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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Mylene J. Garcia-Albano called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Please remain standing for a few minutes of silent prayer.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 3:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we call the roll of Members.

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 47, dated January 30, 2019.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 193 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). With 193 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2446, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

BOMBING INCIDENT AT THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL IN JOLO, SULU AND IMPLORING STATE AUTHORITIES TO RESOLVE THE MATTER WITH EXPEDIENCY AND BRING JUSTICE TO THE VICTIMS AND THEIR BEREAVED FAMILIES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2447, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STOPPING THE ANNUAL INCREASE IN TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES NATIONWIDE”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 2448, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY TO THE STUDENTS OF CAVITE STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THEIR ASSERTION OF NON-COLLECTION OF OTHER SCHOOL FEES”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated January 3, 2019 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 11167, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BILIRAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN ITS PROPOSED RELOCATION SITE IN BARANGAY LARRAZABAL, MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, FROM SEVENTY-FIVE (75) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
and
2. R.A. No. 11168, entitled:
“AN ACT ALLOWING HOME ECONOMICS GRADUATES TO TEACH HOME ECONOMICS SUBJECTS AND HOME ECONOMICS-RELATED TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, RESPECTIVELY, CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 8 OF

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533 OR THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013”.

TO THE ARCHIVES

Report of Honorable Dante Roberto P. Maling, Acting Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bills, submitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency’s consideration and signature, pursuant to Section 18(h), Rule VI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. House Bill No. 5565, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 24 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA IN HONOR OF THE MARTYRDOM OF GOVERNOR HIGINIO ACOSTA MENDOZA, SR., TO BE KNOWN AS ‘GOVERNOR HIGINIO ACOSTA MENDOZA, SR. DAY’ ”;
2. Consolidated version of House Bill No. 6130 and Senate Bill No. 1712, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SARANGANI SPORTS TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
3. House Bill No. 7385, entitled:
“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORPORATION (PHILCOMSAT) TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN THE PHILIPPINES GROUND SATELLITE TERMINAL STATIONS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION WITH SATELLITE FACILITIES AND DELIVERY TO COMMON CARRIERS”;
4. House Bill No. 6618, entitled:
“AN ACT UPGRADING THE BACOR DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, INTO A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHERN TAGALOG REGIONAL HOSPITAL, UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TEN (10) TO ONE HUNDRED (100), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
5. House Bill No. 8648, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS JAMES LEONARD TAGLE GORDON DAY, A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY

OF OLONGAPO AND IN THE SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND HEROISM OF JAMES LEONARD TAGLE GORDON”;

6. Consolidated version of Senate Joint Resolution No. 13 and House Joint Resolution No. 26, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MAINTENANCE, AVAILABILITY, AND RELEASE OF THE FUNDS INTENDED FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019, AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF THE TREASURY AND THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RELEASE THE FUNDS AND ENSURE THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, AND THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ADMINISTER THE EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS TO QUALIFIED VICTIMS OR THEIR HEIRS OR REPRESENTATIVES, AS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS REPARATION AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2013’, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10766”;

7. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1233 and House Bill No. 5745, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

8. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1305 and House Bill No. 4113, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) DAYS FOR FEMALE WORKERS WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY, AND GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FOR SOLO MOTHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”; and

9. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1850 and House Bill No. 8636, entitled:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development and the Committee on Appropriations

(Committee Report No. 1096), re H.B. No. 8892, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE KALINGA SPORTS TRAINING CENTER IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7443

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella, Andaya and Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1097), re H.B. No. 8898, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 8 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING DAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 835

Sponsors: Representatives Zamora (M.C.) and Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1098), re H.B. No. 8899, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING DAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 836

Sponsors: Representatives Zamora (M.C.) and Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1099), re H.B. No. 8900, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 15 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON FOUNDATION DAY’, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING DAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2110

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Abueg

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1100), re H.B. No. 8901, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE’S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE’S POINT FOUNDATION DAY’, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING DAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2112

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Abueg

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1101), re H.B. No. 2580, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE SENDONG MEMORIAL AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AND ILIGAN CITY”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1102), re H.B. No. 8902, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 9 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING DAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3713

Sponsors: Representatives Defensor and Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1103), re H.B. No. 8903, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUDELA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘TUDELA DAY’, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6362

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1104), re H.B. No. 8904, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF TANGUB, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘TANGUB DAY’, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6363

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1105), re H.B. No. 8905, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONIFACIO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘BONIFACIO DAY’, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6364

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1106), re H.B. No. 8906, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 24 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BOGO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘MARCELO BRIONES FERNAN DAY’ IN HONOR OF THE LATE MARCELO BRIONES FERNAN, AN OUTSTANDING STATESMAN AND LEGAL LUMINARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8065

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1107), re H.B. No. 8907, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 14 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS FOUNDATION DAY’, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8383

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Floirendo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 1108), re H.R. No. 2459, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CARLOS YULO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL, A HISTORIC FIRST MEDAL FOR A FILIPINO, IN THE FLOOR EXERCISE FINALS OF THE 2018 WORLD ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS, HELD IN DOHA, QATAR BETWEEN OCTOBER 25 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2018”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 2289 and 2299

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella, Vargas and Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 1109), re H.R. No. 2460, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CHRISTIAN TIO FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE BOYS’ INTERNATIONAL KITEBOARDING ASSOCIATION (IKA) TWIN TIP: RACING EVENT OF THE 2018 SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES HELD IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA ON 14 OCTOBER 2018”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 2277

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella and Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1110), re H.B. No. 8908, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE

FOR SOCIAL WELFARE ATTACHÉ, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995’, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 8197 and 8414

Sponsors: Representatives Manalo and Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Dangerous Drugs (Committee Report No. 1111), re H.B. No. 8909, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING DRUG PREVENTION AND CONTROL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 588, 860, 1257, 1413, 2568, 3191, 3403, 3609, 3809, 3976, 4659, 4671, 4728 and 6984

Sponsors: Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Barbers, Biazon and Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Games and Amusements (Committee Report No. 1112), re H.B. No. 8910, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4843 and 6983

Sponsors: Representatives Tambunting, Castelo, Revilla, Bernos, Cueva and Bravo (M.V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation (Committee Report No. 1113), re H.B. No. 8911, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A MINIMUM DISTANCE FOR OVERTAKING OF CYCLISTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8446

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Tinio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations

(Committee Report No. 1114), re H.B. No. 8912, entitled:

“ANACTAUTHORIZINGHIGHEREDUCATION CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND GRADUATE TRAINING IN ADVANCED ENERGY AND GREEN BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2354

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya and Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1115), re H.B. No. 8913, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE CITY OF OROQUIETA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE OROQUIETA CITY TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5008

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya and Almonte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1116), re H.B. No. 8914, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1060

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya and Espina

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations

(Committee Report No. 1117), re H.B. No. 8915, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) REGIONAL TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MIMAROPA REGION SERVING THE PROVINCES OF MINDORO (ORIENTAL AND OCCIDENTAL), MARINDUQUE, ROMBLON AND PALAWAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TESDA MIMAROPA REGIONAL TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5234 and 5329

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya and Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1118), re H.B. No. 8916, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE AGUSAN DEL SUR STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (ASSCAT) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUNAWAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SATELLITE CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TRENTO AND ALL OTHER CAMPUSES TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE FUTURE, IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE AGUSAN DEL SUR STATE UNIVERSITY (ADSSU), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8263

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya, Suansing (E.) and Mellana

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1119), re H.B. No. 8917, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ABRA STATE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY (ASIST) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAGANGILANG, INCLUDING ITS ASIST-BANGUED

CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANGUED, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF ABRA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5910

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya, Suansing (E.) and Bernos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1120), re H.B. No. 8918, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITIONS FOR YOUNG ARTISTS (NAMCYA) AS THE NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR MUSIC, DEFINING ITS ROLE AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2660

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Andaya, Suansing (E.) and Angara-Castillo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1121), re H.B. No. 8919, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6751

Sponsors: Representatives Leachon, Andaya and Amatong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1122), re H.B. No. 8920, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5624

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1123), re H.B. No. 8921, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5055

Sponsors: Representatives Leachon, Andaya and Loyola

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1124), re H.B. No. 8922, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5247

Sponsors: Representatives Leachon, Andaya and Gasataya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1125), re H.B. No. 8923, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAUAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4914

Sponsors: Representatives Leachon, Andaya and Garin (R.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1126), re H.B. No. 8924, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4841

Sponsors: Representatives Leachon, Andaya and Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1127), re H.B. No. 8925, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ESCALANTE, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2299

Sponsors: Representatives Leachon, Andaya and Yap (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Muslim Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1128), re H.B. No. 5740, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIELD OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS TO BE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, LANAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Sema and Zamora (M.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 1129), re H.B. No. 8926, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE CATCHING, SALE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, IMPORTATION, AND EXPORTATION OF ALL SHARKS, RAYS, AND CHIMAERAS AND ANY PART THEREOF IN THE COUNTRY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7912

Sponsors: Representatives Abellanosa and Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence in the gallery of some guests of our fellow Members in the House.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Please proceed.

REP. FORTUN. We have with us, Mme. Speaker, the guests of Hon. Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro, our Majority Leader, and Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo. They are Hon. Jose Rufino B. Ladao, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member of the province of Camiguin; the Hon. Norgene Ceniza, Municipal Councilor of the municipality of Mambajao; Dr. Gretchen Cabalang, Provincial Health Officer II; Ms. Paz D. Oclarit, Provincial Budget Officer; Engr. Leonides Oclarit, Provincial Planning and Development Officer; Atty. Dante Aparte, Provincial Legal Officer; Dr. Magnolia Naman, Chief of Hospital of Catarman District Hospital. We also have with us Dr. Ophelia Sahay, Dentist III; Dr. Lorna D. Tongco, Dentist II; Dr. Kent Leightton

Dajay, Dentist I; Dr. Marian Joy M. Sahay, Dentist I; Mr. Condrado F. Odchigue Jr., Nurse II; and the district staff: Ms. Bernadette Pagute, Ms. Marydel Credo and Ms. Rossel Socorro T. Malalay, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The House of Representatives welcomes our guests from Camiguin. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, may we likewise acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Francisco Gamboa Datol Jr., Representative of the SENIOR CITIZENS Party-List. We have with us Ms. Dang Mangalino, Ms. Kristel Manzano, Ms. Lourdes Raquel, Ms. Amparo Ladonga, Ms. Gracie Gine Belen, Ms. Philinda Calabia, Ms. Anacorita Aguirre, Ms. Evelyn Mamaril, Ms. Anastacia Malabon, Ms. Leticia Baylon, Ms. Eda Agaton, Ms. Celestina Simbahan and Ms. Yolanda A. Acopio.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The guests of Congressman Datol, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Likewise, Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Pepito M. Pico, Representative, DIWA Party-List. We have with us this afternoon Engr. Ambrosio Lambus Jr., Atty. Tita Agbayani, Fiscal Genevieve Feniz and Mr. Edgar Lingcodo, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Likewise, Mme. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Enrico A. Pineda from the Dialysis Ph patients support group: Reynaldo Abacan, Carolina Ricerra, Jay Vincent Mateo, Cristina Joy Abud and Russell Rioveros.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). To the guests of Congressman Pineda, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Further, Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Christopher S. Co. We have Joel Pasion, Mark Khim Cabalhin, Cresenciana Abucay, Ranelina Caballero, Leah Doblón, Elena Hilario, Thelma Alano, Myrna Gaité, Divina Pakoy, Julia de Veyra, Rebecca Lauzon, Melita Guinez, Helen Tesoro and Lilia Augis.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). To the guests of Congressman Co, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Lastly, Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Rogelio “Ruel” D. Pacquiao of the Lone District of Sarangani. We have with us the Hon. Elmer T. De Peralta, Vice Governor of Sarangani Province; and the Hon. Alexander Bryan Reganit, Mayor of the municipality of Maitum, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). To the officials of the province of Sarangani, guests of Congressman Pacquiao, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8869

Continuation

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, under the Calendar of Business, may we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8869, under Committee Report No. 1076, on Second Reading and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the said measure.

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

The Secretary General is so directed.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8869, entitled: AN ACT ALLOCATING THE NET NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SHARE FROM THE MALAMPAYA NATURAL GAS PROJECT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE STRANDED DEBTS AND STRANDED CONTRACT COSTS OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION AND TO FINANCE FURTHER EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLOITATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES TO LOWER ELECTRICITY RATES.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, to continue to sponsor the measure, we move to recognize the Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco of the province of Marinduque.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Congressman Velasco is recognized.

REP. VELASCO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the said measure is that it is still in the period of sponsorship and debate, and as our first interpellator, we move that we recognize the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate of Party-List BAYAN MUNA.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Hon. Carlos Zarate is recognized. Kindly proceed.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Magandang hapon po sa ating lahat. Will the good Sponsor entertain some clarificatory questions on this Bill under consideration now, Mme. Speaker?

REP. VELASCO. Of course, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Puwede ho bang magtanong sa kagalang-galang na Sponsor kung ito bang pinag-uusapan nating panukalang batas ngayong hapon ay naaayon doon sa batas Republic Act No. 9136 or iyong Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001?

REP. VELASCO. Yes po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, good Sponsor. Kung maaalala ko po, nang ipinasa ito noong 2001, nakasaad sa EPIRA na ili-liberalize or ibebenta, o ang isa sa provisions doon ay bitawan na ng pamahalaan ang kanyang power assets under the National Power Corporation at ang naging justification noon ng mga nagsusulong ng EPIRA ay para maging episyenteng patakbuhan na ang mga ito ng private sector. One of the provisions of the EPIRA is to sell the state assets, the power assets to pay the debts—para bayaran ang utang ng National Power Corporation and in accordance with that law, itinatag ang Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation or PSALM. May I just inquire from the good Sponsor, Mme. Speaker, noong 2001, magkano na ba ang pagkakautang ng National Power Corporation at that time.

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, back in 2000, ang pagkakautang na pinanghahawakan po ng PSALM was around P830 billion pesos.

REP. ZARATE. Ito ay P830 billion? Tama po ba

ang pagkakarinig ko, Mme. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor, P830 billion?

REP. VELASCO. Tama po.

REP. ZARATE. Ayon ho sa mandato ng EPIRA, ang power assets ng National Corporation ay ipa-privatize or ibebenta para mabayaran ang utang na ito. As we speak now, Mme. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor, sa kabuuang assets ng National Power Corporation na pinamahalaan ng PSALM o naibenta ng PSALM, magkano na po ang napagbentahan nito at paano ito na-apply doon sa pagkakautang nito na P830 billion in 2001?

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, as of today, ang nabayaran na po ng PSALM from the privatization proceeds is around P561 billion.

REP. ZARATE. So, P 561 billion, thank you for that data. Noong 2001 po, nang naipasa ang panukalang batas, ang EPIRA, sinabi ninyo po, kung tama ang pagkarinig ko, P830 billion na ang pagkakautang ng National Power Corporation at that time. At that time po, noong ipinasa ang batas, mayroon po bang ginawang valuation ang ating pamahalaan o ng isang ahensiya ng pamahalaan sa lahat ng assets ng National Power Corporation?

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, in 2001, when they were valuating all the properties, may ginawang parang internal ang PSALM, ginawan po talaga nila ng pag-aaral kung ano ang ibebenta doon sa assets po natin.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you for that answer, although it is very general. At that time po, in 2001, nagkaroon ho tayo ng imbentaryo sa lahat ng assets ng pamahalaan or ng National Power Corporation. Noong 2001, ilan po iyong ating power assets at ilan na lang ang naiwan ngayon as we speak now, Mme. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor?

REP. VELASCO. As of today po, Mme. Speaker, 42 na po iyong na-privatize na assets ng PSALM, and then there remains eight—ito na lang po ang natitira.

REP. ZARATE. Eight power generation assets.

REP. VELASCO. Na kailangang i-dispose po ng PSALM.

REP. ZARATE. Out of how many power generation assets?

REP. VELASCO. Well, if the privatized assets were already 42, so ang total nila ay nasa 50 po.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker. As we speak now, Mr. Sponsor, sinabi ninyo kanina na ang nabayaran na ng PSALM is P561 billion doon sa pagkakautang nito na P830 billion noong 2001. Puwede po bang masabi ng kagalang-galang na Sponsor sa kapulungang ito, magkano na lang po ang naiwang utang ng National Power Corporation ngayon na dapat babayaran ng PSALM out of the assets of the National Power Corporation?

REP. VELASCO. At present, ngayong 2018, Mme. Speaker, nasa P449.9 billion ang pagkakautang pa rin po ng PSALM.

REP. ZARATE. May I get that again, Mme. Speaker.

REP. VELASCO. It is 449.9 billion.

REP. ZARATE. So, it is still P449.9 billion. Ang ibig pong sabihin, kahit na nagbayad na tayo ng P561 billion doon sa pagkakautang nito na P830 billion in 2001, halos naubos nang naibenta iyong assets ng National Power Corporation pero mas lumobo pa iyong utang ng National Power Corporation. Is that correct, Mme. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor?

REP. VELASCO. Yes, that is correct.

REP. ZARATE. Paano pong nangyaring nagkaganoon? So, ang lumalabas nito, ang solusyon na ibinigay ng EPIRA para sa pagkakautang ng NAPOCOR, na sinasabi noong mga nagsusulong ng EPIRA noon na ito ang solusyon para mabayaran nga iyon, ay i-privatize ang assets ng National Power Corporation because the government is inefficient in running these power generation assets, and we will give this to the private corporations para magmura ang kuryente. Now, we are in 2019, 18 years after, mahal pa rin ang kuryente kahit halos naibenta na lahat ang assets ng National Power Corporation at lumobo pa rin iyong utang. Paano po mare-reconcile iyan, Mme. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor?

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, back in 2000, sinabi ko nga po na P830.7 billion ang pagkakautang ng NAPOCOR at ito po iyong na-handle ng PSALM.

Because of interest at sa forex, at dahil din sa pagbebenta po nila ng power assets ay hindi naman po kasi binayaran iyong power assets noon ng isang bultuhan lang, siyempre may ano iyan, time frame at staggered basis iyong payment nila noon sa power assets. In the meantime, the PSALM was borrowing money, so, nagkakaroon ng interest dito. Actually, noong 2003, lumobo po ang utang natin sa P1.240 trillion. That was in 2003 but from then on, from

2003, 2004, up to now, bumaba na po ito sa P449.9 billion. Kaya ang sinasabi po natin doon sa EPIRA, to be able to answer ang problema natin, noong nakaraan, ng NAPOCOR, it is working po. Kaya lang siguro po iyong assets po nila ay talagang hindi po kaya bayaran ang lahat ng mga utang. So, now, Mme. Speaker, we are left with a debt of around P449.9 billion.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker. Dito po sa panukalang batas natin, ang Kinatawang ito ay sumasang-ayon na kailangan ang ating mga consumers, ang ating mga kababayan, ay magkaroon ng murang kuryente at dahil ito ang isa sa pinakamalaking problema ng ating mga kababayan ngayon, iyong tuloy-tuloy at affordable na kuryente na, after 18 years na ipinangako ng EPIRA, ay hindi pa rin nangyayari.

Dito po sa panukalang batas ninyo, sinasabi ninyo na para maabot, finally, ang ninanais natin na magkaroon ng murang kuryente, sa halip na dapat ang katugunan nito ay ang pagbebenta noong assets ng National Power Corporation, now we are shifting to another source to pay the debts of the National Power Corporation by using the Malampaya Fund. Tama po ba iyong pagkakaintindi ko rito?

REP. VELASCO. That is not totally correct, Mme. Speaker, dahil may natitira pang assets po ang NAPOCOR which are going to be disposed by PSALM but which proceeds are not enough. Kagaya po ng binanggit ko kanina, hindi pa po sapat ito para mabayaran ang lahat ng utang na P449 billion, kaya po pinagtuunan na po natin ng pansin ang Malampaya Fund para makabawas naman po doon sa pagkakautang na mayroon po tayo na pinanghahawakan po ng PSALM hanggang ngayon.

REP. ZARATE. How much are we talking about here, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker? Puwede po bang mabigyan ang kapulungang ito ng update mula sa ating kagalang-galang na Sponsor kung magkano na ang pondo ng Malampaya sa kasalukuyan? Alam naman natin ang Malampaya Fund, ang operation ng Malampaya ay hindi naman infinite at ang tinataya ng mga eksperto ay hanggang 2025 or before 2030 na lang ang Malampaya ...

REP. VELASCO. Until 2029.

REP. ZARATE. Kaya magkano na po ang pondo ng Malampaya sa kasalukuyan?

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, as of the present, ang Malampaya Fund po natin ay pumapatak na po sa P221 billion.

REP. ZARATE. So, it is P221 billion as of 2018?

REP. VELASCO. Yes po.

REP. ZARATE. Kasama na po dito ang pondo na dapat sana ay mapunta sa probinsiya ng Palawan, tama po ba iyong pagkakaintindi ko?

REP. VELASCO. Kasama na rin po.

REP. ZARATE. At dahil nga nagkaroon nang desisyon ang Korte Suprema na ito ay isang pondo lang at hindi kabahagi ang—now, dito po ba sa inyong panukalang batas, ang buong P221 billion na ito ay gagamitin para mabayaran ang lahat ng pagkakautang ng National Power Corporation?

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, iyong P221 billion po ay hindi po natin gagamitin lahat. Gagamitin lang po tayo or balak po natin gamitin ang P123 billion lang para sa pambayad po ng obligations ng PSALM hanggang year 2022. Pagkatapos, ang P25 billion naman po, Mme. Speaker, ay ilalagay po natin sa PNOC Exploration Corporation para mabigyan po sila ng pondo para po makapag-explore po o makapaghanap ng panibagong Malampaya po.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Sponsor. I know that the good Sponsor is also aware na ang pondo ng Malampaya ay naging very controversial na pondo nitong mga nakaraang panahon. Taliwas sa itinakda ng Presidential Decree No. 87, nitong mga nakaraang panahon, ang pondo ng Malampaya ay ginamit sa kung anu-anong pagkakagastusan na lang—ipinambili ng bala, ipinambili ng junk na barko at kung anu-ano pa. That is why in 2013, nagkaroon ng desisyon ang Korte Suprema na ang pondo ng Malampaya ay eksklusibong gagamitin para lamang sa energy resource development and exploitation program. Hindi rin ito puwedeng gamitin sa iba pang pagkakagastahan dahil, maalala ko po noong Sixteenth Congress when we questioned the purchase of a decommissioned...

REP. VELASCO. Frigate.

REP. ZARATE. ... ship from the US na binili ng halos isang bilyon, ang justification ng Department of National Defense doon ay related pa rin siya sa energy program dahil ang barkong iyon ay ginagamit para daw bantayan ang Malampaya gas field na hindi sinangayunan ng Korte Suprema.

Now, ito ang aking katanungan, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker. Sinabi ninyo na gagamitin ang halos kalahati ng naiiwang P221 billion. Ito po ba ay nababatay doon sa naging kapasyahan o desisyon ng Korte Suprema na ang pondo ng Malampaya ay dapat gamitin exclusively

for energy resource development and exploitation program, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. VELASCO. Naniniwala po tayo na iyong pinapapasa po nating panukalang batas ay naaayon po sa batas kung saan na naka-specify lang po na gagamitin ang Malampaya Fund para sa mga energy-related projects. Kapag tiningnan po ninyo itong Bill namin, gagamitin po iyong P123 billion para po pambayad doon po sa pagkakautang ng NAPOCOR which, in turn po, ay magiging kabawasan po sa babayaranang kuryente ng ating mga mamamayan.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Sponsor. Doon po ang aking pag-aagam-agam dahil, in effect, this is a circumvention of Presidential Decree No. 87 or the decision of the Supreme Court doon sa PDAF case na kasama ang question ng Malampaya Fund, dahil malinaw na sinasabi ng Korte Suprema ay energy resource development and exploitation programs. Hindi po sinabi rito na pambayad sa mga nakaraang pagkakautang ng National Power Corporation, in the same manner na hindi pinayagan o hindi katanggap-tanggap iyong justification ng Department of National Defense noon na bumili sila ng barko para gagamitin daw or in a way, ginagamit ito para bantayan ang Malampaya gas field. Puwede po bang maglinaw dito ang ating kagalang-galang na Sponsor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, tama po ang sinasabi ng Representante ng BAYAN MUNA na energy-related programs, pero sinabi po rin ng Supreme Court na pinapayagan po ang energy-related projects doon po sa kaso ng Belgica vs. Executive Secretary Ochoa. Kaya naniniwala po ang Representanteng ito na puwede po gamitin natin ang Malampaya Fund para sa pagpapabayad po ng liabilities ng PSALM o ng NAPOCOR.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker. Gusto ko lang pong irehistro ang aking agam-agam diyan dahil para nga pong talagang nalilihis ito doon sa objective ng P.D. No. 87 at sa naging desisyon ng Korte Suprema in 2013.

Now, mapunta po ako doon sa paggagamitan, kung maging batas ito, ng Malampaya Fund. Ayon po dito sa inyong panukalang batas, tatlong bahagi ito kung hindi ako nagkakamali, ang paggagamitan nito: pambayad doon sa stranded contract costs and stranded debts ng National Power Corporation; at mayroon din pong allocation para naman doon sa programa ng Philippine National Oil Exploration Company. Ang sinasabi po ba rito ay hahatiin sa dalawang ahensiyang ito ang paggagamitan ng P221 billion na sine-set aside natin?

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, iyong P123 billion po, may dalawa po tayong paggagamitan noong Malampaya fund. Iyong una po ay iyong pambayad ng stranded debts at stranded contract costs in the amount of P123 billion. On top of that po, nag-a-allot rin po tayo ng P25 billion para po magamit ng PNOEC or ng Philippine National Oil Company Exploration Corporation para naman po makahanap pa po tayo ng ibang wells na makakapagbigay po sa atin ng isang Malampaya gas field po.

REP. ZARATE. Tama po iyan. In fact, I fully agree na kung ang pondo ng Malampaya ay gagamitin ng Philippine National Oil Company Exploration Corporation ay talagang naaayon ito doon sa P.D. No. 87 dahil iyon naman talaga ang mandato nito. Binibigyan natin sila ng P25 billion para dito pero mas malaki pa ang pambayad sa utang, P123 billion.

So, iyon po ang isang gusto kong ipunto diyan, lalo na sa panahon ngayon na kailangan nating magkaroon ng kasiguruhan sa enerhiya ay mas dapat siguro na ang pondo ng Malampaya, dahil hindi naman ito walang katapusan, ay gagamitin talaga natin para malinang iyong ating kakayahan na maging supisyente ang ating source of energy, na hindi tayo umaasa ng buong- buo sa kalakaran sa merkado, sa world market. As we know, napakalaki nang naging ambag ng Malampaya despite the fact na napakaliit ng ating share diyan although ibang usapin iyan. Luging-lugi tayo sa hatian diyan sa Malampaya, pero napakalaking ambag nito, especially sa Luzon grid, para mapababa ang presyo ng kuryente. Kaya iyon po ang isang gusto nating ipunto na this fund, hindi ito unlimited at kung gagamitin man natin ito, sa tingin ng Kinatawang ito, ang kalakhan ay dapat gamitin natin para malinang iyong iba pang puwedeng pagkukunan natin ng enerhiya na mas nakakatulong sa ating mga mamamayan.

I want to bring it to the attention of the Sponsor na kailangang tingnan din natin kung bakit nitong mga nakaraang panahon, sa halip nga na bababa, for example, iyong missionary subsidies na ibinibigay natin sa National Power Corporation, kataka-taka na, at napahayag naman ito sa ilang pagdinig ng Committee on Energy, lumalaki nang lumalaki ang subsidies na ibinibigay natin sa National Power Corporation areas compared to the non-NAPOCOR areas na sinu-suplayan ng kuryente. Gusto kong marinig ang take ng Sponsor dito, Mme. Speaker, kung ano ba ang assurance natin na kung gagamitin natin ang P123 billion from the Malampaya Fund—after this, what is our assurance na dito sa pagkakautang ng National Power Corporation, five or 10 years from now, ay hindi na sila haaharap uli dito at sasabihin, “Hindi na naman namin nabayaran. May pondo pa ba kayo diyan para gamitin namin at mabayaran ang utang na ito?”

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, gusto ko lang pong ipaabot sa ating Representante ng BAYAN MUNA na that is exactly the reason P123 billion lang po ang ina-allot natin para sa pambayad ng utang ng NAPOCOR, because parang ayaw naman po nating ipakita rin na inaabsuwelto po natin sila sa kanilang liabilities. So, that is one. Number two, iyong sinasabi po ninyo na baka bumalik po ang NAPOCOR sa atin in the future at pagkatapos ay biglang hingan po tayo ng pambayad ulit ng liabilities nila, kung natatandaan po ninyo, ang NAPOCOR po ngayon, they are only operational within the SPUG areas, iyong mga missionary electrification areas, kaya iyong pagkakautang na binabayaran po natin ngayon o iyong mina-manage po ng PSALM, ito po ay dati pa po and this was before EPIRA po. Kaya ang masasabi ko lang po sa ating Representante ng BAYAN MUNA, ang P123 billion na ito na ina-allot po natin ay malaki po talaga ang maitutulong. Hindi po mababayaran lahat but, from now until 2022, mawawala na po iyong dagdag ng universal charge na ilalagay po sa bill natin.

Kaya po kami po ay humihingi po ng inyong suporta dahil po kung hindi po natin ia-allot ang P123 billion sa pagkakautang ng NAPOCOR, as of today, 2019, magkakaroon po tayo—kasi po at present, ang dinadagdag na universal charge ng PSALM as approved by the ERC is around 22 cents. Pagkatapos po, for this month ay mababawasan po ito ng 19 cents, kaya magiging three cents na lang. Sa 2020, dadagdag na naman po ang universal charge na hihingin, pati po pagdating sa 2021 at 2022. Pagdating po ng 2022 ay may dagdag na 57 cents which, sa isang normal na household na 200 kilowatts per hour ang consumption, will amount to around P116. Kaya napakalaking kaginhawahan po itong panukalang batas para sa ating mga kababayan.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker. Nakalagay dito sa Section 5 ng ating panukalang batas, by 2023 ay dapat ma-settle nila iyong kanilang obligasyon. Ang ibig po ba nating sabihin by 2023, iyong ating binabayaranang universal charge, na nabanggit ninyo na rin ngayon, napakataas, lalong-lalo na sa mga missionary areas na pinagseserbisuhan ng National Power Corporation, so, mayroon po ba tayong computation that by 2023— mayroon pa ba o wala na tayong babayaranang universal charge? Kung mayroon man, magkano na lang ito?

REP. VELASCO. Iyong data po, Mme. Speaker, puwede ko po i-provide sa Representante po ng BAYAN MUNA. Ang sinasabi ko nga po, kapag umabot na po tayo ng 2023, magkakaroon na naman po ng panibagong dagdag sa kabayaran ng universal charge kasi po ang pagkakautang nga po ng PSALM o ng NAPOCOR is around P449 billion. Itong P123 billion ay ina-allot lang po natin para itong pagkakautang, mula ngayon

hanggang 2022, ay wala na pong maidagdag doon sa sinisingil na universal charge. Pinapa-compute ko po pero kung gusto pong hintayin ng ating Representante, puwede ko pong ma-supply sa kanya noong figures na mayroon ang PSALM.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po. Kung puwede na rin pong maidagdag at maitanong—dito sa P123 billion na ito na gagamitin para bayaran ang utang ng PSALM o ng National Power Corporation, puwede po bang malaman natin sa good Sponsor kung sinu-sino ang unang makikinabang dito na mababayaran ang pagkakautang?

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, lahat po ng gumagamit ng kuryente ay makakaramdam po ng kaginhawahan dahil po imbes na dadagdagan pa po ang sinisingil na universal charge ay zero na po iyong ...

REP. ZARATE. Well, my question is, Mme. Speaker, nandito iyong P123 billion, so, sino ang pinagkakautangan ng PSALM at this point ang unang mababayaran? Sinabi naman kanina na hindi enough ang P123 billion at kayo na rin ang umamin niyan na ang P123 billion na iyan is not enough.

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, iba-iba po kasi ang mga maturity ng kanilang mga liabilities. Kung gusto po ng Representante ng BAYAN MUNA, puwede po natin siyang ma-furnish ng lista kung sino-sino po. Iyong P123 billion po, Mme. Speaker, ay hindi isang bagsak na babayaran iyan ngayong 2019 or sa 2020 pero staggered basis po iyan at para ngayong 2020, P56 billion ang babayaran; sa 2021, P42 billion; at sa 2022, P36 billion. Kaya hindi isang bagsakan po ibibigay iyong P123 billion.

REP. ZARATE. Puwede na lang hong i-request namin ang ating kagalang-galang na Sponsor na mabigyan ang Kinatawang ito ng detalye kung paano ang P123 billion na ito ay ia-allocate, paano ang pagbabayad nito at sino ang makakatanggap nito.

Another point, Mme. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor, sa ilang mga pagdinig ng Committee on Energy simula noong Sixteenth Congress at hanggang ngayon, ang isang concern na nire-raise natin—gusto natin na ang itinatakda ng EPIRA na ang PSALM ay episyente niyang mina-manage iyong assets ng National Power Corporation at i-assure nito na kapag na-privatize na ito, ay gagaan ang problema ng gobyerno, ng mga kumokonsumo, et cetera, pero parang lumalabas, at mayroong mga pag-amin nitong mga nakaraang panahon, na talagang may problema doon sa management ng assets ng ating National Power Corporation. In fact, ang isang tanong

noong na-privatize ang ilang mga power assets natin ay naibenta ito ng parang palugi. These assets were just being sold for a song, at kung sino man iyong makakabili ay magbibigay lang ng downpayment na maliit, pagkatapos ay i-takeover na niya na ang isang power asset, operate it at a profit, and the government is now, you know, holding the empty bag at mag-aantay pa ng ilang taon para mabayaran siya samantalang doble-doble na ang tubo noong nakabili ng ating power asset.

My question now is, Mme. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor, sinalo natin, P123 billion—ano ang magiging pananagutan, on the question of accountability, noong kapabayaang ng mga binigyan ng mandato na sana sa pagkakataong ito, ang P123 billion na iyan na nagamit natin para sana sa paglinang pa ng sources of energy ay ngayon ginamit natin para tubusin ang hindi nga nabawasan, kundi lumobong mga utang ng National Power Corporation, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker?

REP. VELASCO. Mme. Speaker, I think that is another issue altogether. I think I would just invite the Representative from the BAYAN MUNA to file the necessary resolution and we can hear it in the Committee on Energy. Ang sinasabi ko nga po, Mme. Speaker, itong pagkakagamit ng P123 billion, we are not saying na ina-absolve po natin kung may nangyaring katiwalian during the time ng pagbebenta noong NAPOCOR assets, but what we are trying to prevent with this Bill is mag-balloon po iyong pagkakautang natin na P449 billion. Andiyang po ang Malampaya Fund na nagkakahalaga ng P221 billion at present. So, instead po magamit natin ito kung saan-saan, sa tingin ko po, maganda na magamit po ito ngayon at i-apply po natin sa utang na mina-manage po ng PSALM nang sa gayon, iyong P449.9 billion na pagkakautang ngayon ay hindi na po mag-balloon nang mas malaki dahil ang gagawin lang po siguro ng PSALM diyan ay mangungutang rin po para sa pagbayad ng utang ng NAPOCOR. Now, with additional loans taken by PSALM, that would mean additional interests, and these will cost money so, at the end of the day, ito po iyong pina-pass on po natin as universal charge.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker. With due respect, sa tingin ko ay related na usapan iyan dahil gaya nga nang nabanggit ko kanina, despite the fact na under EPIRA ay mayroon tayong Joint Congressional Power Commission, heto ngayon ay nag-uusap tayo na malaki pa rin ang utang at gagamitin natin ang pondo ng Malampaya. Kaya ko ho itinanong iyan, kagalang-galang na Sponsor, Mme. Speaker, because there is a provision in this Bill related to congressional oversight and I raised this para kailangan gamitin talaga ng Kongreso iyong kanyang

power of oversight. Nilalagyan natin ng provisions on congressional oversight pero at the end of the day, heto uli tayo, kung saan pupunta sila sa Kongreso at sasabihin, “Bigyan ninyo kami ng batas para matugunan ang problemang ito.” So it appears na tayo ang taga-salo o taga-linis noong sana ay problemang ipinasa na natin sa mga ahensiya.

Having said that, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker, to close this interpellation, kami po ay naniniwala na dapat nga talaga ang ating mamamayan will enjoy iyong tuloy-tuloy na serbisyo sa enerhiya at murang kuryente kaya kahit noon pa man, tinutuligsa na natin ang pagpasa ng EPIRA dahil lumalabas na na-abandona ng gobyerno ang kanyang pangunahing obligasyon na mag-deliver ng efficient and murang serbisyong enerhiya sa ating mamamayan. Ang kanilang ipinangako noon, nang ipasa ang EPIRA in 2001, kapag ibenta natin ang power assets ng gobyerno at ibigay sa pribadong sektor, magiging episyente at magmumura ito. Eighteen years thereafter, ito ngayon ang reyalidad: mahal pa rin ang kuryente sa ating bansa. Tayo ang isa sa may pinakamahal na kuryente, kung hindi man sa buong mundo, dito sa parteng ito ng Asya pero lubog pa rin sa utang ang gobyerno. Halos maubos na ang power assets ng gobyerno pero hindi pa rin nababayaran ang utang ng National Power Corporation. Mayroon sanang pondo, ang Malampaya Fund, na hindi naman walang pagkakaubos. In the past, nalustay ito nang nalustay, ginamit sa kung anu-anong pagkakagastusan, ginawang pork barrel at ito ngayon, gagamitin natin uli para salbahin ang mga pagkakautang ng mga nakaraan. I hope na kung ano pa man ang maiiwang pondo ng Malampaya Fund will be judiciously and prudently used by the government through this Congress para doon sa paglinang ng ating sariling kakayahan na mag-produce ng mura at tuloy-tuloy na enerhiya para sa ating mga kababayan.

So, iyon lang po ang aking mga ilang paglilinaw, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker. Maraming salamat sa pagkakataon na makapaglinaw. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. VELASCO. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker at maraming salamat rin po sa Representante ng BAYAN MUNA at nabigyan ng linaw ang Bill na pinapapasa po natin rito, na sa paniniwala po ng Representanteng ito ay talagang nagamit po natin ng prudent iyong pondo. Definitely, at the end of the day, for four years ay hindi na po dadagdag sa electricity cost ang universal charge na pinapataw po from the pagkakautang ng NAPOCOR through PSALM. Iyon lang po, Mme. Speaker.

Maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, there being no other Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the

measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 8869 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8869 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). As many as are against, please say *nay*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8869 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8869 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6973 *Continuation*

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, under the Calendar of Unfinished Business, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 6973

and the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the Bill.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

The Secretary General is so directed.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6973, entitled: AN ACT ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE METROPOLITAN MANILA COUNCIL IN FORMULATING POLICIES, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND IN ENACTING ORDINANCES FOR METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7924, ENTITLED, "AN ACT CREATING THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Sponsor, the Hon. Bayani F. Fernando.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Hon. Bayani Fernando is recognized.

REP. FERNANDO. Mme. Speaker, I have been here for a ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status is that we are in the period of sponsorship and debate. I move that we recognize the honorable Rep. Gary C. Alejano of the Party-List MAGDALO for his interpellation, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Honorable Alejano is not around.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 4:30 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:31 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading House Bill No. 6973.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 6973 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6973 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 6973 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILLS
ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following local bills:

1. House Bill No. 8892, contained in Committee Report No. 1096;
2. House Bill No. 8898, contained in Committee Report No. 1097;
3. House Bill No. 8899, contained in Committee Report No. 1098;
4. House Bill No. 8900, contained in Committee Report No. 1099;
5. House Bill No. 8901, contained in Committee Report No. 1100;
6. House Bill No. 2580, contained in Committee Report No. 1101;
7. House Bill No. 8902, contained in Committee Report No. 1102;
8. House Bill No. 8903, contained in Committee Report No. 1103;
9. House Bill No. 8904, contained in Committee Report No. 1104;
10. House Bill No. 8905, contained in Committee Report No. 1105;
11. House Bill No. 8906, contained in Committee Report No. 1106;
12. House Bill No. 8907, contained in Committee Report No. 1107;
13. House Bill No. 8913, contained in Committee Report No. 1115;
14. House Bill No. 8914, contained in Committee Report No. 1116;
15. House Bill No. 8915, contained in Committee Report No. 1117;
16. House Bill No. 8916, contained in Committee Report No. 1118;
17. House Bill No. 8917, contained in Committee Report No. 1119; and
18. House Bill No. 5740, contained in Committee Report No. 1128.

I so move.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the respective Explanatory Notes of the bills as the sponsorship speeches on the measures.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the aforesaid measures, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on the aforesaid House bills on Second Reading.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is an omnibus motion for the approval of the aforesaid House bills on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS
ON SECOND READING

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

The aforesaid House bills enumerated in the omnibus motion are approved on Second Reading.*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved House Bill No. 7820 and Senate Bill No. 1917 on Third Reading, respectively, which seek to grant survivorship benefits to dependent children of a deceased retired member of the Commission on Audit, Civil Service Commission, Commission on Elections and the Ombudsman, who is a solo parent. We have been informed that the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization, the Sponsor of House Bill No. 7820 and the authors thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1917. In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1917 as an amendment to House Bill No. 7820.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. 6621

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6621.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). 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. 6621, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ADELA SERRA TY MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN TANDAG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 5811 and Senate Bill No. 2121, respectively, providing for a Magna Carta of the Poor. We have been informed that the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, the Sponsor of House Bill No. 5811, and the authors thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 2121. In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 2121 as an amendment to House Bill No. 5811.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we include additional coauthors to House Bills No. 3437, 7410, 8862, 8869, 8884, 8885, 8908, 8909, 8910, 8911, 8912, 8918 and 8926, and House Resolution No. 2237 as contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 4:37 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8919
ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

consider House Bill No. 8919, contained in Committee Report No. 1121, as reported out by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8919, entitled: AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas of Pangasinan to sponsor the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Cong. Primicias-Agabas is recognized for her sponsorship speech. Kindly proceed.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8919 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8919 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8919 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved. House Bill No. 8919 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8920
ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8920, contained in Committee Report No. 1122, as reported out by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8920, entitled: AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas to sponsor the measure.

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

The Honorable Primicias-Agabas is recognized for her sponsorship speech. Kindly proceed.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8920 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8920 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8920
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8920 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8921
ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8921, contained in Committee Report No. 1123, as reported out by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8921, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas to sponsor the measure.

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

The Honorable Primicias-Agabas is recognized for her sponsorship speech. Kindly proceed.

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

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 8921 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8921 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8921
ON SECOND READING

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

House Bill No. 8921 is approved on Second Reading.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8922
ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8922, contained in Committee Report No. 1124, as reported out by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8922, entitled: AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSABL. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas to sponsor the measure.

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

The Honorable Primicias-Agabas is recognized for her sponsorship speech. Kindly proceed.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we vote on House Bill No. 8922 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8922 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8922
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8922 is approved on Second Reading.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8923
ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8923, contained in Committee Report No. 1125, as reported out by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8923, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAUAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas to sponsor the measure.

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

The Honorable Primicias-Agabas is recognized for her sponsorship speech. Kindly proceed.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8923 on Second Reading .

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8923 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8923
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved. House Bill No. 8923 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8924
ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

consider House Bill No. 8924, contained in Committee Report No. 1126, as reported out by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriation.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8924, entitled: AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas to sponsor the measure.

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

The Honorable Primicias-Agabas is recognized for her sponsorship speech. Kindly proceed.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8924 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8924 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8924 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8924 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8925 ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

consider House Bill No. 8925, contained in Committee Report No. 1127, as reported out by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8925, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ESCALANTE, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas to sponsor the measure.

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

The Honorable Primicias-Agabas is recognized for her sponsorship speech. Kindly proceed.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8925 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8925 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8925 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8925 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is suspended.

It was 4:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8885 ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8885, contained in Committee Report No. 1090, as reported out by the Committee on Transportation.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8885, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the Bill, I move that we recognize the Hon. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr. of BUHAY Party-List.

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

The Hon. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr. is recognized. Kindly proceed.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. VELARDE

REP. VELARDE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, on behalf of the Committee on Transportation, it is my honor to sponsor before this august body a very timely Bill, House Bill No. 8885, on the institutionalization of the student fare discount. Currently, the LTFRB, pursuant to its regulatory power, requires all public land transport utilities to grant a 20 percent student fare discount. With the enactment of this Bill, the said grant or privilege will be institutionalized and shall even be expanded to cover common carriers transporting passengers by rail, sea or air. This is envisioned to bring tremendous benefits to our students and their families in lowering the costs of education, particularly the cost of transportation which is a major expense. Along with the said grant of student fare discount, we also included the provision on tax deduction to mitigate the impact of the discounts given. We have also provided ways for determining qualifications of students so that the said privilege will not be abused.

In view of the significance of this Bill and considering that we have balanced the side of the students as beneficiaries and the side of the operators as the ones granting the discounts, I am formally submitting this Bill to the Body for approval.

Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we approve House Bill No. 8885 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8885 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8885 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved. House Bill No. 8885 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 5:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:04 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8918 ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, I move that we consider House

Bill No. 8918 contained in Committee Report No. 1120, as reported out by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, Appropriations, and Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8918, entitled: AN ACT DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITIONS FOR YOUNG ARTISTS (NAMCYA) AS THE NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR MUSIC, DEFINING ITS ROLE AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the Bill, I move that we recognize the Hon. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI, Chairman of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Honorable Durano is recognized. Kindly proceed.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech of the Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8918 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8918 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8918 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 8918 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8910 ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8910, contained in Committee Report No. 1112, as reported out by the Committee on Games and Amusements.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8910, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the Bill, I move that we recognize the Hon. Gus S. Tambunting of Parañaque, Chairman of the Committee on Games and Amusements.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Honorable Tambunting is recognized. Kindly proceed.

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

May I request that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as my sponsorship speech on the measure. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech thereon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8910 ON SECOND READING

REP. FORTUN. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we approve House Bill No. 8910 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8910 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8910 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 8910 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 5:09 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:10 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8884 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8884, contained in Committee Report No. 1088, as reported out by the Committees on Tourism, and Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8884, entitled: AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PAYMENT OF TRAVEL TAX AND PROVIDING TRAVEL TAX DISCOUNT TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1183, AS AMENDED.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Mark O. Go of Baguio City.

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

The Hon. Mark Go is recognized. Kindly proceed.

REP. GO (M.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 8884 be considered as my sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8884 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8884 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B.NO. 8884
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8884 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8908
ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8908 contained in Committee Report No. 1110, as reported out by the Committees on Overseas Workers Affairs, and Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8908, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE ATTACHÉ, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995", AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize Rep. Jesus Manalo of Party-List ANGKLA, the Chairman of Overseas Workers Affairs Committee.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Hon. Jesulito A. Manalo is recognized. Kindly proceed.

REP. MANALO. Mme. Speaker, I request that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as my sponsorship speech thereon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8908 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8908 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8908
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8908 is hereby approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8911
ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8911, contained in Committee Report No. 1113, as reported out by the Committee on Transportation.

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

I so move.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8911, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING A MINIMUM DISTANCE FOR OVERTAKING OF CYCLISTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Antonio L. Tinio of ACT TEACHERS Party-List.

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

The Hon. Antonio Tinio is recognized. Kindly proceed.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the interpellation. There being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak on the measure, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8911 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8911 on Second Reading. As many as are in favor, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8911 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved. House Bill No. 8911 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 5:18 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:21 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8909 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8909, contained in Committee Report No. 1111, as reported out by the Committee on Dangerous Drugs.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8909, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING DRUG PREVENTION AND CONTROL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers from the Second District of Surigao del Norte, the Chairman of the Committee on Dangerous Drugs.

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

The Hon. Robert Ace Barbers is recognized. Kindly proceed.

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

Mme. Speaker, may I ask that the Explanatory Note of the said substitute Bill be adopted as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of the substitute Bill as the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the interpellation. There being no Member who wishes

to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8909 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8909 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8909 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8909 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7030 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7030, contained in Committee Report No. 581, as reported out by the Committees on Population and Family Relations, and Appropriations.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7030, entitled: AN ACT PROTECTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM VIOLENCE, DEFINING ELDER ABUSE, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, the Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Population and Family Relations.

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

The Hon. Lourdes Aggabao is hereby recognized. Kindly proceed.

REP. AGGABAO. Good afternoon, Mme. Speaker. I propose that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be adopted as the sponsorship speech thereon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REP. AGGABAO. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection?

REP. AGGABAO. Mme. Speaker, we have Committee amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. I am sorry, I withdraw the motion for the termination of the period of amendments. Instead, Mme. Speaker, I believe there are Committee amendments, so, I move that we consider the same.

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

The Honorable Aggabao will please proceed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

REP. AGGABAO. Mme. Speaker, the Committee is proposing the following amendments: On page 1, Section 3. Definition of Terms, to delete the entire subsections as follows: “(a) Abandonment; (b) Battery; (d) Economic abuse; (g) Neglect; (h) Physical violence; and (i) Psychological violence.” The remaining subsections shall be renumbered accordingly.

On page 3, lines 13 to 36, to delete the entire Section 4. Acts of Violence Against a Senior Citizen and in lieu thereof, insert a new Section 4 to read: SECTION 4. ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST A SENIOR CITIZEN. – ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST A SENIOR CITIZEN ARE ACTS THAT CAUSE HARM OR DISTRESS COMMITTED ONCE OR REPEATEDLY THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

(a) PHYSICAL ABUSE OR INFLECTION OF PAIN

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

OR INJURY WITH THE USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE RESULTING IN BODILY INJURY, PHYSICAL HARM, PAIN OR IMPAIRMENT, SUFFERING OR DISTRESS;

(b) PSYCHOLOGICAL, MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL ABUSE CAUSING MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL SUFFERING OR DISTRESS;

(c) MATERIAL EXPLOITATION THROUGH ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER USE OF FUNDS OR RESOURCES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN, AND ECONOMIC OR FINANCIAL ABUSE THROUGH ACTS THAT MAKE THE SENIOR CITIZEN FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT;

(f) ABANDONMENT OR DESERTION BY LEAVING A SENIOR CITIZEN UNATTENDED AT A PLACE FOR SUCH A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME, AS MAY LIKELY TO ENDANGER THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN, BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING CARE FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN OR BY A PERSON WITH CUSTODY OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN.

I move for their approval.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve the said proposed Committee amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendments are approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized

REP. AGGABAO. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
Kindly proceed.

REP. AGGABAO. On page 4, line 19, Section 6. Mandatory Programs and Services for a Senior Citizen Who is a Victim of Violence, to delete the phrase "The Secretary of" and restyle the article "the" as the start of a new sentence.

I move for its approval.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve the said proposed amendment.

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

REP. AGGABAO. The last amendment, Mme.

Speaker: on page 12, lines 13 and 14 under Section 25. Penalties, to delete the phrase "shall be considered an aggravating circumstance due to vulnerability of a senior citizen and the offender."

I move for its approval.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve the said proposed amendment.

REP. AGGABAO. That is all, Mme. Speaker.
Thank you.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no other Committee amendments and no individual amendments, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7030, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 7030, as amended, on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7030, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7030, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8926 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we

consider House Bill No. 8926, contained in Committee Report No. 1129, as reported out by the Committee on Natural Resources

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8926, entitled: AN ACT REGULATING THE CATCHING, SALE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, IMPORTATION, AND EXPORTATION OF ALL SHARKS, RAYS, AND CHIMAERAS AND ANY PART THEREOF IN THE COUNTRY.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang from the Lone District of Kalinga, the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Honorable Mangaoang is recognized. Kindly proceed.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8926 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8926 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 8926, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8926 ON SECOND READING

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

House Bill No. 8926 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8912
ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8912 as contained in Committee Report No. 1114, as reported out by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8912, entitled: AN ACT AUTHORIZING HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND GRADUATE TRAINING IN ADVANCED ENERGY AND GREEN BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe from the Second District of Zamboanga City, the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Hon. Manuel Dalipe is recognized. Kindly proceed.

REP. DALIPE. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be adopted as the sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 8912.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8912 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8912 on Second Reading.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye.*

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8912
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.
House Bill No. 8912 is approved on Second Reading.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DALIPE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 3437
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 3437, contained in Committee Report No. 1077, as reported out by the Committees on Information and Communications Technology, and Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 3437, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ON-LINE NETWORK ESTABLISHMENT POLICY FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the author, Deputy Speaker Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ARENAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 3437 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 3437 on Second Reading
I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 3437 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 3437
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 3437 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is suspended.

It was 5:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:41 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7410
ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7410, contained in Committee Report No. 1082, as reported out by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology.

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7410, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE WIRELESS TELECOM COMPANIES TO TRANSFER FIVE-YEAR OLD CELL TOWERS TO REIT CORPORATIONS.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and to recognize the honorable Deputy Speaker Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas to sponsor the measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The honorable Deputy Speaker Arenas is recognized.

REP. ARENAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 7410 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
Thank you, Deputy Speaker Arenas.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

I so move.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7410 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 7410 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7410 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7410 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 5:43 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:04 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6625 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 6625, contained in Committee Report No. 472, as reported out by the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6625, entitled: AN ACT CLASSIFYING BAMBOO AS AN UNREGULATED FOREST PRODUCT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the honorable Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang of the Lone District of Kalinga, the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Honorable Mangaoang is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. MANGAOANG. Mme. Speaker. I move that the Explanatory Note of the said measure be adopted as the sponsorship speech of the author.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Honorable Mangaoang to present the Committee amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Honorable Mangaoang is so recognized. Kindly proceed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

REP. MANGAOANG. Mme. Speaker, the said amendment would be on Section 4 of House Bill No. 6625, to delete the provision thereat and in lieu thereof, to insert the following:

SEC. 4. DEREGULATION OF BAMBOO. – BAMBOO CULMS, WHETHER PLANTED OR GROWN NATURALLY IN FORESTLANDS OR IN PRIVATE LANDS, ARE HEREBY DEREGULATED. THE HARVEST AND TRANSPORT OF BAMBOO CULMS SHALL NO LONGER REQUIRE ANY PERMIT FROM ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY: PROVIDED, THAT A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR BAMBOOS HARVESTED IN PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTLANDS WHILE A CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OBTAINED FROM THE BARANGAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR BAMBOOS HARVESTED IN PRIVATE LANDS.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve the said amendment proposed by the Committee.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no other Committee amendments and no individual amendments, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 6625, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 6625, as amended.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6625, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 6625, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
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 Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1131), re H.B. No. 8941, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-SANTA ROSA CAMPUS, AUTHORIZING IT TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7114

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya and Arcillas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1132), re H.B. No. 8946, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO CELEBRATE THE ‘SIDLAKASILAK FESTIVAL’ OR THE ‘FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3548

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1133), re H.B. No. 8947, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 5 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIKATUNA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO BE KNOWN AS ‘DATU SIKATUNA DAY’, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5866

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1134), re H.B. No. 8948, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘GUINSAUGON DAY’, IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE 2006 LANDSLIDE IN BARANGAY GUINSAUGON, MUNICIPALITY OF ST. BERNARD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6611

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1135), re H.B. No. 8949, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 9 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘EASTERN SAMAR FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8614

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Evardone

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1136), re H.B. No. 8950, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 22 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN

THE MUNICIPALITY OF SUGBONGCOGON, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'SUGBONGCOGON CHARTER DAY', IN CELEBRATION AND COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2059

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Unabia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 1137), re H.B. No. 8951, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6727

Sponsors: Representatives Abellanosa and Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization (Committee Report No. 1138), re H.B. No. 8952, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRANCH OFFICE OF THE HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND 'PAG-IBIG FUND' IN MAASIN CITY, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6337

Sponsors: Representatives Sacdalan and Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 1139), re H.B. No. 8953, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIMAY, PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY ST. FRANCIS II"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8890

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Garcia (J.E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 1140), re H.B. No. 8955, entitled:

"AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF BANGKULASI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BANGKULASI, CITY OF

NAVOTAS TO ANGELES MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6211

Sponsors: Representatives Durano and Tiangco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

1. House Bill No. 8941, contained in Committee Report No. 1131;
2. House Bill No. 8946, contained in Committee Report No. 1132;
3. House Bill No. 8947, contained in Committee Report No. 1133;
4. House Bill No. 8948, contained in Committee Report No. 1134;
5. House Bill No. 8949, contained in Committee Report No. 1135;
6. House Bill No. 8950, contained in Committee Report No. 1136;
7. House Bill No. 8951, contained in Committee Report No. 1137;
8. House Bill No. 8952, contained in Committee Report No. 1138;
9. House Bill No. 8953, contained in Committee Report No. 1139; and
10. House Bill No. 8955, contained in Committee Report No. 1140.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I also move that the respective Explanatory Notes of the aforesaid local bills be adopted as the sponsorship speeches on the said measures.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against any of the measures, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move for the omnibus approval of the aforesaid House bills on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the omnibus approval of the aforesaid House bills on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 6:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:53 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is so directed.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 1130), re H.R. No. 2462, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE ATHLETES AND COACHES OF THE PHILIPPINE PARALYMPIC TEAM FOR WINNING MEDALS IN THE THIRD ASIAN PARA GAMES HELD IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA FROM OCTOBER 6 TO 13, 2018, AND THE OFFICIALS OF THE PHILIPPINE PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (PPC) LED BY ITS PRESIDENT, MR. MICHAEL BARREDO, FOR THEIR ABLE MENTORSHIP AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 2239, 2240, 2244, 2245, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2276 and 2293

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella, Sambar and Roa-Puno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 1141), re H.B. No. 8956, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE ILOILO-DUMANGAS COASTAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAYS TICUD AND JINACTACAN IN THE DISTRICT OF LA PAZ AND BARANGAYS BALABAGO AND BITO-ON IN THE DISTRICT OF JARO, BOTH IN ILOILO CITY, BARANGAYS CAMANGAY AND NABITASAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEGANES, BARANGAY TUBIGAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ZARRAGA, BARANGAY TALAUGUIS UP TO DUMANGAS PORT IN BARANGAY NALU-UYAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMANGAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AS CONGRESSMAN NARCISO DOLAR MONFORT HIGHWAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4915

Sponsors: Representatives Fernando and Garin (R.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 1142), re H.B. No. 8957, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE KALIBO-BANGA-BALETE-BATAN-ALTAVAS NATIONAL ROAD WHICH IS PART OF THE KALIBO HIGHWAY, STRETCHING FROM THE NUMANCIA-KALIBO BOUNDARY AT BARANGAY LAGUINBANUA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NUMANCIA, TRAVERSING BARANGAYS POBLACION, ANDAGAO, ESTANCIA, TIGAYON AND LINABUAN NORTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, BARANGAYS LINABUAN SUR, JUMARAP, MAMBOG, POBLACION, TABAYON, LIBAS, AND VENTURANZA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANGA, BARANGAYS FULGENCIO, FELICIANO, CALIZO, MORALES, POBLACION, CORTES AND ARANAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALETE, BARANGAYS LALAB AND CABUGAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATAN, BARANGAYS CABUGAO, LINAYASAN, ODIONG, POBLACION,

MAN-UP, CABANGILA, UP TO THE CAPIZ-AKLAN BOUNDARY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALTAVAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AS CONGRESSMAN ALLEN SALAS QUIMPO NATIONAL HIGHWAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5035

Sponsors: Representatives Fernando and Marquez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 1143), re H.B. No. 8958, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE STRETCH OF ROAD CURRENTLY KNOWN AS THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (NLEX), THAT TRAVERSES BARANGAY BALINTAWAK IN QUEZON CITY, THE CITIES OF CALOOCAN AND VALENZUELA IN METRO MANILA, THROUGH THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MARILAO, BOCAUE, BALAGTAS, GUIGUINTO, THE CITY OF MALOLOS, THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PLARIDEL AND PULILAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN, THROUGH THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN SIMON, THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO, THE CITY OF ANGELES, UP TO BARANGAY STA. INES IN THE CITY OF MABALACAT, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, AND WHICH MERGES WITH MAC ARTHUR HIGHWAY AND CONTINUES NORTHWARD INTO THE REST OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN LUZON, TO THE MARCELO H. DEL PILAR EXPRESSWAY (MHDPEX)”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3703

Sponsors: Representatives Fernando and Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation (Committee Report No. 1144), re H.B. No. 8959, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING AND REGULATING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES AS PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1215, 2530, 3941, 6909, 8819 and 8822

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Velarde, Acharon, Uy (J.), Durano, Del Mar, Yap (A.) and Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation (Committee Report No. 1145), re H.B. No. 8960, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SINGLE CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY OR A CONSORTIUM OF SINGLE CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES FOR CERTAIN VESSELS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9295, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘DOMESTIC SHIPPING DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2004’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 460

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Manalo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 1146), re H.B. No. 8961, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT’, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5113, as amended, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 5097 and 8651

Sponsors: Representatives Durano and Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples (Committee Report No. 1147), re H.R. No. 2468, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO ADDRESS THE RECRUITMENT BY THE NEW PEOPLE’S ARMY (NPA) OF MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (ICCs/IPs), AND BY SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING THE IP CONCERN IN HIS ADMINISTRATION’S ZERO TO 10-POINT SOCIO-ECONOMIC AGENDA”

recommending its adoption

Sponsors: Representatives Mangaoang, Panganiban, Paduano and Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move for the approval of Journal No. 46, dated January 29, 2019.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 8629 AND S.B. NO. 1531

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8629 and Senate Bill No. 1531.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8629, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM; and Senate Bill No. 1531, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, ENHANCING THE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY, GRANTING INCENTIVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following local bills:

1. House Bill No. 8956 as contained in Committee Report No. 1141;
2. House Bill No. 8957 as contained in Committee Report No. 1142; and
3. House Bill No. 8958 as contained in Committee Report No. 1143.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is granted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the respective Explanatory Notes of the said bills as their respective sponsorship speeches.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the said measures, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we

approve the aforesaid local House bills on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of the aforesaid bills enumerated in the omnibus motion.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

The aforesaid House bills enumerated in the omnibus motion are approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8959 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8959, contained in Committee Report No. 1144, as reported out by the Committee on Transportation.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8959, entitled: AN ACT ALLOWING AND REGULATING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES AS PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI of Cebu, one of the authors of the said measure, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Honorable Durano is recognized. Kindly proceed.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8959 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8959 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8959
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8959 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8961
ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8961, contained in Committee Report No. 1146, as reported out by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8961, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

INSTITUTIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CITIZENS ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the honorable Chairman of the Committee on Basic Education, the honorable Rep. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI of Cebu.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Honorable Durano is recognized for his sponsorship speech. Kindly proceed.

REP. DURANO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, Mr. Majority Leader.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8961

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8961.

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

The consideration of House Bill No. 8961 is hereby suspended.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). 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 House Resolution on First Reading, and Committee Reports and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding reference:

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2467, entitled:

"RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE IN THE FILING, REVIEW AND DISCLOSURE OF, AND ACCESS TO, THE STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH (SALNs) OF MEMBERS, OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES"

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Castro (F.H.), Romualdez, Mendoza, Veloso, Roa-Puno, Salceda, Aquino-Magsaysay and Dimaporo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2449, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM ALLOWING, MONITORING, AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF DULY REGISTERED, ORGANIZED 'HABAL-HABAL' OR MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE AS AN ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES TO EASE DAILY COMMUTING OF THE RIDING PUBLIC AND SUBMIT TO CONGRESS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MOST APPROPRIATE AND REASONABLE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK BY WAY OF LEGISLATION"

By Representatives Castelo, Atienza, Fernando, Del Mar, Datol, Villarín, Bagatsing, Abellanosa,

Bravo (A.), Lopez (M.L.), Lopez (C.), Maceda,
Malapitan, Nieto and Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 2450, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SERIES OF AERIAL BOMBINGS OF LUMAD COMMUNITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN LIANGA TOWN, SURIGAO DEL SUR, FROM DECEMBER 31, 2018 TO JANUARY 21, 2019, FORCING THE LUMAD INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO FLEE IN FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY”

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

House Resolution No. 2451, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ONGOING MILITARY OPERATIONS BY THE 63RD INFANTRY BATTALION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (IBPA) TRIGGERING THE FORCED EVACUATION OF THIRTY SEVEN (37) PEASANT FAMILIES IN BRGY. BAYANG, SAN JORGE TOWN IN SAMAR, EASTERN VISAYAS REGION FOR FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES AND SAFETY”

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

House Resolution No. 2452, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR): TO POSTPONE OR SUSPEND THE EXECUTION OF THE MANILA BAY REHABILITATION PROGRAM UNTIL A COMPREHENSIVE AND HOLISTIC STUDY ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE AFFECTED MARGINALIZED SECTORS HAS BEEN DILIGENTLY CARRIED OUT; TO PUBLICIZE ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OR MASTERPLAN; TO HOLD PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS AMONG AFFECTED MARGINALIZED

SECTORS; AND ULTIMATELY, TO DRAFT A GENUINE AND DEMOCRATIC PROGRAM THAT WILL SINCERELY REHABILITATE MANILA BAY WITHOUT INFRINGING THE BASIC RIGHTS TO LIVELIHOOD AND ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING OF MARGINALIZED SECTORS”

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

House Resolution No. 2453, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS BOMBING AT THE OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHEDRAL IN JOLO, SULU, EXTENDING ITS PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE HAPLESS VICTIMS, AND URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, AND FILE APPROPRIATE CHARGES AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE DASTARDLY ACT”

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

House Resolution No. 2454, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE ACT AND THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW”

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

House Resolution No. 2455, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ALLEGED INEFFICIENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES (DENR)-COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (CENRO), CATANAUAN, QUEZON”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2456, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ROGEL CABISIDAN FOR WINNING THE 28TH EDITION OF VALLOIRE INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE COMPETITION IN THE SOUTHEASTERN CITY OF VALLOIRE SAVOIE IN FRANCE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2457, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING KAREN JUANITA GALLMAN FOR WINNING THE 47TH MISS INTERCONTINENTAL BEAUTY PAGEANT THUS ACHIEVING A HISTORIC FEAT BY BECOMING THE FIRST FILIPINA TO WIN THE PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY COMPETITION”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2458, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE ATROCIOUS TERRORISTIC ATTACK IN JOLO, SULU, EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE IN HIS EFFORTS TO PREVENT OR SUPPRESS LAWLESS VIOLENCE IN MINADANAO, AND EXTENDING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED AND INJURED”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2461, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MS. KAREN JUANITA BAYONAS GALLMAN, A FILIPINA-AUSTRALIAN NATIVE OF BOHOL, FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINA TO WIN MISS INTERCONTINENTAL TITLE”

By Representative Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2463, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONDEMNING THE JANUARY 10, 2019 GRENADE ATTACK ON A MOSQUE IN ZAMBOANGA CITY, EXTENDING ITS PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS, AND URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL

POLICE TO CONDUCT AN IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION AND FILE APPROPRIATE CHARGES AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2464, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE CUTTING, BALLING AND PRUNING OF TREES ALONG COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, QUEZON CITY DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF METRO RAIL TRANSIT 7”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Resolution No. 2465, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST MANNER THE BOMBING OF THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF SULU, AS WELL AS TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCIDENT”

By Representatives Arbison, Adiong and Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2466, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF TAIPAN HENRY SY, SR., EMPIRE BUILDER AND THE FATHER OF PHILIPPINE RETAIL”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Castro (F.H.) and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 34, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION REMITTING ALL MONIES COLLECTED AS MOTOR VEHICLE USER’S CHARGED TO THE NATIONAL TREASURY UNDER A SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL FUND TO BE EARMARKED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION, UPGRADING, REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND ROAD DRAINAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED 2019 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Castro (F.H.), Suarez and Andaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2467

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2467.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). 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. 2467, entitled: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE IN THE FILING, REVIEW AND DISCLOSURE OF, AND ACCESS TO, THE STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH (SALNs) OF MEMBERS, OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2467

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2467.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

House Resolution No. 2467 is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, February 4, 2019.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The session is adjourned until Monday, February 4, 2019, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 7:09 p.m.