sama-sama din nating biguin ang tumitinding panunupil at atake sa karapatan ng mga unyonista at aktibistang nasa unahan ng laban para sa pagkamit ng nakabubuhay na sahod at seguridad sa trabaho.

G. Ispiker, nasa pagkakaisa ang lakas. Nasa samamang pagkilos ang tagumpay. Ipinapanawagan po natin muli ang national minimum wage na P16,000 buwanang sahod ng mga kawani ng pamahalaan. Ipaglaban ang regularisasyon ng mga kawaning kontraktwal.

Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker,.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, there being no

interpellators, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Zarate to the appropriate committee.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we extend the Privilege Hour for another five minutes and allow Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago of the Party-List KABATAAN to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Rep. Sarah Jane Elago of the Party-List KABATAAN is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ELAGO

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise on the task and prospects of the Filipino youth for the year 2019. First, on free public education at all levels following the landmark victory of the youth and students with the new law on free education mandating the provision of free undergraduate education on public universities and colleges: we support the youth's resounding call for the institution of free public education at all levels. We believe that this can be achieved by pursuing concrete steps which include a stop in tuition increases, the junking of all other school fees, allotting greater state funding for education and scrapping of unsound policies that led to the spiraling costs of education.

We support the call for the reorientation of our education system towards being nationalist and scientific rather than serving as a money-making scheme or venture and as a tool to fuel the global need for cheap labor. Democratic rights in schools and campuses must also be upheld.

Next, on decent jobs for the youth and the people. We are one with the youth in calling for an end to contractualization, harassment of trade unions, labor expert policy and other policies inimical to the labor sector. We are one with the labor sector in calling for the institution of a national minimum wage. Mr. Speaker, we commit to implementing a concrete national industrialization program that could generate decent jobs and finally end the spiraling unemployment, job mismatch and underemployment in the country.

Meanwhile, on genuine agrarian reform, Mr. Speaker, we recognize the urgent need to implement a genuine agrarian reform. We also pledge to exert all

efforts to develop and modernize the agriculture sector in a way that would benefit farmers and tillers the most. We condemn and call to stop the killings of peasants and agrarian reform beneficiaries.

Then, on just and lasting peace, we are united on the belief that the pursuit of just and lasting peace is of primordial importance. We support the calls for the resumption of peace talks between the national government and all internal conflict groups. We commit to exerting all efforts to ensure that justice will be served for all victims of human rights violations and putting an end to the culture of impunity that thrives in the country. We also call for the unequivocal release of political prisoners whose continued incarceration had become one of the main barriers in the continuation of peace negotiations.

On improvement of health care and all social services, Mr. Speaker, we stand hand in hand with the youth in the belief that social services such as health, housing, and public transportation, should be given top priority by providing greater state funding, rather than privatizing these services. On better Internet, we continue to pledge our support to the promotion and improvement of telecommunications technology in the country. The passage of the youth's principally authored law on Free Public Internet Access is indeed a significant step forward. We will also keep in mind that legislation for the internet should expand, rather than restrict the relative freedom we enjoy online. On environmental preservation, we commit the crafting of strong legislation that would not only protect the environment. but also put an end to an unabated plunder of our lands and seas by foreign companies and big businesses.

On the matter of good governance and youth empowerment, the Filipino youth commits to ensuring that there is greater democratic space for people's participation in the conduct of the country's affairs, along with unrestrained access to government information, through the enactment of a Freedom Information Law. We are one with the Filipino youth in strengthening the fight against systemic corruption that has emptied the public coffers of our nation and realizing the role of the youth in national development. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, we commit to upholding our national and economic sovereignty. We pledge to support the fight to uphold our national sovereignty amidst all brewing international conflicts. We also stand firm in the belief that patriotism involves serving our people and not the whims and orders of foreign hegemonic powers.

Napakaraming mga napagtagumpayan na mga laban ng mga kabataan sa nakaraang taon na 2018, at napakarami pang mga dapat na maipagpatuloy at mapagtagumpayan sa taong 2019. Taos-puso ang pasasalamat ng kabataan sa ating mga colleague, sa ating mga kapwa Mambabatas dito sa Seventeenth

Congress, sa pagsuporta at pakikiisa lalo na sa ngayon. Sa pagtutulungan sa harap ng hirap, gutom at sakuna, ang suporta at pakikiisa ng mamamayang Pilipino ay ang pinakamabisang pananggalang.

Ngayong taong 2019 ang mga hamon sa pagharap ng mga pagsubok, tiyak ang pagsulong sa darating na January 18, magkakaroon ng pambansang aksyon para sa edukasyon. Hindi pa natatapos ang 2019 national budget, hinahamon natin ang Senado na pigilan ang napakalaking kaltas-pondo sa lahat ng state universities and colleges, bagkus, dapat pang dagdagan ng signipikante ang pondo para sa mga pampublikong pamantasan at kolehiyo upang makapagpalawig sila ng access para sa mga pinaka nangangailangan dahil napakarami pang hindi nakakaabot at nakakatapos ng kolehiyo. Gayundin sa darating na February 7 na Araw ng Mga Kabataan at Solidarity Day para sa tatlong bagay, Mr. Speaker, sa karapatan, sa kapayapaan at sa hustisya. Taglayin natin ang pagkakaisa sa taong 2019 at sa pagharap sa patuloy na pakikibaka kasama ang sambayanang Pilipino. Ito po ang hugot o ang pagkukunan ng lakas at pag-asa ng mga kabataan hanggang sa tagumpay.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat sa pakiisa ng kabataan at sambayanang Pilipino. Magandang araw sa lahat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, there being no interpellator, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Elago to the appropriate committee.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, the last Member to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. France L. Castro of the Party-List ACT TEACHERS. I move that we recognize the Hon. France Castro.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). Rep. France Castro of ACT TEACHERS Party-List is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASTRO (F.L.)

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Maraming salamat po, G. Ispiker.

Bilang dating guro at ngayon ay Kinatawan ng mga guro, gusto ko pong ibahagi ang kasalukuyang nangyayari

sa mga miyembro ng Alliance of Concerned Teachers at ang kanilang mga regional unions. Nagpalabas po ng memo ang Philippine National Police units nationwide na naglalayong ilita o i-inventory ang lahat ng mga miyembro ng ACT sa pribado at pampublikong sektor at tinawag nila itong: "Subject: Inventory of All Public/Private School Teachers who are Members or Aligned with the Alliance of Concerned Teachers." G. Ispiker, ang isinasagawa ng PNP na profiling sa mga lider-guro at miyembro ng ACT ay isang scare tactic ng administrasyong ito laban sa isang lehitimong organisasyong nagsusulong ng mga karapatan ng mamamayan at ng education sector. Sa loob ng mahigit na dalawang taon, napatunayan na nating sadyang allergic ang Pangulo at ang administrasyong ito sa kahit anong porma ng kritisismo at oposisyon sa kanilang mga anti-guro, anti-mahirap, anti-mamamayang mga polisiya.

Ano nga ba ang ACT? Bakit pinupuntirya ito ng administrasyong ito at hindi nagpapatupad sa salary increase at hindi nakikinig sa samu't saring panawagan ng kanyang mamamayan? ACT is the largest non-traditional organization of teachers, academic personnel and non-academic and non-teaching personnel in the country, with a long track record of militant teachers fighting for the teachers' rights and welfare such as decent salaries, humane working conditions and public sector unionism which is a historical fact and recognized not only here but in the international arena. In the public schools, ACT is the recognized and accredited trade union of public school teachers. There are 15 regional unions nationwide led by ACT representing teachers toward negotiating with the Department of Education for benefits and humane working conditions.

Ang isinasagawang profiling, police visits at pagkuha ng listahan ng mga kasapi ng isang lehitimong organisasyon at unyon ay walang ibang layunin kundi ang takutin ang mga guro at ang kanilang organisasyon. Lantad na lantad ang kapabayaang ng gobyerno sa sektor ng edukasyon at ang paglabag sa karapatan ng mga guro at kawani ng pamahalaan sa nakabubuhay na sahod. Sa halip na pakinggan ang ACT at ang mamamayan, tinangka ng administrasyong ito na patahimikin ang mga lider-guro at nilalabag ang kanilang mga batayang karapatan tulad ng privacy, kalayaan sa pamamahayag, right to self-organization, at right to assembly. Kung totoo mang may ginagawang iligal o criminal ang isang tao, dapat isailalim ang sinuman suspek sa due process at hindi sa paniniktik sa ganitong tokhang-style na modus operandi. Hindi mga kriminal at walang nilabag na batas ang ACT at ang mga guro natin kaya hindi sila dapat tiktikan o tratuhin ng ganito. Hindi kami mananahimik at patuloy kaming lalaban para sa karapatan. We stand with ACT in upholding our rights as we continue the fight for a better future for our teachers, students and the people.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. France Castro to the appropriate committee.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 172
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 172 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 172
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
With 203 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 172 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, point of correction, I

would like to apologize for failing to close the period of the Privilege Hour. I formally, therefore, move that we close the period of the Privilege Hour.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8719
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8719 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
With 204 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8719 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8733
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on

Third Reading on House Bill No. 8733 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8733
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8733 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8734
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8734 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8734 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF REP. OLIVAREZ TO THE
CONF. CTEE. ON H.B. NO. 8629
AND S.B. NO. 1531

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate Rep. Eric L. Olivarez as an additional member of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8629 and Senate Bill No. 1531, institutionalizing an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program, Mr. Speaker.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8741
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8741 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8741
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 208 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8741 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8784
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8784, and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8784
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 208 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8784 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8794
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8794 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 208 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8794 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8795
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8795 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8795
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 208 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8795 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8682
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8682 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 208 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8682 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8727
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8727 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8727, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTS TO PLANT TWO (2) TREES FOR EVERY CHILD BORN TO THEM.

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 208 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8727 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8728
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8728 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019 pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 208 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8728 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is approved.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8764
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8764 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 201 affirmative votes, seven negative votes and no abstention, House Bill No. 8764 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8785
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8785 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8785
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 208 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8785 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

AMENDMENT TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE
CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO. 7376
AND S.B. NO. 1823

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the designation of the members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 7376 and Senate Bill No. 1823 and amend its composition as follows: Reps. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso, Doy C. Leachon, Arthur C. Yap, Henry S. Oaminal, Strike B. Revilla, Ron P. Salo, Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. and Anthony M. Bravo, PhD.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8786
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8786 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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.”

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8786 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8791
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8791 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8791, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 202 affirmative votes, seven negative votes and no abstention, House Bill No. 8791 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF REP. PANCHO TO THE HRET

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we elect Rep. Gavini “Apol” C. Pancho as member of the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal vice the late Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8646
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8646 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8646 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8658
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8658 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 BLG. 129, OTHERWISE

KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8658 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8659
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8659 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8659 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8660
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8660 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8660 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8661
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8661 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8661 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8662
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8662 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8662 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8663
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8663 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8663 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8664
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8664 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8664 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8665
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8665 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 8665 is approved on Third
Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8666
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on
Third Reading on House Bill No. 8666 and direct the
Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and
call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to
the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

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 BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
“THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF
1980”, AS AMENDED.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the
Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The
result of the voting on Third Reading* on the aforesaid
measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January
14, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 8666 is approved on Third
Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8212
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on
Third Reading on House Bill No. 8212 and direct the
Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and
call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to
the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No.
8212, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING INTO AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO
BE KNOWN AS THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL-PIAS-GAANG CAMPUS IN
BARANGAY PIAS NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF
CURRIMAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AND
SEPARATING IT FROM ITS MOTHER SCHOOL,
THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY POBLACION 2, MUNICIPALITY OF
CURRIMAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE,
HEREINAFTER RENAMED THE WILBUR C. GO
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the
Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The
result of the voting on Third Reading* on the aforesaid
measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January
14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8212
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 8212 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8724
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Third Reading on House Bill No. 8724 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8724, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING BARANGAY KAPATAGAN LOCATED IN THE CITY OF DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8724
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8724 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8725
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8725 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8725, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE PASKUHAN VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA A NATIONAL TREASURE AND CULTURAL HERITAGE, AND A PROPERTY OF PUBLIC DOMAIN.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8725
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8725 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8726
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8726 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8726, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE ISLANDS OF NAGARAO, NABOCTOT, AND GUIN-AWAYAN, ALL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLACER, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, ESTABLISHING THE PLACER ECOTOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8726
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 8726 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8729
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on
Third Reading on House Bill No. 8729 and direct the
Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and
call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to
the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8729,
entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE MARINDUQUE
STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BOAC, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE INTO
A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS
THE MARINDUQUE STATE UNIVERSITY,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the
roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules
of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of
the voting on Third Reading* on the aforesaid measure
is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8729
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 8729 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8730
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on

Third Reading on House Bill No. 8730 and direct the
Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and
call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of
the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to
the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section
58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill
No. 8730, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE
CAMARINES SUR POLYTECHNIC COLLEGES IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF NABUA, PROVINCE OF
CAMARINES SUR INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY
TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC STATE
UNIVERSITY OF BICOL, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call
the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the
Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The
result of the voting on Third Reading* on the aforesaid
measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January
14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8730
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 8730 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8731
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on
Third Reading on House Bill No. 8731 and direct the
Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and
call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

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

the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8731, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMARAS STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUIMARAS STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8731
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8731 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8732
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8732 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8732, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE CARLOS HILADO MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BINALBAGAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CARLOS HILADO MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8732
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8732 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8735
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8735 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8735, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMP OFELIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LINTANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUCO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LINTANGAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8735
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8735 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8736
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8736 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8736, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CALUBE, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS CALUBE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8736
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8736 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8757
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8757 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8757, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE AREA ENCOMPASSING THE BARANGAYS OF DUMABEL, SAN LEONARDO, PINARIPAD NORTE, PALACIAN, LIGAYA, VILLA VENTURA, DIODOL AND PINARIPAD SUR, ALL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGLIPAY, PROVINCE OF QUIRINO, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE AUTHORITY OF THE FREEPORT AREA OF QUIRINO (AFAQ), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8757
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.). With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8757 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8762
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8762 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL.
House Bill No. 8762, entitled: AN ACT
COMMEMORATING THE PLEBISCITE
VICTORY ON THE CITYHOOD OF SAN
JOSE DEL MONTE WITH THE TANGLAWAN
FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ANNUALLY ON
SEPTEMBER 10 ON THE OCCASION OF
THE FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CITY OF
SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF
BULACAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9750.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8762
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez, F.).
With 209 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no
abstention, House Bill No. 8762 is hereby approved
on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Secretary
General be directed to transmit to the Senate all the bills
approved on Third Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn
the session until tomorrow, January 15, at three o'clock
in the afternoon.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The session is adjourned until January 15, 2019, at
three o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 6:30 p.m.