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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Mercedes K. Alvarez called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Everybody will please remain standing for the Invocation to be led by Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes from the Lone District of San Jose Del Monte City.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. ROBES. Let us bow our heads for a minute of prayer.

Dear Father in heaven, as we gently close our eyes, make us an instrument of thy peace.

We thank you, O Lord, for all the blessings that come through our journey into one’s self and one’s heart. As we sincerely claim the blessings of the Almighty, as He says we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, let us not forget to share our bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked, and never turn back on our own.

Salt and light people need not worry because we plant seeds of good deeds—we provide flavor when life is stale and give hope when life’s dreams are crushed. Salt and light people

are sowers of good deeds and reapers of God’s blessings.

To You, O Lord, we fervently pray that we continue to create noise, loud noises, to drive the evil spirits away from our domicile. In this, we humbly pray for our brothers and sisters who have been victimized by the Jolo bombing.

To you, O Lord, we lift our hearts. In Jesus’ name and Mama Mary’s name, we lift our hearts to the Lord.

Amen.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll of honorable Members.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the roll call is deferred.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the approval of the Journal of the previous session is deferred.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8893, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 8894, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 8895, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LICOMO, ZAMBOANGA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS LICOMO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8896, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LUMAYANG, ZAMBOANGA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS LUMAYANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8897, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PASOBOLONG, ZAMBOANGA CITY TO BE KNOWN

AS PASOBOLONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8927, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, POLITICAL RIGHTS AND WELL BEING OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TOWARDS QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Arenas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8928, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TONSUYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO TONSUYA INTEGRATED SCHOOL-SECONDARY LEVEL”

By Representative Sandoval
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8929, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PERIOD OF PROBATIONARY EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 442, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 8930, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTABATO INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Hernandez (F.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8931, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 8353, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RAPE LAW OF 1997”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8932, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF NURSES, ASSIGNING ONE REGISTERED NURSE FOR EVERY BARANGAY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8933, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE CACAO INDUSTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8934, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONTINUING NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR HYBRID AND OTHER QUALITY SEEDS PRODUCTION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8935, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF STUDENTS”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8936, entitled:
“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS □BUY PINOY, BUILD PINOY MONTH□ TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO PRIORITIZE THE PURCHASE AND UTILIZATION OF FILIPINO PRODUCTS, LABOR AND SERVICES”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 8937, entitled:
“AN ACT RATIONALIZING FIREARMS POLICY AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 8938, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION, REFORESTATION, AFFORESTATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MANGROVE FORESTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 8939, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES STOCK EXCHANGE”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 8940, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 8942, entitled:
“AN ACT CONDONING THE OBLIGATION OF BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (BENECO) PAYABLE TO THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM)”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8943, entitled:
“AN ACT CONDONING THE OBLIGATION OF SURIGAO DEL SUR II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (SURSECO II) PAYABLE TO THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM)”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8944, entitled:
“AN ACT CONDONING THE OBLIGATION OF FIRST BUKIDNON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (FIBECO) PAYABLE TO THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM)”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8945, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING THE OBLIGATION OF SURIGAO DEL SUR I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (SURSECO I) PAYABLE TO THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM)”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8954, entitled:

“BATAS NA NAGTATAKDA NG HINDI BABABA SA SIYAM (9) NA YUNIT NG ASIGNATURANG FILIPINO SA KURIKULUM NG KOLEHIYO”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8968, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD EDUCATION SUPPORT PERSONNEL DAY, DECLARING FOR THE PURPOSE THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF MAY OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT PERSONNEL DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8969, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL ROADS AND RAILWAYS SAFETY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND COMPOSITION, APPROPRIATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8970, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING THE OBLIGATION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (ZAMSURECO II) PAYABLE TO THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM)”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8971, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING THE OBLIGATION OF LANA O DEL SUR RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (LASURECO) PAYABLE TO THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM)”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8972, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING THE OBLIGATION OF DAVAO DEL NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (DANECO) PAYABLE TO THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM)”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8973, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING THE OBLIGATION OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (MORESCO) PAYABLE TO THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM)”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8974, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING THE OBLIGATION OF ZAMBOANGA CITY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (ZAMCELCO) PAYABLE TO THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM)”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8975, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING THE OBLIGATION OF BUKIDNON SECOND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (BUSECO) PAYABLE TO THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM)”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8976, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE AWANG - UPI - LEBAK ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO TO DATU SIMEON A. DATUMANONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 9006, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO INCLUDE FILIPINO AND PANITIKAN SUBJECTS IN THE TERTIARY EDUCATION CURRICULA”

By Representative Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 9007, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL FILIPINO YOUTH MUSEUM”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 9008, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING THE STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED)-FRIENDLY”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 9010, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE UNIFORM IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 9011, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SUBSTITUTE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO REGULAR EMPLOYEES WHO RENDERED AT LEAST SIX CONTINUOUS MONTHS OF MERITORIOUS GOVERNMENT SERVICE”

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

House Bill No. 9012, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING FREE PUBLIC TERTIARY EDUCATION THROUGH INTRODUCTION OF COST

OF ATTENDANCE AS PRIMARY DETERMINANT OF STATE-RUN UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE'S ANNUAL FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION’ ”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 9013, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE FREE PUBLIC TERTIARY EDUCATION THROUGH NO COLLECTION OF ALL OTHER SCHOOL FEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION’ ”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 9014, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE FREE PUBLIC TERTIARY EDUCATION TO INCLUDE ALL LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (LUCs), AND BRANCHES OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION’ ”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 9015, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF BANQUERUAN BRIDGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUBAO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA TO GUILLERMO MENDOZA BRIDGE”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated January 29, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on January 28, 2019, the Senate designated Senators Sonny Angara, Win Gatchalian and Risa Hontiveros as conferees

to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1843 and House Bill No. 8719, both entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND ALLOCATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FUND”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated January 29, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1917, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE 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, OR THE SURVIVING PARENTS OR NOMINATED PERSONS OF SUCH DECEASED RETIREE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10084, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS AND THE OMBUDSMAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Message dated January 29, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2159, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS, ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL AND MONITORING BOARD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

Message dated January 29, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2127, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY’S GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (GIR), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 32 AND 151 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Message dated January 29, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2121, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF THE POOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 1148), re H.B. No. 8962, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO HSI PIN LIU”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3423

Sponsors: Representatives Leachon and Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1149), re H.B. No. 8963, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE 2009 MAGUINDANAO MASSACRE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2221

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Mangudadatu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 1150), re H.B. No. 8964, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINGLE, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO

COMMEMORATE THE □CRY OF LINCUD□,
THE FIRST DECLARATION OF THE
REVOLUTION AGAINST SPAIN IN THE
ISLAND OF PANAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 3189

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and
Biron

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws
(Committee Report No. 1151), re H.B. No. 8965,
entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 4 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF
QUEZON TO HONOR THE HEROISM
AND PATRIOTISM OF APOLINARIO
DELA CRUZ, POPULARLY KNOWN AS
□HERMANOPULI□, ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS DEATH ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 3765

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and
Enverga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee
Report No. 1152), re H.B. No. 8966, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 12 OF EVERY
YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN
THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO BE KNOWN
AS □WEST PHILIPPINE SEA VICTORY
DAY□, TO COMMEMORATE THE HISTORIC
DECISION OF THE PERMANENT COURT
OF ARBITRATION (PCA) IN FAVOR OF
THE PHILIPPINES OVER THE WEST
PHILIPPINE SEA MARITIME DISPUTE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 8701

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and
Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws
(Committee Report No. 1153), re H.B. No. 8967,
entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 11 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY
TO BE KNOWN AS □INTERNATIONAL
FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND
DIPLOMACY DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES□,
IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT
INITIATIVES PURSUED FOR THE RETURN
OF THE BALANGIGA BELLS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 8792

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas,
Evardone, Daza and Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee
on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1154),
re H.B. No. 8977, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF
BUKIDNON A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
AREA (TDA), CREATING THE
BUKIDNON PROVINCIAL TOURISM
COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 7517

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon,
Andaya and Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee
on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1155),
re H.B. No. 8978, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE
OF CAMARINES NORTE A TOURISM
DESTINATION AND THE SURFING
CAPITAL OF THE BICOL REGION”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 7049

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon,
Andaya and Panotes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism (Committee
Report No. 1156), re H.B. No. 8979, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE
MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY IN THE
PROVINCE OF BOHOL AS THE FARM
TOURISM DESTINATION CAPITAL
OF BOHOL”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 6052

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon and
Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism (Committee
Report No. 1157), re H.B. No. 8980, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE POLILLO GROUP
OF ISLANDS OF POLILLO, BURDEOS,
PANUKULAN, PATNANUNGAN AND
JOMALIG AND THE CAGBALETE ISLAND
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAUBAN,
PROVINCE OF QUEZON A TOURISM
ZONE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7156
Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon and Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1158), re H.B. No. 8981, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE FOR THE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE OF TOURISTS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1828 and 2963
Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya, Macapagal-Arroyo and Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1159), re H.B. No. 8982, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7467
Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Roa-Puno
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1160), re H.B. No. 8983, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING THE NAYONG AGUILAR YLANG YLANG PLANTATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGUILAR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AN AGRI-TOURISM DESTINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6344
Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1161), re H.B. No. 8984, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED BED CAPACITY OF DATU HALUN SAKILAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ALSO KNOWN AS THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL OF TAWI-TAWI, MUNICIPALITY OF BONGAO, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI, FROM FIFTY

(50) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE CAPACITY FROM LEVEL ONE (1) TO LEVEL TWO (2) HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4125
Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Sahali and Andaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1162), re H.B. No. 8985, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL WORKFORCE COMPLEMENT, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10355, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2398
Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Bondoc and Andaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1163), re H.B. No. 8986, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LYING-IN CLINIC IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM TEN (10) BEDS TO TWENTY (20) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1247
Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Abueg and Andaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1164), re H.B. No. 8987, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE DR. SERAPIO B. MONTANER

JR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALABANG, SECOND DISTRICT OF LANA O DEL SUR, FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) BEDS TO SEVENTY-FIVE (75) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7142

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1165), re H.B. No. 8988, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE CARAGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY WASHINGTON, SURIGAO CITY, SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4520

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1166), re H.B. No. 8989, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLA, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(F) 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. 6510

Sponsors: Representatives Leachon, Andaya and Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report

No. 1167), re H.B. No. 149, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND RUNWAY AT THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MCIA) WITH ITS CONCOMITANT ACCESS TAXIWAYS AND RAPID EXIT TAXIWAYS (RET), RUNWAY LIGHTING SYSTEMS, AND NAVIGATIONAL/LANDING EQUIPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Andaya and Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1168), re H.B. No. 8990, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8781

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya and Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1169), re H.B. No. 8991, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF QUIRINO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7297

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Belmonte (F.), Banal and Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1170), re H.B. No. 8992, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MOUNT 387 ALSO KNOWN AS MOUNT BATONG-AMAT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARRANGLAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6481

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Violago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1171), re H.B. No. 8993, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MINDANAO CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE A SPORTS TOURISM DESTINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5735

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1172), re H.B. No. 8994, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE DANA O MARSH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6371

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1173), re H.B. No. 8995, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TINAGO FALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINAMON, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5734

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1174), re H.B. No. 8996, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PASSIG ISLET LOCATED IN BARANGAY BATO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE

OF DAVAO DEL SUR AN AQUA-ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5229

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1175), re H.B. No. 8997, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PALANI BEACH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6368

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1176), re H.B. No. 8998, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BAT-ONGAN PEAK AND CAVE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANDAON, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6162

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1177), re H.B. No. 8999, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE AROROY BEACH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AROROY, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6369

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1178), re H.B. No. 9000, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SOGOD ZIPLINE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF AGAS-

AGAS BRIDGE, MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE A TOURIST SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6378

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1179), re H.B. No. 9001, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE COLARA BEACH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AROROY, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6370

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1180), re H.B. No. 9002, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING BARANGAY GUINSAUGON LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT BERNARD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6270

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1181), re H.B. No. 9003, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE UBO FALLS LOCATED IN MASBATE CITY, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6367

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1182), re H.B. No. 9004, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE LIMESTONE

HILLS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AROROY, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6163

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1183), re H.B. No. 9005, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BAT-ONGAN UNDERGROUND RIVER LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANDAON, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6164

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1184), re H.B. No. 9009, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODIFIED MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARK LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAPA-SAPA AND PANGLIMA SUGALA, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5626

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.) and Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is suspended for a few minutes.

It was 3:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:41 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). 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. 48, dated February 4, 2019.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 176 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 176 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we know the concerns of the Hon. Jose “Lito” L. Atienza Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Atienza is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Yes, again, the Secretariat is way off the count. Ang bilang po namin, we have 155 on the floor, but they have declared 176 present. So, we are questioning the count and we intend to take this up as we go on with today’s session if we do not have a quorum. Right now we have a quorum but the count is not 176, but 155. As soon as we notice that we do not have a quorum, we will definitely call again for the roll. At this point, we are putting on record our question.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The manifestation of the Gentleman is noted.

The Majority Leader will please proceed.

REP. PALMA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we would like to move that we approve Journal No. 47, dated January 30, 2019, as copies thereof were distributed to the Members. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, before we proceed to the Business for the Day, may we acknowledge the presence of our guests in the gallery. We have the guests of the Hon. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III and they are Vice Mayor Arben Rosas of San Fernando, Romblon; Vice Mayor Cyril Dela Cruz of Calatrava, Romblon; Vice Mayor Elmer Fruelda of Corcuera, Romblon; Vice Mayor Guillermo Rocha of Magdiwang, Romblon; and Councilor Samuel Roda of San Fernando, Romblon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). May we request our guests from Romblon to please stand up. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Greg G. Gasataya in the gallery. They are from the Association of Barangay Captains and the City Council of Bacolod City headed by no less than Mayor Evelio Leonardia, accompanied by Vice Mayor El Cid Familiaran, Councilors Bart Orola, Dindo Ramos, Renecito Novero, Caesar Distrito Elmer Sy, and their companions, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Sa mga bisita ni Cong. Greg Gasataya, maayong hapon. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Likewise, Mme. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Henry S. Oaminal in the gallery. They are the local government officials of Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental and the local government officials of Isabel, Leyte headed by Chief Inspector Jovie Espenido, Chief of Police, Ozamiz City and his spouse; Judge Soliver Peras; Atty. Andres Fernandez; Pastor Burt Roa and his spouse; and their companions.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). May we request the guests of Congressman Oaminal to please stand up. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may I ask for a suspension of the session for a few minutes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is suspended for a few minutes.

It was 3:57 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:58 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8885 ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8885 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 169 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8885 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8908 ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8908 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 170 affirmative votes, no negative vote and one abstention, House Bill No. 8908 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8909 ON THIRD READING

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8909 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 172 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8909 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8912
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8912 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 172 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8912 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8926
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8926 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 174 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8926 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 3437
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 3437 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 3437, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ON-LINE NETWORK ESTABLISHMENT POLICY FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 3437
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 174 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 3437 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6625
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6625 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6625, entitled: AN ACT CLASSIFYING BAMBOO AS AN UNREGULATED FOREST PRODUCT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6625
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 176 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6625 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6973
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6973 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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,

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 176 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6973 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROBES. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of our guests in the gallery: Jake Holloway, Edith Holloway, Jana, Trisha and Angela Holloway from California.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Please stand up to be recognized. Our guests from California, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7030
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7030 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7030
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 176 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7030 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8869
ON THIRD READING

REP. ROBES. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8869 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.).

With 171 Members affirmative votes, six negative votes and no abstention, House Bill No. 8869 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8884
ON THIRD READING

REP. ROBES. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8884 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 178 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8884 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8911
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8911 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 178 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8911 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8959
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8959 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8959, entitled: AN ACT ALLOWING AND REGULATING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES AS PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8959
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 181 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8959 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8870
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8870 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8870, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A STAY IN THE EXECUTION OF A DECISION, ORDER OR RESOLUTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OR QUASI-JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL UPON SEASONABLE FILING OF A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION, APPEAL OR PETITION FOR REVIEW.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8870
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 181 affirmative votes, one negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8870 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 7376 AND S.B. NO. 1823

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 7376 and Senate Bill No. 1823.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). 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. 7376, entitled: AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITORGENERAL(OSG)BYINCREASINGITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND REDEFINING, EXPANDING, AND RATIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9417, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2327, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 1 AND 2, S. 1986, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and Senate Bill No. 1823, entitled: AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL BY INCREASING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND AUGMENTING ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9417 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

** See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 8715 AND S.B. NO. 1355

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8715 and Senate Bill No. 1355.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). 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. 8715, entitled: AN ACT ADOPTING INNOVATION AS VITAL COMPONENT OF THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT POLICIES TO DRIVE INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR and Senate Bill No. 1355, entitled: AN ACT ADOPTING INNOVATION AS VITAL COMPONENT OF THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT POLICIES TO DRIVE INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 8795 AND S.B. NO. 1529

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8795 and Senate Bill No. 1529.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). 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. 8795, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and Senate Bill No. 1529, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7410
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7410 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the said measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No.48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7410
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 183 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7410 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Wes Gatchalian of the First District of Valenzuela City. They are the members of the Samahan ng mg Barangay Kagawad ng Valenzuela City, headed by its President, Hon. Michael Mayol.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). We would like to ask the guests of Cong. Wes Gatchalian from Valenzuela to please rise to be recognized. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8873
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8873, and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, House Bill No. 8873, entitled: AN ACT REDUCING FOOD WASTE THROUGH FOOD DONATIONS AND FOOD WASTE RECYCLING.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No.48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8873
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. ALVAREZ, M.). With 183 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8873 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8910
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8910, and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No.48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 185 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8910 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Henry S. Oaminal of the Second District of Misamis Occidental as well as the COOP-NATCCO Party-List Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama, namely: Hail Mary Lumbatan, Elisea Lorenton, Elaine Bandigan, Alexander Nacion, Kee Jay Pondoc, Eiric Abing, Clint Quije, Herbert Magsayo, Jamaica Ferraren, Jennifer Chavez, Mildred Cabalit, Edna Dela Siera, Lilibeth Sayson, Zildjian Pearl Nueva, Kean Gabriel Nueva, Eduardo Mercader, Ma. Theresa L. Mercader, Rhea Edd Sinas, John Eduard Mercader, Strato Caster Sinas, Zoe Sinas, Maricelle Nueva, Thamesis Nueva, Merlinda Almario, Erwin Lacpao, Marilyn Albiso, Princess Gwyneth Bandigan and Ruel Lorenton.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8918
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8918 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 185 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8918 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8919
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8919 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 186 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8919 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBER/S TO THE
CONF. CTTEES.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following Members to the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8869 and Senate Bill No. 1950, allocating the net national government share from the Malampaya natural gas project for the payment of stranded debts and stranded contract costs of the National Power Corporation: Reps. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III and Orestes T. Salon.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following Members to the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6276 and Senate Bill No. 2098, ensuring the continuous and uninterrupted transmission and distribution of electricity: Reps. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III and Orestes T. Salon.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr. as additional member of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8862 and Senate Bill No. 1532, strengthening, promoting and developing startup ecosystems.

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

Representative Villafuerte is so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8920
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8920 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 186 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8920 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8921
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8921 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 186 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8921 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8922
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8922 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 186 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8922 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8923
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8923 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8923, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A MUNICIPAL

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

TRIAL COURT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAUAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Alvarez (M.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8923 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8924
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8924 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8924 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8925
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8925 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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 Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Villarica). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8925 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 2580
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 2580 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Villarica relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Mercedes K. Alvarez.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 2580
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 2580 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 5740
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5740 and direct

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

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5740
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 5740 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8864
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8864 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8864, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MODES OF DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL LANDS WITHIN TICAO AND BURIAS ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, DECLARED AS SPECIAL ECOTOURISM ZONES OR TOURISM ENTERPRISE ZONES AND PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8864
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8864 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8872
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8872 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8872, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSALES, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The

result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8872
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8872 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8876
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8876 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8876, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BATANGAS MEDICAL CENTER IN BATANGAS CITY, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8876
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8876 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8877
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8877 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8877, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE COTABATO REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER IN COTABATO CITY FROM FOUR HUNDRED (400) BEDS TO SIX HUNDRED (600) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8877
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8877 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8879
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8879 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8879, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8879
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8879 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8882
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8882 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8882, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIBUNGAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8882
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8882 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8886
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8886 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8886, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANOLO FORTICH, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8886
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8886 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8887
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8887 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8887, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN CAUAYAN CITY, PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8887
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8887 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8888
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8888 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8888, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INITAO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8888
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8888 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8889
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8889 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8889, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY OF KORONADAL, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO TO BE KNOWN AS THE "LTO LICENSING CENTER OF KORONADAL CITY" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8889
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8889 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8892
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8892 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8892, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE KALINGA SPORTS TRAINING CENTER IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8892
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 187 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8892 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8898
ON THIRD READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8898 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8898, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING DAY.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8898
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 188 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8898 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider on Third Reading House Bill No. ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is suspended.

It was 5:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:36 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Majority Leader.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the honorable Congressman from BUHAY Party-List, Rep. Jose "Lito" L. Atienza Jr.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Atienza is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you. What made me come down from my office is that I have been hearing that 187 continuously voted for the measures being read. So, I came down to see for myself whether 187 are indeed present, but there are not more than 30 Members on the floor now, and you kept announcing 187 voting in the affirmative and zero in the negative. That is a mockery of congressional procedures and I cannot allow that.

I move for adjournment.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. SALO. I move to suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is suspended.

It was 5:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:53 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the honorable Congressman Atienza from Party-List BUHAY.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Atienza is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, upon the request of the Majority Leader, the Majority Leader would

like to take up some administrative measures, so, we momentarily withdraw our motion to adjourn.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.).
Thank you.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully move that we instruct the Secretary General to transmit all 39 bills approved on Third Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until Wednesday, February 6, at 3:00 p.m.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

It was 5:54 p.m.