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RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:00 p.m., the session was resumed, with Deputy Speaker Frederick "Erick" F. Abueg presiding.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session. There is no agenda here.

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

It was 3:00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:02 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now proceed with the Additional Reference of Business. For this purpose, may we request that the Secretary General be directed to read the same.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House 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. 8831, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE BENEFICIARIES OF HOUSING PROGRAMS OF THE GOVERNMENT"

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8832, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING JOURNALISTS FROM ACTING AS ANTI-DRUG OPERATIONS WITNESSES AND AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10640, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN OF THE GOVERNMENT', AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002'"

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 8834, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO PETER PARSONS"

By Representative Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 8836, entitled:

"AN ACT TO EFFECTIVELY INSTILL HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH HEALTH WARNINGS ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PROHIBITING THE ADVERTISEMENT ON THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION THEREOF"

By Representatives Salo and Hernandez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2397, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINA CATRIONA ELISA MAGNAYON GRAY FOR WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS 67TH MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2398, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE RECENT BOMBING IN COTABATO CITY, EXTENDING SYMPATHIES TO THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND CALLING ON AUTHORITIES TO CONDUCT A SWIFT AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO THIS INCIDENT”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2399, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DELAYED DELIVERY OF CARGOES IN THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL (MICT) AND MANILA SOUTH HARBOR”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2400, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING ALL APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO SUSTAIN THE DISPENSATION OF JUSTICE FOR HON. RODEL M. BATOCABE FOLLOWING HIS MURDER ON DECEMBER 22, 2018”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2401, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF AKO BICOL PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE RODEL M. BATOCABE ON DECEMBER 22, 2018”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2402, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST

CONDOLENCES FOR THE PASSING OF MR. VICTOR ALMEDA CONSUNJI, PRESIDENT OF SEMIRARA MINING AND POWER CORPORATION, ON DECEMBER 28, 2018”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2403, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DATA PRIVACY CONTROVERSY INVOLVING THE LOSS OF PASSPORT INFORMATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS”

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

House Resolution No. 2404, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE MUSLIM PEOPLE, ALONG WITH CHRISTIANS, LUMADS, AND OTHER FAITH, TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE BANGSAMORO HOMELAND AS THE VOTERS PREPARE TO RATIFY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054 OR THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO”

By Representative Sema
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 2405, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED MASSIVE TRANSFERS OF EMPLOYEES TO AND FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF EASTERN SAMAR, PHILIPPINES, EFFECTED THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF DETAIL ORDERS ISSUED BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR OF EASTERN SAMAR MARCELO FERDINAND A. PICARDAL, IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF CIVIL SERVICE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND OTHER LAWS SUCH AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS (RA 7305), AND

OTHER LAWS, AND TO RECOMMEND
APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION”

By Representative Evardone
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2406, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING MS. CATRIONA ELISA
RAGAS MAGNAYON GRAY, A FILIPINA-
AUSTRALIAN MODEL WITH ROOTS
FROM OAS, ALBAY, PHILIPPINES FOR
BECOMING THE MISS UNIVERSE 2018”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2407, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
INCLUDE CALAMBA CITY IN THE LIST
OF IDENTIFIED CITY OPERATIONS FROM
LAGUNA UNDER DEPARTMENT ORDER
NO. 2018-025”

By Representative Chipeco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 2408, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE NATURE, STATUS
AND SECURITY OF INFORMATION OR
DATABASES GENERATED BY CONTRACTS
ENTERED INTO BY GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2409, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED
MASSIVE PASSPORT DATA BREACH AT
THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(DFA)”

By Representatives Brosas and De Jesus
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2410, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDUCTING AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS
OF THE CLEANUP DRIVE ON MANILA
BAY AND ALL TRIBUTARIES THAT

DISCHARGE WATER TO IT”

By Representatives Salo and Hernandez (P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2411, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND
CONGRATULATING THE SANTO NIÑO
DE TONDO PARISH FOR HAVING BEEN
DECLARED AS AN ARCHDIOCESAN
SHRINE OF SANTO NIÑO BY HIS
EMINENCE LUIS ANTONIO G. CARDINAL
TAGLE”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2412, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HOUSE
INVESTIGATION ON THE REPORTED
LOSS OF DATA OF PASSPORT APPLICANTS
AFTER TERMINATION OF CONTRACT
WITH THE PASSPORT PRODUCTION
CONTRACTOR”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2413, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDEMN
THE INTELLIGENCE MONITORING
OF MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE
OF CONCERNED TEACHERS BY THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, INTO THE SAME”

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

House Resolution No. 2414, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF
HONORABLE CARMELO F. LAZATIN,
FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST
DISTRICT OF PAMPANGA DURING THE
EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH, FOURTEENTH
AND FIFTEENTH CONGRESSES”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya
and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2415, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY
OF HONORABLE CARMENCITA O.

REYES, GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE AND FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF MARINDUQUE DURING THE EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH AND FOURTEENTH CONGRESSES”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2416, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE GILBERTO M. DUAVIT, SR., FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF RIZAL DURING THE NINTH, TENTH AND ELEVENTH CONGRESSES”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2417, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE DR. GEORGE T. HOFER, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THIRD DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR DURING THE ELEVENTH CONGRESS AND FORMER GOVERNOR OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2418, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE RODEL M. BATOCABE, REPRESENTATIVE OF AKO BICOL PARTY-LIST DURING THE FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSES”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated January 15, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on January 14, 2019, the Senate designated Senators Richard J. Gordon, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Sonny

Angara, Franklin M. Drilon and Win Gatchalian as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of 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”

and House Bill No. 7376, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL (OSG) BY INCREASING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND REDEFINING, EXPANDING, AND RATIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9417, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2327, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 1 AND 2, S. 1986, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated January 15, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on January 14, 2019, the Senate designated Senators Win Gatchalian, Loren Legarda, Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV, Risa Hontiveros, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito and Juan Miguel F. Zubiri as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1355, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING INNOVATION AS VITAL COMPONENT OF THE COUNTRY’S DEVELOPMENT POLICIES TO DRIVE INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 8715, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING INNOVATION AS VITAL COMPONENT OF THE COUNTRY’S DEVELOPMENT POLICIES TO DRIVE INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated 3 and 9 January 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, 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 BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-075 dated 6 November 2018;
 2. Memorandum No. M-2018-033 dated 7 November 2018;
 3. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-076 dated 8 November 2018;
 4. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-084 dated 20 December 2018;
 5. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-085 dated 27 December 2018;
 6. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-086 dated 27 December 2018;
 7. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-087 dated 4 December 2018;
 8. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-088 dated 18 December 2018;
 9. Memorandum No. M-2018-035 dated 26 December 2018;
 10. Memorandum No. M-2018-036 dated 27 December 2018;
 11. Memorandum No. M-2019-001 dated 3 January 2019;
 12. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-082 dated 3 December 2018;
 13. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-083 dated 21 December 2018; and
 14. Circular No. 1027 dated 28 December 2018.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 11 January 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with a duly certified and authenticated copy of BSP Circular Letter No. CL-2018-089 dated 22 November 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1058), re H.B. No. 8838, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE CITY OF MAASIN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAASIN CITY TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6778

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1059), re H.B. No. 8844, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF THE FISHERIES PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF FISHERIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5390

Sponsors: Representatives Mariño 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. 1060), re H.B. No. 8845, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE CITY OF SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-SAN JUAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8551

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1061), re H.B. No. 8846, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ALAMBRE, TORIL DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS ALAMBRE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 790
Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Zamora (M.C.) and Ungab
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1062), re H.B. No. 8847, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF THE STA. ROSA INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN BARANGAY STA. ROSA, MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF TARLAC, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS STA. ROSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6417
Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Zamora (M.C.) and Villanueva
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1063), re H.B. No. 8848, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO, JARO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS USWAG SAN ISIDRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8054
Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Zamora (M.C.) and Treñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1064), re H.B. No. 8149, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING TABUK CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-BANTAY EXTENSION IN BARANGAY BANTAY, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE TABUK CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BANTAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Zamora (M.C.) and Mangaoang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1065), re H.B. No. 8849, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ROMBLON PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CAJIDIOCAN IN SIBUYAN ISLAND, AND ODIONGAN IN TABLAS ISLAND, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6062
Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.) and Madrona
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1066), re H.B. No. 8850, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN BARANGAY MALABOG, PAQUIBATO DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE PAQUIBATO DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1562
Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.) and Garcia-Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1067), re H.B. No. 8851, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5819 and 5831
Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.) and Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1068), re H.B. No. 8852, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PALAWAN PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CORON, CUYO, ROXAS, SAN VICENTE, SOFRONIO ESPAÑOLA, AND QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6325
Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.) and Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1069), re H.B. No. 8854, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BUCARI AREA IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LEON AND ALIMODIAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BUCARIECOTOURISM COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5072
Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Zamora (M.C.) and Gorriceta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 42, dated January 14, 2019, and Journal No. 43, dated January 15, 2019.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, today being a Monday, and pursuant to our rules, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

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

The Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Lady from the Second District of Camarines Norte, the Hon. Marisol C. Panotes, be recognized for her privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Panotes is recognized for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. PANOTES

REP. PANOTES. Mr. Speaker, honorable Members of this august Chamber, Ladies and Gentlemen. I rise today to bring to the attention of this august Body the pitiful plight of the people in the Bicol region, especially in my home province and more particularly in the Second District of Camarines Norte, who were gravely devastated by the onslaught of tropical depression Usman.

On December 28, 2018, a natural calamity gripped the Bicol region, including the province of Camarines Norte. Tropical Depression Usman unleashed its fury in full force, dumping large volumes of rainfall that brought massive flooding in several towns in my province, submerging those underwater. Mudflows swept away scores of houses, forcing hundreds of people to troop to safer places. While my province was being ravaged by Usman, what we could do was watch and listen to media reports, frustrated and rendered powerless, because we could not do much under such natural calamity that happened in our midst.

My family was not so much affected by the catastrophe, yet, like all our colleagues here, who live outside the perimeter of the disaster area, I could feel the anguish and pain of countless Bicolanos, especially my constituents who have lost their homes, their precious possessions, their sources of livelihood and, more importantly, their loved ones.

In the morning after that fateful day, some centers of farming, fishery and commerce became stretches of deserted and desolate land. On the highways and local roads, we saw caravans of people, working animals and vehicles heading towards safer places. Some heavily damaged school buildings and houses, as well as river control projects that were destroyed and submerged in floodwaters were a common sight. From one town to another in my district, the scene of desolation was the same.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration or PAGASA warned that Tropical Depression Usman, with relatively low atmospheric pressure, would only bring cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms, and that the rest of Luzon would have improved weather, but there would be only isolated light rains. I am not here to judge the wisdom of the agencies concerned because natural disasters come when least expected. But who could ever forget tropical depression Usman, Mr. Speaker?

According to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council or NDRRMC, damage to agriculture reached P948 million and P3.3 billion to infrastructure in areas hit by Usman.

As of January 7, 2019, a death toll that reached 126, with 26 missing and 75 injured, had been reported in Regions IV-B, V and VIII. A total of 10,472 houses were damaged in the affected regions. In the Bicol region alone, at least 44 people had been reported dead and several others missing in floods and landslides, and 2,718 families were evacuated.

It has been almost one month after the December 2018 catastrophe, but the pain and anguish inflicted by Tropical Depression Usman lingers on. It is for this reason, Mr. Speaker, that I stand before you today to urge the government agencies concerned to rebuild the stricken areas and rehabilitate the lives of the dislocated people with extreme urgency, intensity and passion. After all, according to press reports, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, through Asst. Sec. Glenda Relova, assured the public that they have stockpiles and standby funds amounting to P1.3 billion which can readily be used to respond to emergency situations.

I understand the Department of Public Works and Highways also has the so-called “Quick Response Funds” to enable it to immediately respond to natural and man-made calamities. It is quite unfortunate, however, that until now, assistance to my constituents come in insufficient trickles, and donations fall short of expectation. Likewise, the DPWH has yet to start rebuilding damaged infrastructure.

At this juncture, I would like to commend our provincial and municipal government, and other kindhearted citizens for their timely distribution of relief goods to the families and to the evacuees, to temporarily appease their hunger. Mr. Speaker, as we face anew the difficult task of recovering and rebuilding from the devastation caused by tropical depression, we should revisit the lessons from the past and possibly re-learn the lessons we seem to never learn from. It is understandable that weather disturbances and other calamities apparently become an obstacle to our economic growth. It is for this reason that I would like this august Body, therefore, to revisit Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster

Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, to better help us prepare for calamities, if only to mitigate the damages and untoward sufferings of our people. The flooding brought about by typhoon Usman was the first that ever happened in my province, and the fear and anguish for another one coming is inevitable in the hearts and minds of my constituents. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the President for his commitment to use the multi-billion Road Users’ Tax for flood control projects in the Bicol region, which suffered severe flooding and landslides due to that tropical depression.

Finally, Mme. Speaker, let us remind concerned government agencies that it is our collective duty to extend every possible assistance to the victims of calamity. The private sector as well as the concerned good-hearted individuals are all more than willing to help, but I firmly believe that the bulk of assistance should always come from the government sector. Let us, therefore, ask for a more comprehensive reconstruction program, a program that will extend more assistance to areas depending on the magnitude of the damage and not based on the clout and influence of its leaders.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Hon. Marisol C. Panotes to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF H. RES. NO. 2104 AND THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ANDAYA

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we change the referral of House Resolution No. 2104 and the privilege speech delivered by Majority Leader Andaya on December 10, 2018, entitled: Investigation on the Legal Basis and Possible Effects of the Shift from an Obligation-Based to a Cash-Based Budgeting System as Proposed in the Fiscal Year 2019 National Budget, from the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Appropriations.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINATION OF REP. CASTRO (F.H.)
AS MAJORITY LEADER

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, Mr. Speaker. In the meantime, distinguished colleagues, for the past six months, one of my housekeeping duties was to read out the names of Chairmen and members of the Committees.

Today, I will nominate a colleague who will assume that task and the other responsibilities that go with that position, but in a manner better than I have done it.

In fact, he is not only my first choice, but is our best choice for that job as well. Before I expound on his many splended attributes, permit me to render my report card of the past half a year—so short a time but long in achievements to which your contributions were greater than mine, because despite the power, the post falsely conjures; for what is a Majority Leader, but a mere plenary traffic policeman, a timekeeper and a glorified attendance checker.

We have, as I have always likely put it, more than 250 prophets and only few disciples, and that is the Rules Committee. Whilst the Session Hall, which is the realm of the Rules Committee, may be seen as factory floor of laws, the true assembly lines lie elsewhere, in committee rooms where policies are hammered out by Members who quietly toil for months away, away from the glare of the TV cameras. So, when the bills arrive here in the Session Hall, they are more or less finished products, where the debates centering on the worthiness and the vetting focused on the weaknesses which might have been overseen. When the scrutiny is intense at the committee, the discussion here becomes ministerial. Whichever side of the aisle we sit, whatever wing of the political divide we have encamped, we should take pride as I do of the House's performance since July. Our output is prodigious as it is purposeful.

In 41 session days, before we adjourned for the Christmas break, we had processed about 1,361 bills and approved 492 measures of which 95 had been passed into law. Before the end of 2018, 39 bills were on the President's table for his signature, and many, in fact, have been signed during the holidays—20 bills had ratified bicameral reports; 25 on bicameral conference; 22 approved on Second Reading; plus 38 resolutions approved; and this year, we have, likewise, hit the ground running. Now, to keep up with the blistering pace set by our Speaker, we have set for ourselves, processing an average of 33 measures a day. If the volume is impressive, so the value and the virtues of each. Many were game-changers like the Universal Health Care Bill, the Bangsamoro Basic Law, the Security of Tenure Bill, the Utilization of the Coco Levy Bill, the National Land Use Bill, the Creation of the Department of Disaster Resilience Bill, the Rice Tariffication Bill, the Mining Taxes Bill, the Alcohol Taxes Bill, the Tobacco Taxes Bill, and many more.

There is one more unfinished business left and that is the passage of the 2019 National Budget.

Now, contrary to mongered fears, January 1 came to pass without a budget, but the sky did not fall and neither did the government collapse. We were confronted with two choices: rubber-stamping the passage of a greatly flawed budget on time or using more time to craft a better one purged of its inborn defects. If we choose the path of surrender and subservience, then such legislative haste would have surely led to budgetary waste. We cannot pass a budget marinated in flood-control funds or drowning in DBM-inserted infrastructure projects. The DPWH remains clueless about this. We cannot be casual or cavalier about the most important Bill the Constitution assigns us to pass annually. In fact, in our mandate to represent our people, the duty to appropriate funds for and in their behalf ranks among the highest. This is so because, to quote a wit, "worse than taxation without representation is taxation without appropriation."

The duty to appropriate tax payments falls on us. The division of labor, when it comes to appropriations, is that the Executive proposes and Congress disposes. This is the new field of assignment; this is the last crusade which I want to volunteer to for I truly believe that the place of honor is in the frontlines.

In the meantime, I would like to nominate my first, original choice as Majority Leader, the great but gentle Fred Castro of Capiz as the new Chairman of the Committee on Rules. He may have gone to the wrong law school but still I nominate this famed law professor, this feared trial litigator, this bemedaled sportsman, this veteran lawmaker whose sartorial style is as elegant as his oratory, as the Chairman of the Committee on Rules. He is a hard worker and fits the role for, above all, he rightly sees the position for what it really is—not about power nor perks, for there are none, but for the diligence and the diplomacy and the work it requires, of which there are many.

Congratulations, and I move that we nominate the Hon. Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro as Chairman of the Committee on Rules. *(Applause)*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, a short manifestation.

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

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). I am speechless on how to reciprocate the kindness of the Gentleman from

Bicol and an esteemed classmate, friend and Member of the House of Representatives, Rolando Andaya Jr. What I could only reciprocate, Mr. Speaker, is that, I will try my best to fit in his shoes. I will try my best to serve the House of Representatives within my humble capacity. What I could only reciprocate for the kindness, in words and in deeds, of the Gentleman from Bicol, Congressman Andaya, is to pledge that I will start from where he had left off, with the intention to accomplish what he could have accomplished had he continued to become the Majority Leader of this institution.

Mr. Speaker, that is all, and thank you very much.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of BAYAN MUNA Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, namely: Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Nakatatanda-Calumpit, Bulacan; Arayat Senior Citizens Association-Arayat, Pampanga; Bayan Muna Seniors-Payatas, San Pedro, Muntinlupa, Caloocan; COSE; Federation of Senior Citizens of Hagonoy, Bulacan; Unyon ng Manggagawang Agrikultura (UMA); Alliance of Senior Citizens of Valenzuela; Aksyon sa Pensyon Coalition (AKAP); Confederation of Older Pension Associations of the Philippines (COPAP); PILCAN; and PISAN.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The guests of the Honorable Zarate, welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF REP. PALMA AS MEMBER
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, at this point in time, I move to elect Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II as member of the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal vice Rep. Jose Carlos L. Cari.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate of the Party-List BAYAN MUNA for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Zarate is recognized for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

G. Ispiker, nitong nakaraang linggo lamang ay muling tumaas ang presyo ng mga produktong petrolyo. Kasabay ng pagtaas ng krudo sa mga pandaigdigang pamilihan, ipinatupad na ng mga kumpanya ng langis ang panibagong round ng buwis sa ilalim ng Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Law or TRAIN Law.

Ayon sa tala, higit P2 hanggang lampas sa P5 kada litro ang dagdag sa presyo ng mga produktong petrolyo. Dumagdag ang excise tax at value-added tax sa mas mataas na presyo ng ating inaangkat na krudo. Maaari pa itong tumaas sa katunayan sa mga susunod na buwan kaya tiyak nang magtataasan na naman, G. Ispiker, ang presyo ng mga bilihin at mga batayang bayarin. Lalo nang hindi magkakasya ang sahod at pensyon ng ating mga mamamayan. Kulang na kulang na, G. Ispiker, ang pensyon ng ating mga matatanda—ang ating mga older person or ang ating mga senior citizen.

Sa katunayan, nabalewala na ang pinagtagumpayang P1,000 SSS pension na pagtaas noong 2017 dahil sa pagtaas ng presyo ng mga bilihin at mga bayarin. At ang masama pa nito, G. Ispiker, at lubusang nakabibigat sa kalooban ng ating mga senior citizen ay nitong nakaraan, nag-anunsiyo ang Social Security System o SSS na hindi nito maibibigay ang ikalawang P1,000 dagdag na pensyon na dapat sana ay ibinigay na mula Enero 1 nitong kasalukuyang taon.

Kulang na mas lalo ang P500 kada buwan na social pension na tinatanggap ng ating mga nanay at tatay, lola at lolo. Hindi pa lahat na mga mahihirap na senior citizens ang nakatatanggap ng social pension dahil ayon sa Expanded Senior Citizens Law, tanging mga nakatatandang sakitin, nanghihina o yaong may mga kapansanan lamang at walang suporta sa pamilya ang sakop ng social pension.

Kahit na nga nagbigay ng P2,400 o P200 kada buwan ang gobyerno bilang subsidy sa mahihirap na mga senior citizen sa ilalim ng TRAIN Law, at kahit pa inalis ang value-added tax sa mga gamot laban sa hypertension, mataas na kolesterol at diabetes, hindi pa rin nito mapagtatakpan ang bigat at pasakit na dulot ng dagdag na buwis at mataas na presyo ng ating mga bilihin.

Ayon sa isang pag-aaral ng IBON Databank, nitong 2018, ang indibidwal na kumikita ng P10,000 kada buwan ay nawalan ng P352 kada buwan o katumbas ng P4,226 sa buong taon dahil sa inflation. Kung magkaganoon, paano pa mapagkakasya ng ating mga older person o senior citizen ang P500 kada buwan na social pension? Paano lalo na ang walang kita at walang pensyon?

G. Ispiker, 67 percent to 97 percent ng mga senior citizen ay mahihirap ayon na rin sa pag-aaral ng IBON Databank. Anim sa bawat sampung older

person ay walang natatanggap na kahit anumang klase ng pensyon. Ang mga lolo at mga lola na kabilang sa wala o kulang ang pensyon ay kabilang sa maraming mahihirap na pinakatinatamaan at lubusang pumapasan sa bigat ng implasyon at dagdag na buwis.

Ang ating mga older person, ang ating mga nanay, ating mga tatay, mga lolo at lola ay narito ngayon dito sa ating Kamara de Representantes. Sa kabila ng kanilang katandaan, bumiyahé at pumunta sila rito, nagtiis sa init ng araw kanina sa labas ng South gate, nagpunta sila rito para iparating sa atin, sa ating mga Mambabatas, sa ating kanilang mga Kinatawan ang mapait nilang dinaranas dahil sa kawalan o kakulangan ng pensyon kasabay ng bigat na mataas na presyo at dagdag na buwis. Narito sila, G. Ispiker, mga kasamahan ko sa Kamara, upang ipakita na doble-dobleng pahirap ang pagkakait ng pension increase habang tumataas ang presyo ng mga bilingin.

Muli't muli, sa usapin halimbawa ng SSS pension, tinatakot at hinahati ang pensioners at SSS members sa pagsasabi ng SSS na mababangkarote raw ito kapag ibinigay ang dagdag na P1,000 pensyon. Ganito na rin ang sinasabi, G. Ispiker, ng SSS noon pang 2011, noong unang ipinanukala ni dating BAYAN MUNA Rep. Neri Colmenares ang pagtaas ng pensyon.

G. Ispiker, maaaring mabawasan ang pondo ng SSS, totoo ito, pero hindi ito mababangkarote. Ang katotohanan niyan, G. Ispiker, ay walang social security system sa buong mundo ang nababangkarote dahil ang mga ito ay ginagarantiya ng kanilang pamahalaan o gobyerno. Sa katunayan, sa ating bansa, nakasaad mismo sa batas na sumasaklaw sa SSS o ang Republic Act No. 8282, na ginagarantiya ng gobyerno ang paggana ng SSS at ang paglalaan ng suportang pondo para rito. Kaya't mahalagang mailinaw ito, G. Ispiker, na hindi lamang dahil sa pagbibigay ng benepisyo nababawasan ang fund life ng Social Security System kundi dahil na rin sa collection inefficiency ng SSS, ganoon din sa pagkalugi nila sa kanilang investments at dahil sa mataas na gastusing administratibo nito.

Sa datos na tinipon ng dating Kinatawan Colmenares, nasasaad dito na sa 36.13 milyong miyembro ng SSS noong 2017, nakakolekta lamang ng kontribusyon ang SSS mula sa 15.1 million members. Sa isang pag-aaral din, sinasabi na nakakolekta lamang ang SSS ng kontribusyon mula sa 33.5 percent ng miyembro nito o halos 35 percent ng employers at 20 percent lamang ng mga self-employed.

Taun-taon, G. Ispiker, iniuulat ng Commission on Audit ang bilyun-bilyong hindi nakokolekta ng SSS sa delinquent employers. Nasa COA rin ang mga report na ito na nagsasabi ng nawaldas na pondo ng SSS dahil sa tinatawag na behest loans, ang patalong pagbili at pagbenta ng mga shares sa dating PCIB at Meralco shares noong year 2000. Samantala, umaabot naman sa P12 bilyon hanggang P14 bilyon kada taon

ang ginagastos nito sa operation mula 2016 at 2017, kaya't matatandaan, G. Ispiker, na noong 2013, nagalit ang publiko sa milyun-milyong bonus ng matataas na mga opisyal ng Social Security System. Kung pagbubutihin lamang ng SSS ang kanilang koleksyon at ang pag-invest sa pondo at babawasan nito ang gastusing administratibo, maaaring mapalaki pa ang pondo ng SSS, at kung hindi ito sasapat, ayon na rin sa itinatakda ng Republic Act No. 8282, nasa batas ang pagsuporta dapat ng pamahalaan.

Lalong nakabibigat, G. Ispiker, sa kalooban ng ating mga older person o mga senior citizen ang sinasabi ng mga ilang opisyal ng gobyerno na wala diumanong pondo para sa pagtaas naman ng kanilang social pension. Alam ng mga senior na hindi totoong walang pondo ang ating pamahalaan. Wala diumanong pondo para sa pensyon ng mga senior pero alam natin, G. Ispiker, halimbawa, na may P15 bilyong inilaan ang pamahalaan para sa mga malalaking kumpanya, mga dayuhang kumpanya sa ilalim ng Risk Management Fund. Wala diumanong pondo para sa social pension pero alam natin, G. Ispiker, na mayroong bilyun-bilyong pondong publiko na nawala lamang dahil sa mga pork barrel scam at iba pang mga katiwalian at mga proyektong hindi naman pinakikinabangan ng ating mga mamamayan.

Kaya, G. Ispiker, mga kasama ko sa Kamara, panahon nang tuparin ng pamahalaan ang sinasabi nitong malasakit sa mamamayan. Hindi pagmamalasakit sa ating mamamayan at sa ating mga older person ang panibagong dagdag na buwis na dala ng TRAIN. Hindi pagmamalasakit ang pagpapatagal o pagde-delay sa inaasahang dagdag P1,000 pensyon para sa ating mga SSS pensioner. Hindi pagmamalasakit ang pagbibigay ng kakarampot na P500 kada buwan na social pension para sa ating mga piling senior citizen.

G. Ispiker, hindi abuloy ang hinihingi ng ating mga lolo at lola, nanay at tatay, kundi pagsuporta at pagkilala sa kanilang dignidad. Usapin ito ng panlipunang hustisya, hindi ito usapin ng pagkaawa.

Kaya, G. Ispiker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, pakinggan natin at aksyunan ang panawagan ng ating mga senior. Bigyan natin ng kaunting alwan ang kanilang buhay upang kahit papaano ay mas maging makabuluhan ang mga susunod pang taon ng kanilang buhay. Ang kanilang panawagan sa kasalukuyan, G. Ispiker, ay itaas ang pensyon, ibasura ang dagdag na buwis.

Mga kapwa Mambabatas, mayroon tayong magagawa para magkaroon ng katuparan ang kahilingan ng ating mga nanay at tatay, ng ating mga lolo at lola. Nawa ay huwag natin silang biguin. Patuloy na titindig at kikilos ang ating mga senior citizen, ang ating mga older person, kasama ang iba pang mamamayan para isulong ang kapakanan at kagalingan ng mamamayan sa harap ng patuloy na paghihirap at pagdurusing nararanasan.

Bilang panghuli, G. Ispiker, gusto kong pagpugayan ang ating mga senior citizen na nandito ngayon sa ating gallery. *(Applause)*

Mabuhay ang mga older person. Mabuhay ang ating mga senior citizen.

Ipagtagumpay ang laban ng mga senior citizen para sa dagdag pensyon.

Maraming salamat at magandang hapon sa ating lahat. *(Applause)*

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. PIMENTEL. Okay. I move that we recognize BUHAY Party-List Representative Lito L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. If the Gentleman from BAYAN MUNA would accede, we would like to clarify certain matters to be of help to his good intention.

REP. ZARATE. Ikinagagalak po natin, G. Ispiker.

REP. ATIENZA. Salamat po.

Mr. Speaker, binanggit ng ating kagalang-galang na Kongresista Zarate na panahon na upang kilanlin at tulungan natin ang mga nakatatanda sa ating bansa, ang mga lolo at lola natin. Tayo na lang marahil ang isang bansa sa buong mundo na patuloy na nagbibigay-galang sa ating mga nakatatanda. Nagmamano pa tayong hanggang ngayon. Iyan ay ginintuang ugali ng Pilipino. Kaya napapanahon po itong panawagan ng ating kaibigan na kilalanin natin ang nagawa, ginagawa, at magagawa at maibibigay na tulong ng ating mga lolo at lola sa kung saan man naroroon ang bansang Pilipinas ngayon, na kung hindi dahil sa kanila at kung hindi nila ginampanan iyong kanilang tungkulin, hindi tayong makararating dito sa ating kinaroroonan ngayon. *(Applause)*

Sa lahat ng ating ibinibigay na tulong sa ating mga nakatatanda, sa lahat ng benepisyong tinataglay nila, sinasabi ba ninyong kulang pa ito at ito ay dapat dagdagan?

REP. ZARATE. Tama po ang sinabi ng ating kasama, Kinatawang Atienza, G. Ispiker. Ang P500

kada buwang pensyon po, kahit saan man natin tingnan, ay talagang hindi nakasasapat, at lalong higit na malaki ang ating responsibilidad na, bilang Mambabatas, dahil itinatakda ng kasalukuyang batas, ang Expanded Social Senior Citizens Act, na dapat sana noong naipasá ito, kada dalawang taon ay nirerepaso ito ng Kongreso o nirerepaso ito ng DSWD para magkaroon ng adjustment kung kinakailangan, at alam naman natin na dapat kada taon ay mayroong adjustment dahil tumataas din ang presyo ng bilihin kada taon. Pero mula nang maipasá ito, maitakda ito, walang pag-a-adjust na ginawa rito lalo na sa social pension. Kaya nasa ating mga kamay ngayon bilang mga Kongresista na harapin din ito at tugunan.

Gaya ng nabanggit ko ho kanina, ang P500 ay talagang kulang na kulang iyan. Sa kasalukuyan, hindi ho lahat ng mga older person o senior citizen ay nakatatanggap pa ng social pension dahil itinatakda rin ng batas na ang puwede lamang tumanggap ng social pension ay iyong tinatawag na indigent senior citizens, at ang pagka-define ho sa batas ng indigent senior citizens ay iyong senior citizens na mahihina o may sakit o disabled na walang tinatanggap na pensyon mula sa SSS o GSIS o tulong mula sa kanilang mga mahal sa buhay. Kaya mas naging limitado pa rin po, kahit na P500 na lang iyong tinatanggap, limitado ang nakatatanggap dahil doon sa requirement na itinatakda ng batas sa indigent senior citizens.

REP. ATIENZA. Tama po bang sabihin na ang ating mga nakatatanda ngayon, lolo at lola, ay dapat lang bigyan natin ng gantimpala, hindi lamang pagkilala kundi gantimpala sa kanilang naibigay sa ating lahat?

REP. ZARATE. Tama po. *(Applause)*

REP. ATIENZA. Hindi po ba magandang tanawin na kapag nakakita tayong isang matandang Pilipino na magpapakita ng kanyang ID ay kikilalanin siya ng establisimiyento at bibigyan siya ng diskuwento? Iyon po ay isang damdaming hindi natin mararamdaman kung hindi natin bibigyan ng pagpapasalamat ang ating mga nakatatanda.

REP. ZARATE. Tama po ang inyong tinuran, Mr. Speaker, ng ating Representante Atienza, dahil maliban sa ating natural na obligasyon iyan bilang mga mamamayan, nakatakda rin iyan sa ating Konstitusyon na dapat kalingain sila ng pamahalaan, kalingain ng society ang ating mga senior citizen, dahil noong kanilang kabataan, noong kanilang productive life ay napakalaki rin ang naiambag nila.

Gaya po ng naturan ninyo kanina, G. Ispiker, ang naiambag nila ay kung bakit naging ganito ang ating buhay ngayon, bakit naging ganito ang ating society ngayon. Dahil iyan sa naging pagkilos, sa naging

ambag ng ating mga malalakas na mga kabataan noon at ngayon nga ay tinatawag nating order persons. Kaya nararapat lamang na suklian natin ang kanilang ambag. Kalingain natin sila, lalo na at nasa ganitong estado na sila ng buhay.

REP. ATIENZA. Ang tinutukoy ko po, Mr. Speaker, ay dapat lang na ituring nating isang utang na loob ang ginawa ng mga nakatatanda ngayon noong panahon nila. Suklian, bayaran kung gusto ninyong tawaging bayaran, bayaran natin ang nagawa nila at hindi tayo dapat magtipid sapagkat iyong sinabi ninyong P1,000, P500—naaalala ko noong tinatalakay natin dito sa Kongreso iyon noong isang Kongreso, Seventeenth Congress, ...

REP. ZARATE. Sixteenth Congress.

REP. ATIENZA. ...and the same reason that we got from government is that we cannot afford it. The SSS might fold up. The government has no funds for that, and thank you for the Members of Congress then who insisted, who supported the proposal that we give them the P1,000 increase. Naaalala po ba ninyo iyon?

REP. ZARATE. Tama po. Naaalala po natin iyan dahil, overwhelmingly, ipinasá ng Sixteenth Congress ang panukalang batas na bigyan ng dagdag P2,000 pensyon ang ating mga SSS pensioners. Sa kasamaang palad nga lang po ay na-veto ito noong nakaraang administrasyon. Pero kung maaalala rin po ninyo, nitong Seventeenth Congress ay mabilisan nating naipasá ang refiled version ng SSS pension. Kaya nga nakiusap ang liderato ng SSS na kung puwede ay i-installment nila ang implementation noong dagdag na P2,000 pensyon. At pumayag naman po ang liderato ng Kamara. Kaya nga ang unang P1,000 dagdag pensyon ay in-implement nila noong January 1, 2017, at ang kanilang pangako na ang ikalawang installment ay pagsisikapang i-implement daw nila by January 1, 2019. Kaya po tayo ay nabahala dahil bago matapos ang taong 2018 ay nagpalabas na ng mga statement ang liderato ng SSS na hindi raw nila ii-implement ito by January 1, 2019, at ganoong kadahilanan din po ang sinabi nila sa atin kung ano ang sinabi nila noong Sixteenth Congress, G. Ispiker.

REP. ATIENZA. Sa madaling salita ay nakikini-kinita ninyo na ganoon na naman ang ating harapan—walang pera, maaapektuhan ang SSS. Maaaring kumolapso ang SSS kapagka ibinigay natin ang kailangan ng ating mga nakatatanda. Iyan ay dapat nating tanggapin na gagawin muli iyan. Hindi na bago iyan, at iyan naman ang kanilang kakantahin muli bilang sagot dito sa ating panawagan.

Sa katotohanan lang, kulang, talagang kulang ang kakayahan ng isang retiradong empleyado na wala na pong pagkakataong kumita ng salapi kung ang aasahan na lang niya ay ang kanyang pensyon. Kaya kailangan lang talagang ang Kongreso ay tumingin tuwi-tuwina, hindi minsan lang, tuwi-tuwina, upang malaman kung ano ang maitutulong pa natin, at ano ang kalagayan ng isang nakatatandang Pilipino.

Mayroon po tayong panukala, nandito po ang mga may-akda niyan, ang ating Kinatawan ng SENIOR CITIZENS, dalawa sila, na sinamahan nating bumuo ng National Senior Citizens Commission. Iyan po, hanggang ngayon, ay naka-pending. Maaari nating pagtulong-tulungan iyan upang maging isang tanggapan na nakabantay, nakatuon ang kanilang pansin sa kalagayan ng ating mga senior citizen, sapagkat kung hindi po natin sila tutulungan, wala na pong tutulong sa kanila.

Noong 1976, noong unang-unang isinigaw namin ang pangangailangan na tulong ng mga lolo at lola, pinagtawanan po ako ng maraming tao. Bakit daw ang isang batang-batang Lito Atienza ay matatanda ang pinoproblema? Iyong mga tumatawa sa akin noon, nawala na po sila. Sabi nila, madaling tatanda iyang si Lito Atienza kasi puro matatanda ang inaasikaso. Iyong mga nagsabi niyon, hindi na po tumanda, nawala na po.

Si Lito Atienza po, hindi tumanda hanggang ngayon. Akala ng marami ay batang-bata pa rin dahil ang tumutulong sa isang lolo at isang lola, at tumutulong sa walang kalaban-labang Pilipino ay pinagbibigyan ng kapalaran at ng Panginoong Diyos. Sinusuklian iyan ng mabuting kapalaran. Kaya ang ating mga Kasamahan, amin kayong inaanyayahan, pagtulong-tulungan natin ang pagbibigay ng wastong atensyon sa ating mga nakatatanda sapagkat hindi rin kayo tatanda sapagkat iyan ang gantimpala sa isang taong marunong tumingin sa kanyang pinanggalingan.

May kasabihan sa Pilipino, “Ang hindi tumingin sa kanyang pinanggalingan, hindi makararating sa paroroonan.” (*Applause*) Kaya tayong lahat ay dapat tumingin sa ating likuran. Tulungan natin ang ating mga Kinatawan ng SENIOR CITIZENS. Tulungan natin si Congressman Zarate na itong magandang hangarin niya ay maging isang batas upang mabigyan muli ng pansin ang mga lolo at lola natin. (*Applause*) It is not enough to say we have given them P1,000 or P500. Magkano po ba ang aabutin ng P500 ngayon? Pag nag-taxi kayo galing sa airport, pag-uwi ninyo ay P500 na po ang sisingilin noong taxi sa inyo. Ubos na iyong pensyon ninyo. Kaya iyon po ay isang malaking biro na maituturing natin. At sasabihin sa ating walang pera ang gobyerno. Hindi po totoo iyan, Congressman Zarate. (*Applause*) You and I know the truth. (*Applause*) We have billions of pesos, hundreds of billions of pesos lying idle because the administration people do not know how to spend good money.

Anong gagawin natin sa mga perang naiimbak, inaaprubahan ng Kongreso pero hindi nagagamit ng departamento? Iyong perang iyon, pag-usapan natin na iyon ang ibigay natin sa ating mga lolo at lola. Palagay ko, malaking tulong iyan. There are hundreds of billions of pesos in this budget that we have approved, and we have found out that there are hundreds of billions of pesos which were not touched in the old budget. Ang sagot sa atin ng mga departamento ay wala silang paraan para gastusin iyong perang inilaan sa kanila. Kung hindi ninyo magamit iyong pera, gamitin natin sa tamang paraan. Kailangan ng tulong ng mga lolo at lola. Bigyan natin sila ng tulong. Wala na pong dapat katanungan pa diyan.

Kaya at this point in time, we are appealing to our colleagues. Kami po ay humihingi sa inyo ng inyong pagbubukas ng damdamin. Huwag na tayong magdalawang-isip pa sa mga senior citizen na retirado ng SSS. Sila ay nagtrabaho, nagbayad ng buwis, sumunod sa batas, nag-alaga ng kanilang pamilya, at bumuhay ng ating ekonomiya, kaya dapat lang tulungan naman natin sila ngayon, Congressman. *(Applause)*

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat po sa ipinahayag ni Congressman Atienza na kanyang pagsuporta at panawagan sa ating mga kasamahan.

Tama po, hindi lang sa kadahilanang ako o tayo ay tatanda rin, kung hindi talagang ito ay obligasyon natin, obligasyon ng lipunan na kalingain ang ating mga senior citizen dahil sa naturan na rin nating mga kadahilanan kanina. At totoo po ang sinabi ninyo—hindi totoo na walang pondong puwedeng pagkunan ng dagdag pension. Nangangailangan lamang ito ng prioritization at ang pagbibigay po ng dagdag pensyon sa ating senior citizens is, in fact, a good investment. Kapag gumaan ang pasanin ng ating mga senior citizen ay pinagaan mo na rin ang pasanin ng kanilang mga anak, ng kanilang dependents. Magkakaroon ito ng domino effect; magiging produktibo ang kanilang mga anak dahil hindi sila nahihirapan na i-subsidize iyong pangangailangan ng ating mga senior citizen. Kaya, of course, tama po kayo. Gawin nating P1,000 ang social pension, that is not enough. Kaya ang panawagan din natin, maliban sa dagdagan ang social pension, i-prioritize ng ating pamahalaan ang iba pang social services.

Taun-taon po, dito sa ating budget, alam nating kinakaltasan, halimbawa, ang budget para sa mga pampublikong ospital na kung saan dito naman tumatakbo ang ating mga mahihirap na mamamayan. Kaya ang panawagan natin, ang social services ay dapat i-prioritize ng ating pamahalaan. Sa katunayan, mayroon lang tayong nag-iisang ospital para sa mga matatanda, at kulang-kulang, kulang na kulang at hindi sapat ang pondo para rito. So, kaisa rin po ninyo ang Kinatawang ito sa matagal nang ipinapanawagan ninyo,

1970s pa. Sabi po ninyo kanina, 1970s pa hanggang ngayon. Totoo pong hindi ho kayo tumatanda, pero ang ating panawagan hanggang ngayon ay relevant pa rin dahil napapanahon pa rin ang isyu ng dagdag pensyon, ang reporma sa sistema ng papensyon natin sa ating bansa, G. Ispiker.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, to close this interpellation, we would like to deeply appreciate the efforts of the Congressman of BAYAN MUNA to call the attention not only of Congress, but of the Filipinos in general, that we cannot wait, we cannot relent, and we cannot just sit back and relax. Well, the senior citizens are retirees. They have no more income and there is no way that they can generate any income. We should attend to them.

Huwag tayong manghinayang sa itutulong sa kanila. Ang bawat sentimo na pupunta sa isang retiradong Pilipino na tumulong naman sa pagtatatag ng ating Republika, ng ating gobyerno, at ng ating lipunan ay hindi po masasayang. Iyan po ay pagbibigay-daan sa pagbabayad ng isang utang na loob. Itinuturing nating dapat na utang na loob sa mga lolo at lola kung saan tayo naroroon ngayon. Hindi ito regalo kung hindi ito ay pagkilala. Hindi ito bonus kung hindi ito ay pagbabayad sa kinaukulan na dapat lang mapunta sa kanilang kamay. Kung hindi po, darating tayo sa panahong puro buwis ang ating pinag-uusapan dito. “Buwis, buwis, buwisit,” sabi ng mga taumbayan. Samantalang nakakakolekta po ng pera, hindi naman ginagamit nang tama. Tumataas ang mga presyo, pero wala po namang pambayad ang mga mamamayan. So, please, madaliin ninyo iyong inyong measure and I am sure iyong mga kasama natin ngayong hapon ay tutulong sa kani-kanilang paraan. Mayroon pong puso itong Kongresong ito. Iyon ang aking alam, iyon ang aking nakikita. Pagtutulong-tulungan nating maibigay ang kailangan ng ating mga lolo at lola tuwi-tuwina. Hindi po dapat tumigil ito. The benefits given to the elderly should be a periodic one. It should be subjected to a continuing review. Kung hindi, maiiwanan po ang mga lolo at lola na nakaratay sa banig na mayroong karamdaman na walang paraan upang lumawig pa ang kanilang buhay. We have to attend to them. That, I consider to be one of the most sacred duties of this Congress—to attend to our senior citizens who have no way of defending themselves from the problems of a growing economy. Lumalaki ang ekonomiya, tumataas ang presyo, tumataas ang buwis, maiiwan po sila kung hindi natin maibibigay sa kanila kung ano ang karapat-dapat.

Again, congratulations, Congressman. Ibilang po ninyo ang inyong lingkod. Kung ang BAYAN MUNA ay isang partidong may puso, ang BUHAY Party-List ay may damdamin at pagmamahal para sa ating mga lolo at lola. Mabuhay po kayo. *(Applause)*

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat po sa ating kaibigan, Kinatawan Lito Atienza. Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

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

REP. GARCIA (J). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of Rep. Carlos Zarate to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago of the KABATAAN Party-List for her privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Elago is recognized for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ELAGO

REP. ELAGO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

Bago po ako magsimula, nais kong batiin ang ating mga lolo at lola na narito ngayon sa plenaryo. Ang inyong pagmamahal, ang inyong kalinga, ang inyong katapangan ay inspirasyon sa aming mga kabataan upang magsalita at manindigan para sa mga karapatan, mga kagalingan at mga benepisyo na dapat ay nararanasan at natatamasa nating lahat. Ang KABATAAN po ay kasama ninyo sa pagsulong ng dagdag na nakabubuhay na pensyon na nararapat para po sa ating mga senior citizen. Maraming salamat po sa inyong presensya ngayong hapon. (*Applause*)

For this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, I rise to express the youth's commitment to lend our voice and solidarity to support and address the issues and concerns of workers of Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction or HHIC. Ang mga manggagawa ng Hanjin ay kumakaharap ngayon sa malawakang tanggalan matapos magdeklara ng pagkabangkarote ang Hanjin.

HHIC or Hanjin is the biggest and only shipyard in the Philippines, and is the fourth biggest shipyard in the world. It was completed and established with the help of foreign direct investments from the United States. In January 2018, HHIC completed its 115th and the world's biggest cargo ship. Meanwhile, its branch in South Korea closed in 2017, after it declared bankruptcy.

The Philippine shipyard employs about 40,000 employees, all of whom are contracted from 18 different subcontracting agencies. Being situated in Region III or Central Luzon, labor standards recommend only a

P380 minimum wage for eight hours of work. However, workers in HHIC are often forced to render mandatory overtime work. Some workers prefer to stay inside the shipyard overnight, and others, what they call "overday" out of extreme fatigue. HHIC workers suffer from dangerous working conditions, aside from the dismal labor standards being implemented by the management. In fact, in 2016, Mr. Speaker, a worker who also suffered an accident was told by his contractor to lie about the accident and instead claim that it happened at his home. Even medical assistance is very minimal, with only P20,000 given by the contractor out of the P82,000 total cost.

On May 12, Mr. Speaker, a defective scaffolding collapsed, leading to a fatal accident involving eight workers of Hanjin. On that day, Ferdinand Leuterio, 38, head foreman of the group, died. Two others, Johnny Alegre and Gerry Bayuta, and Vallian De la Cruz, were left in critical condition and brought to the Baypointe Hospital. On May 20, meanwhile, Mr. De la Cruz also died. This is not the first tragic incident of workers who have died while at work in the shipyard. Kilos Na Manggagawa, a national network of workers fighting for their rights, has recorded at least 60 deaths of workers in HHIC since it was first established in 2006. Up to this day, no one from the management has been held accountable for these deaths.

In June 2018, the HHIC management started the third voluntary retrenchment program. Though a retrenchment program is supposed to be conducted in order to prevent serious losses of the company, indubitably, with HHIC's ability to manufacture some of the largest ships in the world, and with its continuous hiring of employees, then it is necessary to determine whether or not it is truly implementing a voluntary retrenchment program to save its business or merely to implement a mass lay-off of workers.

The DOLE has already issued a Work Stoppage Order or WSO in response to these tragic deaths, but only against the subcontractor, Binictican I-Tech. Despite this, HHIC continues to hire these subcontracted workers and employs them in "necessary and desirable" tasks or jobs.

Kinakailangan, Mr. Speaker, ang masusing imbestigasyon tungkol sa mga ulat na ito upang makuha natin ang katotohanan at matugunan ang mga panawagan ng mga manggagawa ng Hanjin. Mula sa pagtigil ng malawakang tanggalan hanggang sa pagbibigay ng mga kulang sa mga separation pay para sa lahat ng mga puwersahang pinagbitiw sa trabaho, maaari ring pag-aralan kung paano pa makabalik pa rin sa Hanjin ang mga manggagawa na puwersahang pi-nagbitiw kung magpapatuloy pa ang operation ng shipyard na ito. Hindi katulad ngayon na naghahanda na ang DOLE sa malawakang tanggalan, nagsasagawa na ng profiling ng mga manggagawa para diumano'y

mailipat sa trabaho sa loob ng Build, Build, Build Program kung saan wala pang katiyakan sa trabaho o kaya naman ito ay tatagal lamang ng ilang buwan.

Bilang Kinatawan ng mamamayang Pilipino, G. Ispiker, tayo ay hinahamon ng mga manggagawang lumaban para sa karapatan na tiyakin ang mga panukala para sa istable, disente at segurong trabaho, at mga oportunidad para sa ating mga manggagawa, at hindi iyong ikawawala pa nila ng buhay at pag-asa ang mismong paghahanapbuhay.

Mawawakasan lamang ang pang-aalipin ng mga dambuhalang mga korporasyong ito sa mamamayang Pilipino sa pagsusulong natin ng mga batayang sosyo-ekonomikong reporma, tunay na reporma sa lupa at pagtataguyod ng ekonomiyang nakatitindig sa sarili, na kontrolado at pinagmamay-arian ng mga masang Pilipino. Ito ang magtitiyak ng istableng kabuhayan, serbisyong panlipunan, at magandang buhay para sa lahat.

Sa ibayong pagkakaisa at ubos-kayang pakikibaka ng mga manggagawa kasama ng mga magsasaka, ng kabataan, ng iba't ibang sektor at ng sambayanang Pilipino, makakamit ang lipunang may disenteng buhay, ang bawat isa ay malaya sa anumang porma ng mga pananamantala at pang-aapi.

Naririto ngayon, G. Ispiker, sa ating plenaryo ang mga manggagawa ng Hanjin, ang nagbigay din po ng suporta para sa kanila, ang mga manggagawa na mula pa sa Compostela Valley sa Sumifru na kasalukuyan pong nagsasagawa ng kanilang kampuhan sa Liwasang Bonifacio upang maibahagi sa atin ang kanilang kalagayan at ang kanilang mga panawagan. Iniimbitahan ko at hinahamon ko ang mga Miyembro ng kapulungan na ito na bumisita sa kanila o kaya naman po ay makausap sila ngayon upang malaman natin, masusi nating mapag-aralan kung paanong dagliang matutugunan ang kanilang mga panawagan at dagliang mapapakinggan ang kanilang mga bores, lalung-lalo na ngayon na ginagawa pang kriminal at sila ay nakararanas ng iba't ibang porma ng threats, ng harassment, at ng intimidasyon upang sila ay tumigil na sa kanilang paglaban, na sila ay hindi na magpatuloy sa nararapat na paglaban na kanilang gagawin. Hindi lang po para sa kanilang sektor, hindi lang para sa kanilang mga pamilya, kung hindi sa mga susunod pang henerasyon ng mga kabataan ng mga mamayang Pilipino na lumilikha ng yaman ng bansang ito.

Mabuhay po ang mga manggagawa ng Hanjin, ng Namasufa Sumifru, na patuloy na lumalaban. Dapat lamang tutulan ang malawakang tanggalan sa Hanjin. Ipaglaban ang katiyakan sa kanilang trabaho at pag-uunyon. Labanan ang busabos at mapang-abusong kalagayan sa loob ng mga pagawaan. Ipaglaban ang pagtaas ng pambansang minimum na sahod. Dapat nating dinggin at mapatupad na, ngayon na. Suportahan po natin ang kanilang laban.

Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker. *(Applause)*

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of Rep. Sarah Elago to the Committee on Rules.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez of the Party-List BUTIL for her privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg, F.). The Honorable Chavez is recognized for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CHAVEZ

REP. CHAVEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the reported bankruptcy of Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction Philippines, a Subic-based shipbuilder which has an \$85-million loan from the LandBank of the Philippines, and its implications on Philippine agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, as students of Public Policy, we all know this tragic given: Philippine poverty has a rural face. Much of what economists call the “Bottom 30,” whose combined possessions may not even match the extreme wealth of the Top One Percent, live in the hollowed-out, scarred rural areas where agriculture is the mono-economy. The serene, idyllic and seemingly contented canvasses of Fernando Amorsolo’s rendering of the farming areas are gone. Desperation and hopelessness are the mood and currency in these hamlets of rural poverty.

The poverty and desperation are not hard to explain. Agriculture, where millions live in grinding and impossible poverty, has set a new normal, and it has been years of sustained below-par performance. A growth rate of over one percent is now considered credible. Negative growths in the sector are no longer surprising. Over the past 50 years, the growth rate in food production has very rarely surpassed population growth, raising the specter of what Thomas Malthus warned about centuries ago, such that we have to resort to massive importation because of food shortage.

What agriculture needs is a big push and massive support. The agriculture sector needs to be elevated as a priority of legislation and policy, and the Executive branch should vigorously implement the legislative reforms. And here is the central theme of my speech today, the utter disregard of the laws that provide support for the distressed agriculture sector.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, we all know about Republic Act No. 10000, known as the “Agri-Agra Reform Credit Act of 2009.” This law is supposed to be a more forceful version of Presidential Decree No. 717, the original Agri-Agra Law that directed the banks to lend 25 percent of their loanable funds each year to agriculture, implied here as small-scale agriculture and agrarian reform beneficiaries.

Under the Presidential decree, 15 percent should go to agriculture while the 10 percent should go to agrarian reform beneficiaries. The PD No. 717 was later complemented by a banking institution, of which original mandate was to serve the credit needs of agriculture and agrarian reform beneficiaries. Created for that specific purpose was the LandBank of the Philippines, which was practically an adjunct to the agricultural and agrarian reform programs of the government. The PD No. 717 had the best of intentions. The problem with the PD was its provision on alternative compliance which offered several ways of complying with the law without necessarily engaging in agricultural or agrarian lending.

If you buy bonds issued by the State institutions such as State-owned banks, you are compliant. If you have paid subscriptions to shares of stocks of DA-accredited institutions, you are compliant. When the banks carry out wholesale lending to other institutions that supposedly finance agricultural projects, you are compliant. Even loans to mass housing and education were listed as alternative forms of compliance under PD No. 717.

With the list of alternative modes of compliance longer than the restaurant menu, the PD just gave the banks the blanket excuse to follow the law and not lend to small-scale agriculture and agrarian reform beneficiaries. The PD’s lofty agenda muddled by the sheer number of ways the banks can avoid direct lending to farmers and agrarian reform beneficiaries. Lending to the small farmers and agrarian reform beneficiaries was barely one percent or 24 percent of the mandate of the PD, and there was this suspicion that the one-percent compliance was made in the form of loans to big agriculture but passed off as lending to small-scale agriculture and agrarian reform beneficiaries.

So Congress passed Republic Act No. 10000 which was supposed to be a more forceful version of PD No. 717. “Forceful” here is relative since only two forms of alternative compliance that were allowed under the Presidential decree were scrapped off. These were lending to mass housing and education.

Four years after the Banko Sentral issued the guidelines for alternative compliance under Republic Act No. 10000, has something changed? Was there an effort from the banking system to comply with the law? Did the effort of Congress to remove lending to education and mass housing bear positive results in

terms of a surge in the bank’s extension of real credit to small farmers and agrarian reform beneficiaries?

A review by the Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas on the compliance level of banks tells the tragic answer: No law can change the mindset of the banking system that the small farmers and the agrarian beneficiaries are credit risks. The business pages of major newspapers had this screaming headline in the dying days of 2018. Over the past two years, the banking system paid P6 billion in penalties because they would rather pay P6 billion in fines than follow the mandate of the Agri-Agra Credit Reform Law. That was a full-scale contempt of the law against small farmers—pay billions of pesos in fines rather than extend credit to those who need it the most.

The banking system never changed from their PD No. 717 bias. In fact, lending to agrarian reform beneficiaries has never gone beyond the two-percent level. The mandate of the PD and Republic Act No. 10000 is 10 percent of the bank’s yearly loan portfolio. And where do banks dedicate their loanable funds? What are the projects worthy of their so-called fiduciary responsibility? For the moment, I can cite one worthy recipient of jumbo loans—Hanjin Construction and Heavy Industries, the Subic-based shipbuilder.

Five major Philippine banks have been burned by their US\$412 million exposure to Hanjin Philippines. The jumbo loan was unsecured. The banking system will not only pay billions of penalties to brazenly violate Republic Act No. 10000. They would rather risk the US\$412 million and pump it into Hanjin without collateral than grant token loans to small farmers. And where was the LandBank of the Philippines in the whole default saga, the biggest default in the history of the Philippine banking system? The LandBank of the Philippines, the bank established for the small farmers and agrarian reform beneficiaries, was the second biggest extender of unsecured loans to the collapsed Hanjin. A total of US\$85 million in unsecured loans was extended to Hanjin.

The LandBank, like the rest of the banking system, has been doubtful, to say the least, of extending loans to small farmers and agrarian reform beneficiaries. It has been extending loans to agriculture, but with greater preference to big agribusiness.

Think of what the peso equivalent of the US\$85 million could do for small-scale agriculture? Production loans, money for tractors and combines, money for certified seeds, money for the dying farm cooperatives, and money for the agrarian reform beneficiaries that have been historically struggling to finance their small-scale production ventures. Credit is the lifeblood of agricultural production and the Agri-Agra Credit Reform Law was passed by Congress to redress the historical bias of the banking system against small-scale agriculture in particular and the dying rural areas in general.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, this Congress should not let the Hanjin saga pass without an inquiry into the contempt of the law or the willful contravention of the laws passed by Congress that the banking system, the LandBank in particular, has carried out to the detriment of the small farmers and agrarian reform beneficiaries.

Thank you and good day.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of Representative Chavez to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao of Party-List ANAKPAWIS for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Casilao is recognized for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

REP. CASILAO. Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker, Majority Leader.

Pagbati po ng hustisya at kapayapaan sa mga kasamahang Mambabatas ng Mababang Kapulungang ito.

Hindi na po kailangang pagdebatehan ang kalagayan ng mga magsasakang Pilipino sa bansa. Mula Luzon, Visayas at Mindanao sila, hanggang sa ngayon, ay lugmok pa rin sa kahirapan at kagutuman. Ibinunga ito ng iba’t ibang sistema, polisiya at programa lalo na ang kawalang-lupa, mardyinalisasyon at direktang pang-aapi at pagsasamantala.

Bukas, G. Ispiker, ay imamarka ng uring magbubukid, ng uring magsasaka ang ika-32 taon ng paggunita ng tinatawag na Mendiola massacre. Labintatlong mga magsasaka, nanawagan sa tunay na reporma sa lupa, nagmartsa, nag-rally, tumungo sa Mendiola, sa Malacañang para singilin ang ipinangako ng rehimeng Aquino. Muli siyang nailuklok dahil sa isang pag-aaklas ng mamamayan para patalsikin ang isang diktador. Sa kasamaang-palad, G. Ispiker, kalunos-lunos ang itinugon ng Estado. Pinagbabaril ang mga magsasakang walang armas, kundi ang kanilang paninindigan para singilin ang gobyernong nangako.

Noong 2014, G. Ispiker, nag-expire ang Republic Act No. 6657 o ang Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program o CARP. Ito ay orihinal na dapat lamang ipatupad sa loob ng 10 taon mula ng 1988 hanggang 1998. Bago nito, sa mga nakaraang agrarian reform program tulad ng Presidential Decree No. 27 noong panahon ng diktaduryang Marcos, ilang taon ang nakalipas, wala pa ring bagong batas sa repormang agraryo. Ilang taon ang lumipas, hindi pa rin natutugunan ang pinaguugatan ng batayang problema ng ating lipunan—ang kawalan ng lupa ng napakarami at milyun-milyong magsasaka na siyang kinikilala nating tagapaglikha ng ating pagkain.

Ayon mismo sa datos ng gobyerno, G. Ispiker, mahigit kalahati ng populasyon ng ating bansa ay nagmula sa rural population. Ayon naman sa Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, papalo sa tatlo sa kada apat na Pilipino ay magsasaka o mula sa kanayunan, at 7 sa bawat 10 Pilipino ay mga magsasaka na walang lupa.

Matagal nang panawagan ng mga magbubukid ang mag-ari ng sariling lupa. Ang mga lupang ilang dekada nilang binungkal na hindi naman nakapangalan sa kanila, pinatag, pinaunlad, ay dapat nang mapasakanila. Bago pa man ang diktaduryang Marcos, isinigawa na ng mga masang magsasaka ang libreng pamamahagi ng lupa. Sa kanayunan, malawakan ang panawagang ito, kung kaya bilang tugon, ipinatupad ang isang hungkag na PD No. 27. Buwis-buhay na inilaban ng mga magsasaka ang kanilang karapatan sa lupa hanggang sila na mismo ang nagpatupad nito habang may hawak na armas at paninindigan.

Huwag nating kalimutan o sadyang pagtakpan, G. Ispiker, na ang ugat ng armadong tunggalian sa pagitan ng gobyerno at mga rebolusyonaryong grupo tulad ng New People’s Army ay bunga ng kawalang-lupa ng mga magsasaka, na silang mga nag-aklas. Samakatuwid, ang tunay na solusyon dito ay hindi ang militaristang pamamaraan, kung hindi ang kumprehensibong pagtugon sa mga suliraning sosyo-ekonomiko, pagpawi ng pagsasamantala at pang-aapi, paggalang sa kanilang mga demokratikong karapatan, pagkain at kabuhayan.

Kaya nga nang mapatalsik ang diktaduryang Marcos ng People Power noong 1986, hindi tumigil ang mga magsasaka para itulak ang pumalit na rehimeng Aquino para ipatupad ang mga ipinangako niyang reporma. Ngunit halos isang taon ng kaniyang pag-upo, wala itong ipinatupad, kaya noong Enero 22, may bilang na 10,000 mga magsasaka, sa pangunguna ng KMP, ang nag-martsa patungong Mendiola para isigaw ang tunay na reporma sa lupa.

Naghabol ang rehimeng Aquino. Hunyo 1988, isinabatas nito ang CARP, ngunit lumipas ang 10 taon, 1998, in-extend na lamang ito hanggang 2008. In-extend pa ito ng isang malamyang Joint Resoluton hanggang Hunyo 2009, hanggang sa maisabatas noong Agosto

2009 ang CARP Extension with Reforms o CARPER, na nag-expire noong Hunyo 30, 2014. Aabot lamang sa limang dekadang pagpapatupad ng PD No. 27 at CARP, hindi pa rin nito natutugunan ang kalagayan at hinaing ng ating mga magsasaka. Gayunpaman, ang kumakalam na sikmura ng mga magsasaka ay hindi mahihintay kung maisasabatas ba ng Kapulungang ito ang bagong batas para sa tunay na repormang agraryo. Ang solusyon sa gutom ay pagkain, at ang pagkain ay mula sa pagsasaka, at para makapagsaka, kailangan po ang lupa, gayung walang lupa ang ating mga magsasaka.

Mga kasamang Mambabatas, sa kasaysayan po ng tao, noong wala pang mga institusyon, natural na reaksyon lamang ng tao sa kanyang kapaligiran ang magtanim para may makain siya at para mabuhay. Sa usaping ito, hinahamon ko ang aking mga kasamahang Mambabatas na palawakin ang kaisipan, makiramay, makiisa sa kanilang kalunus-lunos na kalagayan at panghawakan ang pagiging makatao ng bawat isa sa atin.

Dahil ang mga magsasakang naggigiit sa kanilang karapatan sa lupa ay sinusupil, hina-harass, palagiang balita at laman ng balita ang pagpaslang sa kanilang hanay. Sa ilalim ng kasalukuyang rehimen, umabot na po sa 177 ang biktima ng mga magsasakang pinaslang dahil sa paggigiit sa kanilang karapatan sa lupa.

Ipinapaabot ko rin ang pasasalamat sa aking mga kasamahang Mambabatas sa malawakang pagsuporta para ipagpatuloy ang usapang pangkapayapaan sa hanay ng ating gobyerno at ng NDFP, partikular na ang mga may-akda ng House Resolution No. 1803 para itulak ang pagpapatuloy na pagkasunduan ang Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms, na batayang laman nito ang usapin ng agrarian reform, rural development and national industrialization.

Kaya, hinihikayat ko ang Kongresong ito na tahakin po ang landas para sa kapayapaang nakabatay sa panlipunang katarungan, paggalang sa karapatang pantao at pagtugon sa mga demokratikong panawagan ng masang magsasaka. Mapapansin din na mayorya ng mga biktima ng human rights violations, extrajudicial killings at mga bilanggong pulitikal ay mula sa hanay ng mga magsasaka, katutubo at sa sektor ng kanayunan.

Bilang panghuli, G. Ispiker, hinahamon kong muli ang aking mga kasamahang Mambabatas na pumosisyon sa wastong panig ng ating kasaysayan, makipagkapit-bisig sa masang magsasaka, mga marginalized sector sa ating bansa, para isulong ang tunay na reporma sa lupa at libreng pamamahagi ng lupa.

Maraming salamat at magandang hapon po sa inyong lahat.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Casilao to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the consideration of measures under the Calendar of Business.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2414

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2414.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2414, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE CARMELO F. LAZATIN, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF PAMPANGA DURING THE EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH, FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH CONGRESSES.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2414

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2414.

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

House Resolution No. 2414 is adopted
The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2415

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2415.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2415, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE CARMENCITA O. REYES, GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE AND FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF MARINDUQUE DURING THE EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH AND FOURTEENTH CONGRESSES.

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

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2415

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2415.

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

House Resolution No. 2415 is adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2416

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2416.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2416, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE GILBERTO M. DUAVIT SR., FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF RIZAL DURING THE NINTH, TENTH AND ELEVENTH CONGRESSES.

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

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2416

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2416.

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

House Resolution No. 2416 is adopted
The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2417

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2417.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2417, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE DR. GEORGE T. HOFER, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THIRD DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGADEL SUR DURING THE ELEVENTH CONGRESS AND FORMER GOVERNOR OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY.

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

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2417

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2417.

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

House Resolution No. 2417 is adopted.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2418

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2418, as reported out by the Committee on Rules.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2418, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY

OF HONORABLE RODEL M. BATOCABE, REPRESENTATIVE OF AKO BICOL PARTY-LIST DURING THE FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSES.

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

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2418

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2418, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 2388, 2393 and 2401.

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

House Resolution No. 2418 is adopted.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, in reference to the adoption of House Resolution No. 2416, this will be in consolidation with House Resolution No. 2382, and with regard to House Resolution No. 2417, this is in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 2391 and 2396.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7436 ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7436 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7436, entitled: AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, ENTITLED “AN ACT IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER’S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7436
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 180 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7436 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8798
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8798 and direct the Secretary General to read only the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8798
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 180 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8798 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF REP. TING AS DEPUTY SPEAKER

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the election of Rep. Randolph S. Ting as Deputy Speaker vice Rep. Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the election of Rep. Rolando G. Andaya Jr. as Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the election of Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma as Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Employment vice Rep. Randolph S. Ting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE
CONF. CTTEE.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following members to the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 8169 regarding the 2019 General Appropriations Bill: Reps. Rolando G. Andaya Jr., Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro, Maria Carmen S. Zamora, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Edcel C. Lagman, Federico “Ricky” S. Sandoval II, “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, Yedda Marie K.

Romualdez, Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Arthur C. Yap, Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo and Danilo E. Suarez.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8799
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8799 and direct the Secretary General to read only the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8799
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 180 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8799 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF REP. BRAVO (A.) TO THE
CONF. CTTEE.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move for the

designation of Rep. Anthony M. Bravo PhD, as additional member of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 8169, regarding the 2019 General Appropriations Bill.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Rep. Bravo (A.) is so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8800
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8800 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8800
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 180 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8800 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE
CONF. CTTEES.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 8719, establishing and institutionalizing the Seal of Good Local Governance for Local Government Units: Reps. Pedro B. Acharon Jr., Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III, Celso L. Lobregat, Strike B. Revilla, Eric M. Martinez, and Arlene B. Arcillas.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8734 and Senate Bill No. 1534, increasing the benefits granted to Science and Technology personnel of the government: Reps. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Michael L. Romero, PhD, Alberto T. Ungab, Divina Grace C. Yu, and Arlene B. Arcillas.

I so move.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8801
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8801 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8801
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 182 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8801 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8802
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8802 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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

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result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8802
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 182 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8802 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8804
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8804, 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8804, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE DAVAO CITY THIRD DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE 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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8804
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 182 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8804 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE CONF. CTTEE.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move

that we designate the following as additional members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 8169, regarding the 2019 General Appropriations Bill: Reps. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. and Johnny Ty Pimentel.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8805
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8805 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8805, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, 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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8805
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg, F.). With 185 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8805 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8807
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8807 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8807
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg, F.). With 185 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8807 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8808
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8808 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8808
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg, F.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8808 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6167

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6167.

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

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

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

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

** See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. 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 UMB 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."

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

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6169

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6169.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 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 IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6170

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6170.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 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."

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

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6315

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6315.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 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.

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

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

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

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6316

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6316.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 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.

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

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

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

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6707

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6707.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 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.”

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

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

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

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6708

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6708.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 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.”

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

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

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8815
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.) Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8815 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8815, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING DAVAO ORIENTAL A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING 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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8815
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8815 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8816
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8816 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

** See ANNEX (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8816, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE THIRD DISTRICT OF PALAWAN A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING 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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8816
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8816 is hereby approved on Third and final Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources (Committee Report No. 1070), re H.B. No. 8857, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2837, 6559, 6745, 7860, 8388 and 8592

Sponsors: Representatives Panganiban and Ferrer (L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 1071), re H.B. No. 8858, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE SYSTEM AND STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9344, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE ACT OF 2006’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2, 505, 935, 1609, 2009 and 3973

Sponsors: Representatives Leachon, Castro (F.H.), Alvarez (P.), Yap (V.), Tiangco, Cagas, Acop and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8817
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8817 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8817, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING 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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8817
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8817 is hereby approved on Third and final Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8818
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8818 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8818
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention,

House Bill No. 8818 is hereby approved on Third and final Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8821
ON THIRD READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8821 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. Abueg). 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 17, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

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. 44, dated January 21, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8821
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8821 is hereby approved on Third and final Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we direct the Secretary General to transmit to the Senate all the bills approved on Third Reading.

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

The Secretary General is so directed.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GARCIA (J.). One-minute suspension, Mr. Speaker.

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

It was 5:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session until tomorrow, January 22, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is suspended until tomorrow, January 22, 2019 at three o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 6:01 p.m.