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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 now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

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 the honorable Members.

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

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

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

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

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 the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 9016, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF BENEFITS FOR THE OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 9020, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 17 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10667, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE COMPETITION ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2469, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR RECENTLY CONCLUDING SERIES OF LINGAP SA MAMAMAYAN (AID FOR HUMANITY) IN TAIWAN, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, MACAU AND

HONG KONG EXTENDING THEIR
OUTREACH PROGRAM TO OUR OFW's
IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2470, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONDEMNING THE COLD-BLOODED
KILLING OF RANDY FELIX MALAYAO
AN ACTIVIST, A NATIONALIST, A HUMAN
RIGHTS DEFENDER AND A PEACE
ADVOCATE”

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

House Resolution No. 2471, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION
ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO SCRAP ITS
MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 20 WHICH
EXCLUDES FILIPINO, PANITIKAN, AND
CONSTITUTION AS REQUIRED SUBJECTS
IN COLLEGE”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 2472, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE
ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION TO OPPOSE THE IMMINENT
COMMERCIALIZATION OF POLYTECHNIC
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP)
BROUGHT ABOUT BY ITS PROPOSED
REVISED CHARTER”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 2473, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
IN DENOUNCING THE ATROCIOUS
BOMBING AT THE OUR LADY OF MOUNT
CARMEL CATHEDRAL IN JOLO, SULU
AND EXTENDING ITS PROFOUND
SYMPATHY TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES
OF THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS”

By Representative Violago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2474, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
CREATE AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
ON THE PHILIPPINE COMPETITION
COMMISSION”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 2475, entitled:

“RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNITY
STATEMENT OF VARIOUS STUDENTS AND
YOUTH LEADERS AND FORMATIONS
AGAINST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
MANDATORY ROTC IN SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOLS”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 2476, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY
TO THE SUCCESS OF THE YOUTH
AND STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER
THE PHILIPPINES FOR REGISTERING
THEIR ‘OCTOBER RAGE’ AGAINST THE
ATTACKS ON THE FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOM IN CAMPUSES”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 2477, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND
MANAGEMENT TO EXEMPT STATE
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES FROM
CASH-BASED BUDGETING SYSTEM”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 2478, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE
INTENSIFIED ATTACKS AGAINST THE
YOUTH AND PEOPLE’S RIGHTS”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2479, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
IN SUPPORT OF SECRETARY SILVESTRE
H. BELLO III AS SECRETARY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT (DOLE)”

By Representatives Garcia-Albano, Ting, Albano, Ty, Bertiz, Lopez (M.L.), Arenas, Singson, Ortega (P.), Villarica, Violago, Savellano, Bataoil, Defensor, Manalo, Banal, Acop, De Jesus, Panganiban, Tinio, Aggabao, Salo, Pancho, Abu, Villanueva, Bravo (M.V.), Silverio, Aragonés, Zarate, Suansing (E.), Elago, Panotes, Bag-ao, Advincula, Marcoleta, Montoro, Fortun, Sarmiento (C.), Espina, Gullas, Durano, Sagarbarria, Mercado, Sangcopan, Gonzaga, Almario, Dalipe, Yu, Amatang, Labadlabad, Almonte, Lobregat, Arbison, Uy (J.), Pichay, Hernandez (F.), Sema, Nieto, Zubiri, Collantes, Salceda, Cua, Noel, Loyola, Roa-Puno, Ramirez-Sato, Hofer, Tan (A.), Vergara, Limkaichong, Pineda, Pimentel, Alonte, Palma, Martinez, Robes, Ermita-Buhain, Garin (R.), Calixto-Rubiano, Nolasco, Bravo (A.), Vargas-Alfonso, Veloso, Lacson, Salon, Fernando, Roman and Romualdo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated January 31, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on January 30, 2019, the Senate designated Senators Paolo Benigno ‘Bam’ Aquino IV, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri and Joel Villanueva as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1532 and House Bill No. 8862, both entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN, PROMOTE, AND DEVELOP THE PHILIPPINE STARTUP ECOSYSTEM”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated January 31, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on January 30, 2019, the Senate designated Senators Richard J. Gordon, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Gregorio B. Honasan II and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1616, entitled:

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

and House Bill No. 8861, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES TO TOURISM ENTERPRISE ZONES AND REGISTERED TOURISM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘TOURISM ACT OF 2009’”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated January 31, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on January 30, 2019 the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6621, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ADELA SERRA TY MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN TANDAG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated January 31, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on January 30, 2019 the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1531 and House Bill No. 8629, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, ENHANCING THE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY, AND GRANTING INCENTIVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated January 31, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on January 30, 2019 the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1823 and House Bill No. 7376, 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 THEREFORE”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated 9, 28 and 30 January 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 1026 dated 06 December 2018;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-001 dated 08 January 2019;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-002 dated 14 January 2019;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-003 dated 15 January 2019;
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-004 dated 22 January 2019;
6. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-005 dated 22 January 2019;
7. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-006 dated 22 January 2019;
8. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-007 dated 22 January 2019;
9. Circular No. 1029 dated 25 January 2019; and
10. Memorandum No. M-2019-002 dated 23 January 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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

1. R.A. No. 11169, entitled:
“AN ACT RENAMING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVTSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVSU), AND EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9832, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVTSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”;
2. R.A. No. 11170, entitled:
“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9718, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE NAVAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE BILIRAN

- NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BILIRAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”;
3. R.A. No. 11171, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEBESMSCAT) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANDAON, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. – MASBATE STATE UNIVERSITY (DEBESMSU), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
4. R.A. No. 11172, entitled:
“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF INOYONAN HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY INOYONAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BULA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO FELIPE P. PANTON HIGH SCHOOL”;
5. R.A. No. 11173, entitled:
“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF TAWANTAWAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TAWANTAWAN, BAGUIO DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO ROSALIA ‘AGLAY’ AYAG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL”;
6. R.A. No. 11174, entitled:
“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SICSICAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ANNEX IN BARANGAY STA. MONICA, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM THE SICSICAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SANTA MONICA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
7. R.A. No. 11175, entitled:
“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BOCBCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – KIARA ANNEX IN BARANGAY KIARA, MUNICIPALITY OF DON CARLOS, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON FROM THE BOCBCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS KIARA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
8. R.A. No. 11176, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PINAYAG, MUNICIPALITY OF KAYAPA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS PINAYAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

9. R.A. No. 11177, entitled:
 “AN ACT CONVERTING THE BAYOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAHAYAGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL TECHNICAL–VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BAYOG NATIONAL TECHNICAL–VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

10. R.A. No. 11178, entitled:
 “AN ACT SEPARATING THE DABUBU HIGH SCHOOL–ANNEX IN BARANGAY SINAANGAN SUR, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN AGUSTIN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA FROM THE DABUBU HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SOUTHEASTERN REGION HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and

11. R.A. No. 11179, entitled:
 “AN ACT SEPARATING THE CABANGAHAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CORDOVA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DAY-AS, MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE CABANGAHAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CORDOVA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 1185), re H.B. No. 1013, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALANDAG IN THE PROVINCE OF SARANGANI”

recommending its approval without amendment
 Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Pacquiao
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1186), re H.B. No. 9017, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABIAO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CABIAO

CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7988

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya and Antonino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1187), re H.B. No. 9018, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF NAMPICUAN, CUYAPO, STO. DOMINGO, ALIAGA, LICAB AND QUEZON, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3137, 3138, 3139, 3140, 3596 and 3597

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 1188), re H.B. No. 9019, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 6336 and 6384

Sponsors: Representatives Abellanosa, Velasco and Velasco-Catera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1189), re H.B. No. 9021, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE IN THE CITY OF CANLAON, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 86 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 3445, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT CREATING THE CITY OF CANLAON’”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5033

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Andaya and Limkaichong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 1190), re H.B. No. 6916, in substitution of House Bill No. 685, under Committee Report No. 557 originally filed by the Committee on Public Information and subsequently referred to the Committee on Justice, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE VENUE OF THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL ACTION IN LIBEL CASES AGAINST A COMMUNITY OR LOCAL JOURNALIST, PUBLICATION OR BROADCAST STATION”

recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Leachon, Del Mar, Herrera-Dy and Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1191), re H.B. No. 9022, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CUYAPO POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8137
Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya and Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1192), re H.B. No. 9023, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES BY DECLARING IT AS THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 8246 and 8292
Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Andaya, Suansing (E.) and Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Welfare of Children (Committee Report No. 1193), re H.B. No. 9024, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5662 and 6295
Sponsors: Representatives Yu, Roman and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1194), re H.B. No. 6138, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TRAVEL TAX EXEMPTION TO DEPENDENTS OF MARRIED OR SOLO PARENT OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3 AND 35 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995’, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022”

recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Manalo and Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1195), re H.B. No. 9025, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFW) SOVEREIGN FUND”
recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6519
Sponsor: Representative Manalo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1196), re H.B. No. 9028, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STO. DOMINGO, STA. CATALINA, BANTAY, SAN ILDEFONSO, SAN VICENTE, SINAIT, CABUGAO, SAN JUAN, MAGSINGAL AND CAOAYAN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AS TOURIST DESTINATIONS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7765

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

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

recognize the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, the Hon. Rolando G. Andaya, Jr. for his manifestation.

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

REP. ANDAYA. In fulfillment of my commitment when we went on a one- on-one meeting with my Senate counterpart, one of the commitments I gave to the bicam conferees was that I would report to the Plenary the developments on the 2019 Budget Bill. At this point in time, Mme. Speaker, let me just say categorically that the House Conference Committee is ready to ratify our proposed 2019 Budget Bill, but we would like to give courtesy to the Senate and wait for information from them on the matter. As regards the House, we have already finished our work, we have done our assignment, and if there is a chance for us to sign it this evening, we are more than willing to do that, just for information purposes.

Thank you very much. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The manifestation of the Honorable Andaya is noted. 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 3:11 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:22 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 move that we call the roll.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The honorable Speaker is present.

The roll call shows that 215 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 215 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests we have in the gallery. We have the guests of the Hon. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay and they are Vice Mayor Lance Ritual of the municipality of San Narciso, Zambales; the Federation of the Senior Citizens Association of San Narciso, Zambales led by its President, Ms. Luz Falsario, and the Barangay Presidents: Robert Farne, Adelaida Feria and Dante Farrales.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. They are the members of the Rotary Club of Broadway and Rotary Interact Club of Dr. Josefa Jara Martinez High School, and they are in a group tour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). To the guests of the Honorable Chipeco, 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. Leopoldo N. Bataoil. They are constituents from the municipality of Lingayen, Pangasinan, namely: Judy Vargas, John Silvestre Tapia, Ramon Anselmo Cuaresma, Jasper Pasion, Jay Mark Kevin Crisostomo, Susan Benabese, Eldo Ramos, Jonathan Ramos and Gerald Michael Gutierrez.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). May we request the guests of the Honorable Bataoil to please rise. 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. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla. They are graduate students and graduate school lecturers from President Ramon Magsaysay Technological University - Castillejos Campus, namely: the faculty or the lecturers are Ms. Presy Antonio, Ms. Magdalena Bautista and Ms. Norma Raguini; and graduate students taking up Masters in Public Administration.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). To the guests of Cong. Cheryl Deloso-Montalla, 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. Jeffrey D. Khonghun. They are the parent leaders of the municipality of Castillejos, Zambales.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Lastly, Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso. They are the Provincial Vice Governor of Cagayan, the Hon. Melvin Vargas Jr.; Chairman of Barangay Dalin, municipality of Baggao, the Hon. Elmer Cancejo; and the officers of the Barangay Councilors League of the municipality of Baggao.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). To the guests of the Honorable Vargas-Alfonso, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8899 ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, under the Business for the Day, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8899 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. 8899, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, 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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8899 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 199 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8899 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VERGARA. Mme. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez from Nueva Ecija. They are Brenda Mendoza, Tony Valdez, Nora Angeles, Benito Bayudan, Larry Guillermo, Teofilo Natividad and Ronald Bulaon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). To the guests of Congresswoman Chavez, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8900 ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8900 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.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8900, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING MAY 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON FOUNDATION DAY”, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING DAY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8900
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 199 affirmative votes, no negative and no abstention, House Bill No. 8900 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8901
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8901 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. 8901, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE’S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE’S POINT FOUNDATION DAY”, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING DAY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8901
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 199 affirmative votes, no negative and no abstention, House Bill No. 8901 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8902
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8902 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. 8902, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 9 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING DAY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8902
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8902 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8903
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8903 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. 8903, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUDELA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS “TUDELA DAY”, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8903
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8903 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8904
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8904 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. 8904, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF TANGUB, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS “TANGUB DAY”, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8904
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8904 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8905
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8905 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. 8905, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONIFACIO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS “BONIFACIO

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

DAY”, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8905
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8905 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8906
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8906 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. 8906, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 24 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BOGO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS “MARCELO BRIONES FERNAN DAY”, IN HONOR OF THE LATE MARCELO BRIONES FERNAN, AN OUTSTANDING STATESMAN AND LEGAL LUMINARY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8906
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8906 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8907
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8907 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. 8907, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 14 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS FOUNDATION DAY”, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8907
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8907 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8913
ON THIRD READING

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8913 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. 8913, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE CITY OF OROQUIETA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE OROQUIETA CITY TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8913
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8913 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8914
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8914 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. 8914, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE NAVAL, BILIRAN TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8914
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8914 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8915
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8915 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. 8915, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) REGIONAL TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

MIMAROPA REGION SERVING THE PROVINCES OF MINDORO (ORIENTAL AND OCCIDENTAL), MARINDUQUE, ROMBLON AND PALAWAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TESDA MIMAROPA REGIONAL TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8915
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8915 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8916
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8916 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. 8916, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE AGUSAN DEL SUR STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (ASSCAT) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUNAWAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SATELLITE CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TRENTO AND ALL OTHER CAMPUSES TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE FUTURE, IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE AGUSAN DEL SUR STATE UNIVERSITY (ADSSU), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8916
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8916 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8917
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8917 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. 8917, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE ABRA STATE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY (ASIST) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAGANGILANG, INCLUDING ITS ASIST-BANGUED CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANGUED, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF ABRA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8917
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

abstention, House Bill No. 8917 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8941
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8941 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. 8941, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-SANTA ROSA CAMPUS, AUTHORIZING IT TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8941
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8941 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8946
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8946 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. 8946, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO CELEBRATE THE “SIDLAKASILAK FESTIVAL” OR THE “FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS.”

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8946
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 210 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8946 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8947
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8947 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. 8947, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 5 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIKATUNA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO BE KNOWN AS “DATU SIKATUNA DAY”, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8947
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 210 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8947 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8948
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8948 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. 8948, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE “GUINSAUGON DAY”, IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE 2006 LANDSLIDE IN BARANGAY GUINSAUGON, MUNICIPALITY OF ST. BERNARD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8948
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 210 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8948 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8949
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8949 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. 8949, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 9 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “EASTERN SAMAR FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY.”

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8949
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 210 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8949 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8950
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8950 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. 8950, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SUGBONGCOGON, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "SUGBONGCOGON CHARTER DAY", IN CELEBRATION AND COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8950
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 210 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8950 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8951
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8951 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. 8951, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8951
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 210 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8951 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8952
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8952 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. 8952, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRANCH OFFICE OF THE HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND "PAG-IBIG FUND" IN MAASIN CITY, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE.

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8952
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 212 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8952 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8953
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8953 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. 8953, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIMAY, PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY ST. FRANCIS II.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8953
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 212 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8953 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8955
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8955 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. 8955, entitled: AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF BANGKULASI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BANGKULASI, CITY OF NAVOTAS TO ANGELES MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8955
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 212 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8955 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8956
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8956 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. 8956, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE ILOILO-DUMANGAS COASTAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAYS TICUD AND JINACTACAN IN THE DISTRICT OF LA PAZ AND BARANGAYS BALABAGO AND BITO-ON IN THE DISTRICT OF JARO, BOTH IN ILOILO CITY, BARANGAYS CAMANGAY AND NABITASAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEGANES, BARANGAY TUBIGAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ZARRAGA, BARANGAY TALAUGUIS UP TO DUMANGAS PORT IN BARANGAY NALU-UYAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMANGAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AS CONGRESSMAN NARCISO DOLAR MONFORT HIGHWAY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8956
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 212 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8956 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8957
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8957 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. 8957, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE KALIBO-BANGA-BALETE-BATAN-ALTAVAS NATIONAL ROAD WHICH IS PART OF THE KALIBO HIGHWAY, STRETCHING FROM THE NUMANCIA-KALIBO BOUNDARY AT BARANGAY LAGUINBANUA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NUMANCIA, TRAVERSING BARANGAYS POBLACION, ANDAGAO, ESTANCIA, TIGAYON AND LINABUAN NORTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, BARANGAYS LINABUAN SUR, JUMARAP, MAMBOG, POBLACION, TABAYON, LIBAS, AND VENTURANZA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANGA, BARANGAYS FULGENCIO, FELICIANO, CALIZO, MORALES, POBLACION, CORTES AND ARANAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALETE, BARANGAYS LALAB AND CABUGAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATAN, BARANGAYS CABUGAO, LINAYASAN, ODIONG, POBLACION, MAN-UP, AND CABANGILA, UP TO THE CAPIZ-AKLAN BOUNDARY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALTAVAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AS CONGRESSMAN ALLEN SALAS QUIMPO NATIONAL HIGHWAY.

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8957
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 212 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8957 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8958
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8958 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. 8958, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE STRETCH OF ROAD CURRENTLY KNOWN AS THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (NLEX), THAT TRAVERSES BARANGAY BALINTAWAK IN QUEZON CITY, THE CITIES OF CALOOCAN AND VALENZUELA IN METRO MANILA, THROUGH THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MARILAO, BOCAUE, BALAGTAS, GUIGUINTO, THE CITY OF MALOLOS, THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PLARIDEL AND PULILAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN, THROUGH THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN SIMON, THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO, THE CITY OF ANGELES, UP TO BARANGAY STA. INES IN THE CITY OF MABALACAT, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, AND WHICH MERGES WITH MACARTHUR HIGHWAY AND CONTINUES NORTHWARD INTO THE REST OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN LUZON, TO MARCELO H. DEL PILAR EXPRESSWAY (MHDPEX).

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. 49, dated February 6, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8958
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 212 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8958 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, on February 4, 2019, we approved House Bill No. 8909 on Third Reading. I move that we reconsider the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 8909.

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.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the approval of House Bill No. 8909 on Second Reading.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RECOMMITMENT OF H.B. NO. 8909 TO THE
CTTEE. ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recommit House Bill No. 8909 to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs to allow the Committee to introduce necessary amendments thereto.

I so move, Mr. 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.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 172 AND S.B. NO. 1629

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 172 and Senate Bill No. 1629.

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.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

** See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 172, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEW GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT; and Senate Bill No. 1629, entitled: AN ACT WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES ON THE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN THE APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF FIRST TIME JOBSEEKERS.

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

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. 8861 AND S.B. NO. 1616

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8861 and Senate Bill No. 1616.

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. 8861, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES TO TOURISM ENTERPRISE ZONES AND REGISTERED TOURISM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE TOURISM ACT OF 2009"; and Senate Bill No. 1616, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER V, SECTION 85 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "TOURISM ACT OF 2009."

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

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. 8719 AND S.B. NO. 1843

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8719 and Senate Bill No. 1843.

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. 8719, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND ALLOCATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FUND; and Senate Bill No. 1843, 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.

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

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.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO
CONF. CTTEES.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8857 and Senate Bill No. 1281, instituting the Farmers and Fisherfolk Enterprise Development Program of the Department of Agriculture, namely: Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr, CPA, LLB; Rep. Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV; Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez; Rep. Wilfredo S. Caminero; Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing; and Rep. 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. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8908 and Senate Bill No. 1819, establishing the Office for Social Welfare Attaché, namely: Rep. Jesulito “Jess” A. Manalo, Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Rep. Ron P. Salo, Rep. Peter John D. Calderon and Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada.

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. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8885 and Senate Bill No. 1597, regarding the Student Fair Discount Act: Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento, Rep. Alfred D. Vargas, Rep. Winston “Winnie” Castelo, Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, Rep. Eric L. Olivarez, Rep. Frederick W. Siao, and Rep. Joseph Steven S. Paduano.

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. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 3297 and Senate Bill No. 2127, respectively, on strengthening the country’s gross international reserves. We have been informed that the Committee on Ways and Means, Sponsor of House Bill No. 3297, and the authors thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 2127. In accordance with our rules, Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 2127 as an amendment to House Bill No. 3297.

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, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1197), re H.B. No. 9032, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF THE REMITTANCES OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4740

Sponsors: Representatives Manalo and Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism (Committee Report No. 1198), re H.B. No. 9033, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS THE WAKEBOARDING CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7867

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon and Villafuerte

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 for a few minutes.

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

It was 4:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:06 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Danilo E. Suarez, our Minority Leader, for his manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The honorable Minority Leader Danilo Suarez is now recognized for his manifestation.

ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN CTTEES. VICE REP. BATOCABE

REP. SUAREZ. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, I nominate, on the part of the Minority, Cong. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. as substitute for the late Cong. Rodel M. Batocabe in the following Committees: Dangerous Drugs, Good Government and Public Accountability, Health, Accounts, Constitutional Amendments and Ways and Means.

Likewise, I respectfully nominate Cong. Ronald S. Ang as substitute for the late Congressman Batocabe in the following Committees: Natural Resources, Energy, Tourism, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Public Accounts.

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.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move for the

omnibus consideration of the following bills on Second Reading:

1. House Bill No. 8963, contained in Committee Report No. 1149;

2. House Bill No. 8964, contained in Committee Report No. 1150;

3. House Bill No. 8965, contained in Committee Report No. 1151;

4. House Bill No. 8977, contained in Committee Report No. 1154;

5. House Bill No. 8978, contained in Committee Report No. 1155;

6. House Bill No. 8979, contained in Committee Report No. 1156;

7. House Bill No. 8980, contained in Committee Report No. 1157;

8. House Bill No. 8982, contained in Committee Report No. 1159;

9. House Bill No. 8983, contained in Committee Report No. 1160;

10. House Bill No. 8984, contained in Committee Report No. 1161;

11. House Bill No. 8985, contained in Committee Report No. 1162;

12. House Bill No. 8986, contained in Committee Report No. 1163;

13. House Bill No. 8987, contained in Committee Report No. 1164;

14. House Bill No. 8988, contained in Committee Report No. 1165;

15. House Bill No. 8990, contained in Committee Report No. 1168;

16. House Bill No. 8991, contained in Committee Report No. 1169;

17. House Bill No. 8992, contained in Committee Report No. 1170;

18. House Bill No. 8993, contained in Committee Report No. 1171;

19. House Bill No. 8994, contained in Committee Report No. 1172;

20. House Bill No. 8995, contained in Committee Report No. 1173;

21. House Bill No. 8996, contained in Committee Report No. 1174;

22. House Bill No. 8997, contained in Committee Report No. 1175;

23. House Bill No. 8998, contained in Committee Report No. 1176;

24. House Bill No. 8999, contained in Committee Report No. 1177;

25. House Bill No. 9000, contained in Committee Report No. 1178;

26. House Bill No. 9001, contained in Committee Report No. 1179;

27. House Bill No. 9002, contained in Committee Report No. 1180;

28. House Bill No. 9003, contained in Committee Report No. 1181;

29. House Bill No. 9004, contained in Committee Report No. 1182;

30. House Bill No. 9005, contained in Committee Report No. 1183;

31. House Bill No. 9009, contained in Committee Report No. 1184;

32. House Bill No. 8806, contained in Committee Report No. 1042;

33. House Bill No. 1013, contained in Committee Report No. 1185;

34. House Bill No. 9017, contained in Committee Report No. 1186;

35. House Bill No. 9018, contained in Committee Report No. 1187;

36. House Bill No. 9019, contained in Committee Report No. 1188;

37. House Bill No. 9021, contained in Committee Report No. 1189;

38. House Bill No. 9022, contained in Committee Report No. 1191; and

39. House Bill No. 9028, contained in Committee Report No. 1196.

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.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that the respective Explanatory Notes of the bills be considered as the sponsorship speeches on the said measures.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments and approve the bills on Second Reading, subject to the condition that any Member who wishes to oppose any measure be

allowed to vote in the negative on the aforementioned House bills.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

As many as are in favor of the approval of the aforementioned House bills in the omnibus motion on Second Reading, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

The aforementioned measures in the omnibus motion are approved on Second Reading.*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REFERRAL OF H. RES. NO. 2317 ON AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer House Resolution No. 2317 as well as the speech delivered thereon by Rep. Frederick W. Siao on November 12, 2018 to the Committee on Local Government.

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

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the approval of Journal No. 45, dated January 28, 2019, for some amendments.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we amend Journal No. 45 dated January 28, 2019 to reflect the registered "No" vote of Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato on House Bill No. 8858.

* 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 Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 45,
AS AMENDED

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 45 dated January 28, 2019, as amended.

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

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE
CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO. 8908
AND S.B. NO. 1819

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8908 and Senate Bill No. 1819 regarding the establishment of the Office for Social Welfare Attaché: Rep. Jesulito “Jess” A. Manalo, Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Rep. Ron P. Salo, Rep. Peter John D. Calderon and Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada

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.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2466

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2466.

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

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 title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2466, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF TAIPAN HENRY SY, SR., EMPIRE BUILDER AND THE FATHER OF PHILIPPINE RETAIL.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2466.

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 continue, may I make a correction. I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2466 in consolidation with House Resolution Nos. 2422, 2432, 2434, 2435, and 2443.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2466

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

House Resolution No. 2466, in consolidation with House Resolution Nos. 2422, 2432, 2434, 2435, and 2443, is adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2375

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2375.

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

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 title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2375, entitled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. CATRIONA GRAY FOR WINNING THE 2018 MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2375 in consolidation with House Resolution Nos. 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2384, 2397, 2406, and 2419.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2375

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

House Resolution No. 2375, in consolidation with House Resolution Nos. 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2384, 2397, 2406, and 2419, is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2051

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2051.

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

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 title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2051, entitled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PEOPLE'S CHAMP AND FIGHTING SENATOR MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR SNATCHING THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) WELTERWEIGHT TITLE FROM ARGENTINIAN BOXER LUCAS MATTHYSSE IN A CONVINCING 7TH ROUND KNOCKOUT AT THE AXIATA ARENA, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA ON JULY 15, 2018.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2051 in consolidation

with House Resolution Nos. 2005, 2007, 2008, 2018, 2020, and 2030.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2051

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

House Resolution No. 2051, in consolidation with House Resolution Nos. 2005, 2007, 2008, 2018, 2020, and 2030, is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2423

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2423.

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

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 title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2423, entitled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR EMMANUEL "MANNY" D. PACQUIAO FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING HIS W.B.A. (REGULAR) WELTERWEIGHT TITLE VIA UNANIMOUS DECISION IN FRONT OF A SELL-OUT CROWD IN MGM GRAND, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, U.S.A.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2423 in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 2431, 2436, 2440, and 2442.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2423

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

House Resolution No. 2423, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 2431, 2436, 2440, and 2442, is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2392

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2392.

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

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 title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2392, entitled: A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE VISAYAS (UV) ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF BEING A SCHOOL THAT TEACHES LOVE AND SERVICE TO HUMANITY.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2392.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2392

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

House Resolution No. 2392 is hereby adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 4:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:18 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the honorable Senior Deputy Minority Leader, Rep. Jose “Lito” L. Atienza Jr., for his inquiry.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader.

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

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. This is just a clarificatory question. We just approved a number of measures all in one motion. We would like to be clarified—are these House bills all pertaining exclusively to the declaration of holidays in certain municipalities and cities exclusively?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Majority Leader, please respond.

REP. PALMA. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Thank you to the honorable Senior Deputy Minority Leader.

Mme. Speaker, I move that the Secretary General be directed to transmit all those measures we have approved on Third Reading to the Senate.

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 is hereby directed to transmit to the Senate all bills that were approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

It was 4:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:27 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 6166

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6166.

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

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 title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill. No. 6166, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY- FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8168, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES."

REP. PALMA. In accordance with our rules, 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.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 5717

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 5717.

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

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 title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill. No. 5717, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE ASSIGNED TO PBN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8158, ENTITLED "AN ACT EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO JORGE D. BAYONA UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIFTY-SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE, ASSIGNING IT IN FAVOR OF PBN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., AND RENEWING THE TERM THEREOF FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT."

REP. PALMA. In accordance with our rules, 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.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 7752

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 7752.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7752, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO INSULAR BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7964, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE INSULAR BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES."

REP. PALMA. In accordance with our rules, 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.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6914

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are also in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6914.

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

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 title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6914, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PEÑAFRANCIA BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8166, EXPANDING ITS COVERAGE TO THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF ITS CORPORATE SHARES.

REP. PALMA. In accordance with our rules, 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.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8961, and that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Secretary General ...

REP. ELAGO. Objection, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). ... is hereby directed to read the title of the measure.

REP. ELAGO. Objection, Mme. Speaker.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8961, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable ...

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, there is an objection.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we know the concerns of the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). What is the pleasure of the Honorable Elago?

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, may I be given a time to explain my objection.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). What are you objecting to?

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, I object to the consideration of House Bill No. 8961 on Second Reading.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, just to clarify, we are still in the period of sponsorship and debate.

REP. ELAGO. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. PALMA. The honorable author ...

REP. ELAGO. May I be given time to explain my objection to the consideration of House Bill No. 8961 on Second Reading.

REP. PALMA. Yes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Elago is given five minutes.

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. This Representation objects to the consideration of House Bill No. 8961 on Second Reading because, after poring over the pages of House Bill No. 8961, this Representation noted that this measure does not only prescribe mandatory ROTC in Grades 11 and 12, but also requires all public and private universities, colleges and similar learning institutions to offer and provide a training school for the Advance ROTC Program.

Mme. Speaker, the prescription of the Advance ROTC Program in college will not even be an option here. Nakasama po ito sa loob ng House Bill No. 8961 which hurdled the Committee level bereft of the historical background, the record of abuses and corruption, and the strong opposition especially at

the tertiary level. All of these previously led to the ROTC being an optional component of the National Service Training Program. Hindi po ito pinag-usapan o naging subject man lang ng deliberation sa loob ng Committee on Higher and Technical Education which, in our rules, Mme. Speaker, says that all matters directly and principally relating to post-secondary and tertiary education, technical education, distance education, students' and teachers' welfare should be discussed and deliberated or tackled in the Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

Nais lang po maibahagi rin ng Representasyong ito na sa mga nakaraang deliberation ng Committee on Basic Education and Culture, dalawang beses na ni-refer ang lahat ng measures na may kinalaman sa mandatory ROTC sa Grades 11 and 12 sa isang joint committee hearing ngunit hindi po ito nangyari, Mme. Speaker. Kaya po I hope and pray that the said measure, House Bill No. 8961, be recommitted to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education. That is all.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we note the manifestation of the Hon. Sarah Elago.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, may I make a motion based on my explanation of opposition to the consideration of House Bill No. 8961.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

It was 4:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:06 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8961

Continuation

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we reiterate

our motion to resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8961, contained in Committee Report No. 1146.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection?

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Chair hears none; ...

REP. ELAGO. I have an objection.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). ... the motion is approved.

REP. ELAGO. I hope that objection would be ...

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

REP. ELAGO. ... considered and heard inside this hall.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, may we call on the Honorable Durano, the Sponsor of the Bill, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, let it be noted that I ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Secretary General ...

REP. ELAGO. ... was silenced. My objection was marginalized.

REP. TINIO. Point of order, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. TINIO. Point of order.

REP. MARCOLETA. May we know the point of order, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Antonio L. Tinio is recognized.

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker, there was an objection raised against the motion ...

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we want to know the point of order.

REP. TINIO. ... and it has not been acted upon.

REP. MARCOLETA. What is the point of order? The point of order presupposes that a rule is violated. What rule is violated, Mme. Speaker, may we know?

REP. TINIO. Before the break of the session, ...

REP. MARCOLETA. What is the rule? What rule is violated?

REP. TINIO. ... Mme. Speaker, the Honorable Elago was given five minutes by the Presiding Officer, the Chair herself, ...

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. The Honorable Tonchi, ...

REP. TINIO. ... in order to explain her objection to the motion to resume the consideration ...

REP. MARCOLETA. ... Representative Tinio is out of order, Mme. Speaker.

REP. TINIO. ... of the Bill, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Tinio is out order.

The Majority Leader will please proceed.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI to sponsor the Bill and proceed to the interpellation.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Durano is recognized to continue his sponsorship of the Bill.

REP. DURANO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker, this Representation is ready to answer any questions or concerns that our colleagues may have with regard to House Bill No. 8961.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the honorable Cong. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc for his interpellation.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Gentleman is recognized for his interpellation.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, just a correction. I am here to deliver a sponsorship speech in favor of House Bill No. 8961 contained in Committee Report No. 1146. As a coauthor and a cosponsor, I will speak in favor of the Bill. Since there are many of our colleagues who wish to interpellate the Sponsor, may I move to have my sponsorship speech entered in the *Congressional Record*, Mme. Speaker.*

Thank you.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the honorable Cong. Arthur “Toto” R. Defensor for his interpellation.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Good afternoon, Mme. Speaker. Likewise, I rise in favor of House Bill No. 8961, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT”, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR. Likewise, I move that my speech in favor of this measure be considered as being read into the records of the House, 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.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, the next Member to interpellate, may we recognize the honorable Cong. Sarah Jane I. Elago from the KABATAAN Party-List.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Elago is now recognized for her interpellation.

REP. ELAGO. Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Again I would like to reiterate my earlier concern that this Bill, House Bill No. 8961, did not go through the deliberations of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education. How the ROTC was previously implemented at the tertiary level would greatly affect how it will be implemented in senior high school, Mme. Speaker. Kung ano po ang naging karanasan sa ROTC sa kolehiyo noon ay malaki ang magiging epekto nito sa senior high school ngayon na gagawin na natin itong mandatory at requisite pa para sa graduation ng Grades 11 and 12 students.

So, first, Mme. Speaker, I would like to ask a few questions on its implementation in senior high school. Ito po ay isang bagay na matagal ng ipinapanawagan ng kabataan na, bago muna tayo magdagdag ng mga programa sa senior high school, magkaroon muna ng review sa unang taon ng implementasyon nito. Noong nakaraang taon, ang Department of Education ay nagbigay ng commitment na magsasagawa ito ng matagal nang ipinapanawagan na review sa senior high school para ma-address ang anumang challenges na kinakaharap ngayon ng ating Grades 11 and 12 students, ngunit ito po ay hindi man lang nadinig sa loob ng Committee on Basic Education and Culture, bagkus, nagpasa pa tayo ng isang dagdag na programa para sa Grades 11 and 12. May we know, Mme. Speaker, how many students are currently enrolled in senior high school po for the current academic year?

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, before the ROTC enrollment, there were 800,000 students per school year. After the passage of the NSTP Law, the ROTC enrollment dropped to 14 percent of the number of enrollees.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, I am asking about the current senior high school enrollment, not the ROTC enrollment, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DURANO. My apologies. Just a moment, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, may we also know the breakdown from the distinguished Sponsor—the number of those currently enrolled in DepEd senior high schools and of those presently enrolled in non-DepEd senior high schools.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DURANO. May I ask for a suspension of the session for a moment, Mme. Speaker.

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

It was 5:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:16 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Honorable Durano is recognized.

REP. DURANO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker, while we are collecting the data, can we proceed to the next question?

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, we cannot proceed to my next round of questions if we do not have the information on the current student enrollment in the senior high school.

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, we are still confirming with the Department of Education as regards the data required by the Honorable Elago.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, humaharap po ngayon sa atin ang Committee on Basic Education and Culture para sa pagpasa ng isang batas na ipapatupad natin sa lahat ng senior high schools sa buong bansa pero ni hindi po nila alam o wala po ngayong maski man lang ballpark figure ng ating mga mag-aaral na magiging apektado ng bagong rekisito na ito para sa graduation. Simple lang po ang hinihingi natin—ilan ang student enrollment sa DepEd and non-DepEd senior high schools, at nais po nating malaman kung gaano karami ang maaaring maapektuhan nito, upang sa pagpapatupad ng naturang batas na ito ay matitiyak natin na ang nakaraang mga abuso at corrupt practices sa ROTC ay hindi na muling mangyayari, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, the number of enrollees in senior high school—Grades 11 and 12—totaled 1.5 million students. However, the Department of Education as of now cannot provide the breakdown that the Honorable Elago is asking.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, that is exactly the problem of this Representation as regards this measure. We have not even reviewed the plight of the senior high school students, also the teachers, kung paano ba napapatupad ang iba't-ibang tracks na currently offered ngayon sa senior high school. Ilan ba dito sa ngayon ang pinapatupad sa mga DepEd schools? Nakakatanggap po ang Representasyon na ito ng mga ulat na marami pang mga non-DepEd schools ang currently nag-o-offer ng senior high school dahil hindi pa na-a-accommodate sila sa loob mismo ng ating DepEd senior high schools, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DURANO. Well, Mme. Speaker, I do not know how to reply to the Honorable Elago. I just gave her the figure on the total number of enrollees that the DepEd provided this Representation.

REP. ELAGO. May we know, Mme. Speaker, if there is already an update on the review of the Department of Education as regards the implementation of the K to12 Program?

REP. DURANO. As of now, Mme. Speaker, they have not provided us with an update on the review.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, what has been done by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to address the challenges and the showstoppers in the implementation of this program?

REP. DURANO. May I know from the good Honorable Elago what she meant by showstoppers, Mme. Speaker?

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, I refer to the challenges that had been encountered during the first two years of the implementation of the K to12 Program.

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, as you know, the K to12 Program had its first graduates just this year. Now, with the vast number of schools being reviewed by the Department of Education as regards the program, as of now, they have not finished the said review and the Committee has not received any report, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, tinatanong po namin kung ang Committee ay hindi lamang, aba, naghihintay ng isang report. Mayroon ba silang ginawang efforts para kalampagin ang Department of Education pagdating sa pagre-review ng K to12 Program dahil magpasahanggang ngayon, ang mga kinakaharap natin na mga isyu, ang isa sa apat na graduates ng senior high school lamang ang wine-welcome ng mga kumpanya sang-ayon sa Philippine Chamber of Commerce para sa employment. Kalahati naman ng ating K to12 graduates ang hindi na makaka-proceed sa kolehiyo dahil, bukod doon sa pagkakaroon ng libreng tuition at other school fees sa state universities and colleges, 40 porsiyento lamang ng first year students ang kayang ma-accommodate ng mga SUCS at nasa 60 percent pa rin ang mapupunta sa private colleges.

Iyan po ang mga malalaking isyu ngayon kaya tinatawagan ng Representasyong ito na dapat asikasuhin muna ang mga ito ng Committee on Basic Education and Culture dahil ang pakiramdam po ng ating mga senior high school students, sila ay parang ginawang

mga lab rats na pinag-eksperimentuhan lamang, na hindi nating akma na binabantayan kung ano ang naging epekto ng dagdag na dalawang taon na ito sa ating senior high school students.

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, I take exception to the manifestation that the Committee on Basic Education and Culture is just sitting down and not doing anything. In fact, the Committee has been doing follow-ups with regard to the progress on the review of the K to12 Program and, Mme. Speaker, the issue here this afternoon and the Bill that we are trying to discuss is the implementation of the ROTC Program. So, if the Honorable Elago does not have questions with regard to this Bill, then this Representation will not answer any more question if it does not pertain to House Bill No. 8961, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, sinasalubong po natin ng galak ang sinabi ng ating distinguished Sponsor tungkol sa ginagawa ng Committee ng Basic Education and Culture pagdating sa pagpapatupad ng K to12 Program at para sa senior high school, dahil nga ang pangunahin na punto ng pagtutol ng kabataan ay napakarami pang mga dapat i-adjust na mga isyu o concerns sa K to12 Program pero nagdadagdag na tayo agad ng rekisito para sa graduation sa senior high school. Nais lang pong mailagay, for the record, ng Representasyong ito na imbes na ang mga iyon ang ating unahin, minamadali natin o ang pinag-uusapan natin ngayong hapon ay ang bagong programa na ito, ang mandatory ROTC para sa lahat ng Grades 11 and 12.

Now, let me proceed to my next two other questions, Mme. Speaker. This would pertain to the provisions of House Bill No. 8961. First, can the distinguished Sponsor relate to us the primary objective of this Bill?

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, the primary objective of House Bill No. 8961 is to inculcate patriotism and nationalism in the youth and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. May we know from the distinguished Sponsor if he has studied or reviewed how the National Service Reserve Corps under the National Service Training Program was mobilized exactly for the same reasons stated by the distinguished Sponsor. Mme. Speaker, just for the information of those who are listening to this interpellation, the National Service Reserve Corps, diyan po pumapasok lahat ng graduates ng NST, ang graduates ng Civic Welfare Training Service, ng LTS at maski ng ROTC para matugunan ang primerong layunin na kakabanggit lamang ng ating

distinguished Sponsor—na sa ating mga kabataan ay mapatimo sa kanila ang diwa ng pagiging makabayan o patriotism, at magkaroon tayo ng reserve corps na maaaring pakilusin sa panahon na kailangan natin sila, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, the NSTP is being implemented at the tertiary level, and the main reason House Bill No. 8961 has been introduced or filed is that when the NSTP Law was signed in 2002, the ROTC Program became optional, hence, the statistics I mentioned earlier about the ROTC enrollment dropping to 14 percent of the number of the enrollees. That is the reason this Bill has been introduced—to bring back the ROTC Program, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, so what would be the effect of this proposed measure on the National Service Training Program?

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, for one, the ROTC would not be optional anymore. It will now become mandatory, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mandatory for Grades 11 and 12, Mme. Speaker?

REP. DURANO. Yes, for Grades 11 and 12, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. But at the tertiary level, it would still be an optional component, Mme. Speaker. Would it not be redundant if both laws would have the same objective? Mayroon na po ito doon sa Grades 11 and 12, mayroon pa tayong CAT sa Grade 10 na para rin sa parehong layunin.

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, like I said, the NSTP is for the tertiary level where the ROTC is optional but in the Grades 11 and 12, the ROTC is mandatory. So, if the student opts for advance ROTC training, then he or she can do it at the tertiary level, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, hayaan po ninyo ako magpunta naman sa isa sa maiinit na mga topic sa mga deliberasyon tungkol sa mandatory ROTC sa Grades 11 and 12. Ito ang naging commitment ng Department of National Defense, na sila ay magbibigay ng ulat tungkol sa ibinigay na listahan ng National Union of Students of the Philippines. Ang NUSP po ay isang alyansa ng mga public and private students, HEI-based student councils, sa buong bansa. Sila po ay nagpasa o nagbigay sa mga miyembro ng Komite at pinasa rin nila ang listahan na ito sa Secretariat mismo ng Komite para sa hinihintay na ulat mula sa DND.

Sa ngayon, Mme. Speaker, wala pa ring natatanggap ang Representasyong ito na ulat mula sa DND. Naipasa nalang ito sa Komite at ngayon nagdedebate na tayo on Second Reading pero wala pa rin ang ulat na ipinangakong ibibigay ng Department of National Defense, kung saan isa sila sa magiging pangunahing implementors ng mandatory ROTC sa Grades 11 and 12. Ngayon po ba, Mme. Speaker, hawak ng ating distinguished Sponsor ang ulat na magmumula sa DND?

REP. DURANO. Not yet, Mme. Speaker. Wala pa po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, bakit po wala pa? Ito po ay paulit-ulit na tinatanong ng Representasyong ito, at paulit-ulit din na nangangako ang Department of National Defense na magbibigay sila ng status report on all these cases. Mayroon din po akong hawak na kopya ngayon, Mme. Speaker, at kahit hindi pa mandatory ang ROTC sa college, mayroon na ring 14 reported cases of abuse and corruption sa loob ng ROTC.

Why am I raising this concern, Mme. Speaker? Katulad po ng nauna kong nasabi kung paano pinapatupad ang ROTC sa kolehiyo, malaki po ang epekto nito sa kung paano naman ito maipapatupad sa Grades 11 and 12. Wala po tayong kahit ano mang assurance na kung ang mga nangyari noon na mga abuso ay hindi na mauulit muli sa senior high school.

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, the concerns raised by the Honorable Elago happened at the tertiary level. This Representation, as the Chairman of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, does not have jurisdiction over higher education, Mme. Speaker, and so, this Representation can only answer questions that pertain to issues the honorable Lady may have with regard to the implementation of the ROTC in Grades 11 and 12, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, these issues were raised during the deliberation of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, and the commitment by the Department of National Defense was also made during the deliberation of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture. Bakit po hindi natin itulak ang legitimate issues and concerns o ang mga dahilan kung bakit bumaba ng record high ang enrollment sa ROTC sa kolehiyo. Ito ay dahil nga nagpapatuloy ang ganitong practices na hindi natin napapansin ngayon o hindi natin natutugunan, at ni wala man lang po tayong status report tungkol dito sa mga kaso na ito, at hindi po ito biro.

Ano ang naging dahilan kung bakit ginawa nang optional ang ROTC sa college, at ito ang tanong sa ating lahat. What led to the demotion of the ROTC being a mere optional component under the NSTP? Hindi pa po natin nalilimutan at hindi natin kakalimutan na hanggang ngayon ay naghuhumiyaw pa rin sa paghingi ng hustisya ang mga magulang at mga kamag-anak ni Mark Welson Chua. Siya po ay isang UST student na nagsiwalat sa mga corruption na nangyayari sa loob ng UST ROTC Unit. Siya po ay naging biktima ng pamamaslang at magpasahanggang ngayon, dalawa doon sa lima na nahatulan ng guilty remain at large at hindi pa rin po nahuhuli.

Noong 2006, nakaranas rin po ng verbal abuse ang isang estudyante mula sa UP Diliman. Lahat po ng mga ito ay documented at ipinasa mismo sa Committee on Basic Education and Culture—noong 2007, sa PUP—Sta. Mesa; 2010, UP Los Baños; 2014, Benguet State University, the same university po nagtala din ng hazing at sexual abuse sa loob ng ROTC Program. Sa kaparehong taon, sa De la Salle University rin, may kaso ng hazing. Sa kaparehong taon, ganoon din sa Ateneo de Davao University; in 2015, sa UP—Visayas at Tacloban College; in 2016, sa University of Mindanao—Tagum. Ang kaso po sa University of Mindanao—Tagum ay naging subject din ng isang resolution ng Representasyong ito dahil naging viral iyong video kung paano bugbugin ang isang kadete ng ROTC.

Again, Mme. Speaker, hindi ko lang po ito sinasabi para mabigyang-diin iyong mga kaso na ito na hanggang sa ngayon ay hindi pa natutugunan, kung hindi para din manawagan sa Kapulungang ito at sa Committee on Basic Education and Culture mismo na hindi natin puwedeng balewalain ang mga ulat ng abuso at ng korapsyon na nagtulak sa mismong Kongresog ito na magpasa ng National Service Training Program. Ngayon, dahil sa malawakang pagtutol sa tertiary level, ang ginagawa natin ay ibabalik natin ito sa senior high school. Kaya, Mme. Speaker, sa Committee on Basic Education and Culture, kung saan nagawa ang commitment ng AFP, hindi po natin matanggap na hanggang ngayon ay wala pa ring binibigay na status report hinggil dito.

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, if I may respond. During the Committee deliberations, the Department of Education admitted that there were abuses committed, but they cannot say whether they were caused by the CAT or the ROTC training. During the committee deliberations also, the DND made a commitment that these abuses can be prevented through the Organizational and Operational Manual to be prepared before the implementation of the ROTC Program, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). I would like to request the Lady to wind up her questions.

REP. ELAGO. Yes, Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker, paano po tayo maniniwala dito sa kanilang assurance na mape-prevent ang mga abuso na ito, na sila na mismo ang nag-acknowledge, at kung iyong mismong commitment na magbigay ng status report sa lahat ng mga nananawagan ng hustisya sa mga naging biktima ng hazing, sexual abuse, physical harassment sa loob ng ROTC Program, magpasa-hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa rin nasusolusyonan.

Let me just read, for the record, this recommendation, Mme. Speaker, by the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Noong 2008 po nagkaroon sila ng recommendation sa Pilipinas, and the Philippines being a party to the CRC, mayroon silang rekomendasyon sa loob ng CAT. Hindi po puwedeng magsabi ang DepEd na hindi sila sigurado na may nangyayari ngang mga abuso dahil ang naging basis mismo ng Committee Report na ito ay mga ulat na nagmula mismo sa DepEd. Ang sabi po sa report na ito:

The Committee notes the information that high school students, usually 15 or 16 years of age, continue to be required to undergo at least one year of Citizenship Advancement Training (CAT), formerly known as Citizen's Army Training, as a prerequisite for graduation. The Committee is concerned that the CAT promotes militarism and is contrary to the peace-building education of the State Party and to the spirit of the Optional Protocol.

So, mayroon na pong mga pag-aaral hinggil doon sa mga kasalukuyan na ipinapatupad sa loob ng mga eskuwelahan na may kinalaman sa military training, at tayo po ay hindi pa nagdi-deviate mula sa direksiyon na ito dahil magpasa-hanggang ngayon, imbes na sundan ang recommendation na ito mula sa CRC, ang ginagawa pa natin ay dagdagan itong mga space for military training, na ang mga eskuwelahan mismo o ang mga school official mismo ang tumatanggi nang maipatupad sa loob ng kanilang mga eskuwelahan. Iyan po, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is the Honorable Elago done with her interpellation?

REP. ELAGO. Not yet, Mme. Speaker. Hindi pa po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Can you please wind up? There are other Members who would like to interpellate. I am giving the Lady five more minutes for her interpellation.

REP. ELAGO. Dagdag pa, Mme. Speaker, bukod sa ito ay naging hotbed for abuses at may mahabang kasaysayan at kultura ng abuso at korapsyon, nananawagan ang Representasyong ito sa Kongreso na magbigay rin naman ng commitment na tugunan ang mga report ng abuso at korapsyon sa ROTC, dahil gagawin natin itong mandatory sa Grades 11 and 12 nang hindi man lang natutugunan ang mga kasong ito. Bukod pa diyan, hindi po ba ito ay labag sa napirmahan nating batas, ang R.A. No. 7610, na nagsasaad na ang mga bata ay mga sona ng kapayapaan, children as zones of peace?

May I note, Mme. Speaker, that in the Bill, there is this provision stating that no student below the age of 18 years old shall take a direct part in hostilities.

Mayroon po tayong ganitong proteksiyon diumano na ibinibigay ngunit hindi natin maitatanggi na ito ay labag pa rin sa protocol ng CRC at sa mismong batas natin, na nagtitiyak ng espesyal na proteksiyon sa mga bata laban sa abuso, laban sa pagsasamantala at laban sa diskriminasyon. Sinasabi rin sa Section 22 ng naturang batas, "Children shall not be the object of attack and shall be entitled to special respect." Kaya po kung sila ay naka-enroll dito sa mandatory ROTC, kahit pa sila ay hindi dapat nire-recruit sa loob ng AFP, sila pa rin ay magiging object ng attack ng mga nais umatake sa ating Department of National Defense. Ito po ay isang porma ng abuso, isang porma ng pagsasamantala sa ating mga bata.

Mme. Speaker, may I get the response of the distinguished Sponsor. Is this measure not a violation of Republic Act No. 7610?

REP. DURANO. Mme. Speaker, Republic Act No. 7610 or the Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act, I believe that this Bill is not violating it because when we signed the Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, there was a conditional provision, Mme. Speaker, and that condition is that the minimum age for voluntary recruitment in the Armed Forces of the Philippines is 18 years except for training purposes whose duration shall have the students attain the majority age at the completion date.

Mme. Speaker, after graduating from senior high school, majority of the students will be 18 years old then, so this Bill is not violating the said Protocol, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, pero hindi po maitatanggi ng distinguished Sponsor na ang mga

bata ay magiging object ng attack by being enrolled in the mandatory ROTC program. Kahit hindi pa po sila na-recruit ay wala po tayong assurance na sila ay maproteksiyunan sa mga atake dahil nga sila ay magha-house mismo sa loob ng mga eskuwelahan, sa ROTC office, at sila mismo ay nag-a-undergo ng military trainings and so, that, Mme. Speaker, that would make them more vulnerable to these types of attacks.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Okay, the Chair would like to thank the Honorable Elago for her interpellation.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, point of order.

ELECTION OF REP. DALIPE TO THE
CTTEE. ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move for the election of Rep. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe as Chairperson of the Committee on Welfare of Children vice Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu.

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. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, according to our rules, each Member ...

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, the next Member to interpellate is the Hon. France L. Castro of Party-List ACT TEACHERS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. France L. Castro.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, point of order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. France Castro is recognized.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, may we inquire what rule is violated.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, this is with regard to the time limit of each Member.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, our rule sets the maximum, but it does not set the minimum, so, it is within the discretion of the Majority Leader how long a person can ask questions within that particular one-hour period.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Section 91 states that a Member shall not speak for more than one hour in debate, so it is only a maximum.

The Majority Leader may please proceed.

REP. SALO. So, Mme. Speaker, may I reiterate my motion to recognize ...

REP. ELAGO. Yes, Mme. Speaker, then let it be known ...

REP. SALO. ... Rep. France L. Castro of the Party-List ACT TEACHERS.

REP. ELAGO. ... that I hope to interpellate again in the second round, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, may I reiterate my earlier motion that we recognize Rep. France L. Castro of the Party-List ACT TEACHERS for her interpellation.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Rep. France Castro is recognized to interpellate for 20 minutes.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, inasmuch as the interpellator is not present, her right to interpellate is being waived, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Majority Leader may please proceed.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, pursuant to Section 54 of our rules, I move to close the period of sponsorship and debate on the measure.

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. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker.

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

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. SALO. Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee amendments, I move that we consider individual amendments.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully move that we recognize the honorable Cong. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara from the Third District of Nueva Ecija for her individual amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Vergara is recognized for her individual amendments.

REP. VERGARA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Will the honorable author be open to several amendments on this Bill that I support?

REP. DURANO. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

REP. VERGARA. May I request the honorable author that on Section 6, we delete the phrase starting with line 16 which reads: "It shall be mandatory for all public and private universities, college and similar learning institutions to offer and provide a training school for the Advance ROTC program x x x" until line 29.

I so move for its approval.

REP. DURANO. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. VERGARA. The next amendment, Mme. Speaker, is on Section 4.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, may we inquire first from the Chairperson or the Sponsor if he is willing to accept the proposed amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). He responded and accepted the amendment.

REP. DURANO. Yes, we accepted the amendment, Mme. Speaker, Mr. Majority Leader.

REP. SALO. Thank you very much.

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

REP. VERGARA. The next amendment, Mme. Speaker, is on Section 4. After line 8 which reads: "The ROTC training is aimed to instill patriotism, love of country, moral and spiritual virtues, respect for human rights and adherence to the Constitution" and the period (.), to insert the following paragraph: IN NO WAY SHALL THE ROTC BE USED FOR POLITICAL AIMS TO TEACH AND INSTILL A PARTICULAR IDEOLOGY AND AS A MECHANISM FOR HAZING AND ABUSE.

I move for its approval.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. DURANO. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. VERGARA. The next amendment is, Mme. Speaker, in between Sections 8 and 9, to insert a new Section 9, which will read: SECTION 9. THE ROTC GRIEVANCE BOARD. – THERE SHALL BE CREATED A RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) GRIEVANCE BOARD COMPOSED OF ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND TWO (2) REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WITH THE MORE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS A CHAIRPERSON. THESE REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR THEIR KNOWN INTEGRITY, PROBITY, AND INDEPENDENCE.

THE ROTC GRIEVANCE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

(1) INVESTIGATE AND RESOLVE ANY AND ALL COMPLAINTS, IN ANY FORM, INVOLVING CORRUPTION AND ABUSE OF ANY FORM IN THE ROTC PROGRAM;

(2) ENSURE THAT THE ROTC PROGRAM BE FREE FROM POLITICIZATION AND FROM BEING

USED TO INSTILL A PARTICULAR IDEOLOGY;
AND

(3) RECOMMEND POLICIES AND REFORMS TO ENSURE ADHERENCE OF THE ROTC PROGRAM TO THE CONSTITUTION AND ALL LAWS PENALIZING ABUSE IN ANY FORM.

ALL DECISIONS OF THE ROTC GRIEVANCE BOARD SHALL BE APPEALABLE TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Then, to insert a new Section 10 which reads: SECTION 10. LIABILITY OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. – THE INSTRUCTOR OR FACULTY-IN-CHARGE OF ROTC SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN THE ROTC. THE INSTRUCTOR OR THE FACULTY-IN-CHARGE MUST BE A DULY RECOGNIZED ACTIVE MEMBER, IN GOOD STANDING, OF THE FACULTY AT THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE ROTC COURSE IS BEING IMPLEMENTED.

THE SCHOOL OR THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS ADMINISTRATORS SHALL EXERCISE SPECIAL PARENTAL AUTHORITY AND SUPERVISE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROTC.

IN CASE OF VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND OTHER RELATED LAWS, THE INSTRUCTOR OR FACULTY-IN-CHARGE AND THE SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY AND ITS OFFICIALS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE AND LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY CAUSED TO A STUDENT.

I move for its approval.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. DURANO. We accept the amendments, subject to style, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, on the part of the House, we accept the proposed amendments, subject to style.

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

REP. VERGARA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Those are all my amendments.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, there being no other Member who registered to propose individual amendments, ...

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker.

REP. SALO. ... I move that we close the period of amendments.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, I would like to signify my intent to propose individual amendments.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, if they will propose amendments, the rule is for them to approach the Majority Leader and signify their intention. Inasmuch as they did not do so, Mme. Speaker, that particular intention is not considered.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, would this not count?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Majority Leader may please proceed.

REP. ELAGO. I am standing here now to, you know, manifest my intent to propose individual amendments.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we close the period of amendments.

REP. ELAGO. Objection, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I reiterate my motion to close the period of amendments.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 8961, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8961, as amended, on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8961, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8961, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF H. RES. NO. 2317

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of House Resolution No. 2317 and the speech delivered by Rep. Frederick W. Siao on November 12, 2018 concerning the illegal entry and dumping of hazardous plastic garbage from South Korea in the PHIVIDEC Industrial Estate in Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental, from the Committee on Local Government to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, Ecology and Local Government.

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.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMITMENT OF H.B. NO. 8909

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, earlier, we recommitted House Bill No. 8909 to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs for necessary amendments. I move, Mme. Speaker, that we reconsider the recommitment of House Bill No. 8909 to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

It was 5:52 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:56 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF CTTEE. RPT. NO. 799 ON H. RES. NO. 780 and 799

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 799 on House Resolutions No. 780 and 799.

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 title of the measures.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 780, entitled: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9418, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE VOLUNTEERISM ACT OF 2007, AND ON THE VARIOUS VOLUNTEERISM EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TOWARDS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN ACCELERATING RURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES; and House Resolution No. 799, entitled: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9418, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE VOLUNTEERISM ACT OF

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2007, AND ON THE VARIOUS VOLUNTEERISM EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TOWARDS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN ACCELERATING RURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt the findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 799 on House Resolutions No. 780 and 799.

ADOPTION OF FINDINGS AND RECOM.
IN CTTEE. RPT. NO. 799 ON
H. RES. NO. 780 AND 799

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

The findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 799 on House Resolutions No. 780 and 799 are adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF CTTEE. RPT. NO. 1053

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 1053 *re motu proprio* inquiry on the Resorts World Manila attack.

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 title of the Committee Report.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Committee Report No. 1053, entitled: MOTU PROPRIO INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ATTACK ON RESORTS WORLD MANILA THAT OCCURRED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt the findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 1053.

ADOPTION OF FINDINGS AND RECOM. IN
CTTEE. RPT. NO. 1053

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RECONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF
FINDINGS AND RECOM.
IN CTTEE. RPT. NO. 425

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, last October 10, 2017, the House adopted the findings and recommendations of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability contained in Committee Report No. 425. In view of the fact that there are other disputed facts and circumstances that need the review and assessment by the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability on the subject report, with leave of the House, I move to reconsider the adoption of the findings and recommendations contained in the said 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 Majority Leader is recognized.

RECOMMITMENT OF CTTEE. RPT. NO. 425

REP. MARCOLETA. In view of the recommendation of the Body on said report, with leave of the House, I move to recommit the subject Committee Report No. 425 of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability for further investigation and to direct the Secretary General to inform the concerned agencies of the actions taken by the House.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move to rescind the approval of House Bill No. 8725 on Third Reading by the Body last January 14, 2019 due to intervening facts and considering further

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

that the House is no longer bent in pursuing the passage of this measure.

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.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 8734 AND S.B. NO. 1534

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8734 and Senate Bill No. 1534.

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. 8734, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS GRANTED TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T) PERSONNEL OF THE GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8439, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “MAGNA CARTA FOR SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, RESEARCHERS AND OTHER S&T PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT”; and Senate Bill No. 1534, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8439, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “MAGNA CARTA FOR SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, RESEARCHERS AND OTHER S & T PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT.”

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

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. 8794 AND S.B. NO. 1558

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8794 and Senate Bill No. 1558.

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. 8794, entitled: AN ACT DEFINING GENDER-BASED STREET, PUBLIC SPACES AND ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR; and Senate Bill No. 1558, entitled: AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING GENDER-BASED STREET AND PUBLIC SPACES HARASSMENT, EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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.

DESIGNATION OF REP. SALO TO THE
CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO. 8885
AND S.B. NO. 1597

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move for the designation of the Hon. Ron P. Salo as member of the

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8885 and Senate Bill No. 1597 re the Student Fare Discount Act.

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

Rep. Ron P. Salo is so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 48, dated February 4, 2019.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Journal of February 4, 2019 is hereby approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

It was 6:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:02 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO 8179

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 8179 on Granting Solar Para Sa Bayan Corporation a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate, and maintain distributable power technologies and minigrig systems throughout the Philippines: Rep. Franz E. Alvarez, Rep. Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro, Rep. Arthur C. Yap, Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario, Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora and Rep. Danilo E. Suarez.

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 take up the Additional Reference of Business.

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 the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Agrarian Reform (Committee Report No. 1199), re H.B. No. 9041, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE COMPLETION OF LAND ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9700 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988,’ AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 114 and 3051

Sponsors: Representatives Relampagos, Baguilat, Bag-Ao, Bordado and Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1200), re H.B. No. 9042, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SCOPE AND PROCEDURE FOR PHILIPPINE SHIP REGISTRY, RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF MARITIME CLAIMS, AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, AS WELL AS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL INCENTIVES, WHICH COLLECTIVELY WILL PROMOTE A COMPREHENSIVE AND ORDERLY PHILIPPINE SHIP REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR THE REGULATION OF VESSELS CARRYING THE FLAG STATE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1029 and 1288
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Manalo and Baguilat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 1201), re H.B. No. 9043, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY VICTORIA REYES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6748
Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Barzaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 1202), re H.B. No. 9044, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NEW ERA”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6749
Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Barzaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization (Committee Report No. 1203), re H.B. No. 9045, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF DYSL RADIO STATION LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOAN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6271
Sponsors: Representatives Sacdalan and Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 1204), re H.R. No. 2491, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND FULLY SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT MOON JAE-IN OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO BRING PEACE, RECONCILIATION, PROSPERITY AND STABILITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 2351
Sponsor: Representative Belmonte (F.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 1205), re H.R. No. 2492, entitled:

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

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 2374
Sponsor: Representative Belmonte (F.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Human Rights (Committee Report No. 1206), re House Resolution No. 948, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED SECRET DETENTION FACILITY OF THE MANILA POLICE DISTRICT STATION 11, WHERE 12 DRUG SUSPECTS WITH HORRIFIC TALES OF TORTURE, ILL-TREATMENT AND EXTORTION, WERE DISCOVERED IN A RECENT RAID CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS”

House Resolution No. 950, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION URGING THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PROVIDED UNDER R.A. 9745, OR THE ANTI-TORTURE ACT OF 2009, TO CONVENE IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE ANTI-TORTURE LAW BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH PRACTICES ARE OF WIDESPREAD USE IN OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES”

House Resolution No. 960, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SECRET DETENTION CELLS ALLEGEDLY MAINTAINED BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE”

and House Resolution No. 976, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, WITH REGARD TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CHR) OF AN ALLEGED SECRET DETENTION ROOM IN MANILA POLICE DISTRICT STATION 1 TO DETERMINE IF THIS PRACTICE IS PREVALENT, AND TO HOLD THOSE

INVOLVED ACCOUNTABLE AS WELL AS TO INSTITUTE POLICIES THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE SORRY STATE OF OUR PRISON FACILITIES WHICH MAY HAVE RESULTED TO INHUMANE TREATMENT OF THE DETAINED PRISONERS”

informing the House of its findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Deloso-Montalla, Rocamora, Baguilat and Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 149
ON SECOND READING

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 149, contained in Committee Report No. 1167, as reported out by the Committees on Transportation and Appropriations.

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

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 title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 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.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Raul V. Del Mar to sponsor the measure.

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

The Hon. Raul V. Del Mar is now recognized for his sponsorship speech.

REP. DEL MAR. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

I move, Mme. Speaker and Majority Leader, that the Explanatory Note of the measure be considered as my sponsorship speech.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments and approve the Committee amendments, as contained in the committee report of the aforementioned Bill.

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

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

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 149, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 149, as amended, on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye.*

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 149, AS AMENDED,
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 149, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

REP. DEL MAR. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, Majority Leader.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, at this juncture, may we recognize the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate to deliver a question of privilege.

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 Honorable Zarate is now recognized.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, I rise on a personal and collective privilege. Kagalang-galang na Ispiker, sa mga karaniwang pagkakataon, ang pagkamatay ng mahimbing na natutulog ay marahil ang pinakamainam na paraan upang pumanaw sa mundong ito—walang sakit, walang hirap. Makakapiling ang Maylikha na para lamang dumaan sa isang mahabang panaginip.

Pero hindi sa pagkakataong ito, Mme. Speaker.

Sa karaniwang araw, ang pagkamatay sa pamamail ay parang hindi na bago, lalo na sa panahong ito na halos wala nang pagpapahalaga sa buhay ng tao. “Patayin kita,” “kill them,” “bombahin ko ang mga paaralan ninyo” o di kaya ay “uubusin ko kayo”—mga katagang nawawalan na ng gimbal sa taumbayan dahil sa dalas nating naririnig ito. Tila ba kinakalyo na rin ang mga puso ng mga tao sa araw-araw na pagpaslang, lalong-lalo na ang ating mga mahihirap, sa patuloy na madugong kampanya laban sa droga ng pamahalaan.

Pero hindi sa pagkakatong ito, Mme. Speaker.

Pinaslang noong January 30 ang aming kasamang si Randy Felix Malayao, ang Regional Coordinator ng BAYAN MUNA sa Lambak ng Cagayan o sa Cagayan Valley,

habang lulan ng bus pauwi ng Isabela. Alas-dos y media ng madaling-araw nang umakyat sa bus ang berdugo, binaril ng dalawang beses ang tulog na si Randy Malayao, at saka duwag na tumalilis ito. Kahayup-hayupan, hindi niya sukat kung gaano karumal-dumal ang pagkitil sa buhay ng aming kasama na si Randy. Maraming pagpaslang sa ilalim ng administrasyong ito, pero hindi ang katulad nito.

Puno ng galit at pighati ang puso ng sambayanan sa pagkamatay ng aming kasamang si Randy Felix Malayao, ang aming kasama na hindi pangkaraniwan, ang aming tinaguriang “gentle brown giant” na si Ka Randy. Ang di-pangkaraniwang buhay ni kasamang Randy ay buong-buo na inialay nito para sa bayan at sa masang inaapi. Manunulat si Ka Randy mula pa noong siya ay nasa kolehiyo at hinirang siya bilang Vice President for Visayas ng College Editors Guild of the Philippines. Sa katunayan, hanggang sa siya ay pinaslang, kolumnista siya ng Northern Dispatch Weekly. Hindi lamang siya dedikadong aktibista, napakadali lamang na tanggapin niya ang mga alok na maging mamamahayag, radio anchor o kaya ay isang photojournalist.

Gradweyt sa Unibersidad ng Pilipinas si Randy Malayao, kaya maaari sana siyang naging researcher, scientist, food technologist at food sensory panelist. Sa katunayan, tanyag ang kanyang pancit cabagan na ginagamitan ng microbiology, physics at chemistry, at puwede rin siya sanang magtayo ng kanyang sariling panciteria. Lahat ng ito ay puwedeng naging siya kung hindi niya pinili at higit na inialay ang kanyang buhay para sa bayan.

“To serve the people selflessly is glorious,” wika niya. Ang maglingkod sa sambayanan ng walang pag-iimbot ay isang kaluwalhatian.

Noong Abril 2008, si Ka Randy ay hinuli at na-abduct sa isang mall sa Cainta, Rizal. Inilitaw lamang siya matapos ang limang araw ng 5th Infantry Battalion ng Philippine Army. Limang araw siyang na-torture habang isinailalim sa matinding interogasyon. Sa kabila ng sakit at takot para sa sarili at sa mga mahal niya sa buhay, naging matatag si Ka Randy. Matapos siyang dukutin ay patong-patong na gawagawang kaso naman ang pinataw sa kanya. Una ay ang pagpatay raw sa tirador ng diktador na si Rodolfo Aguinaldo at sa bodyguard nito. Nang mapawalang-sala siya sa pagpatay, sinampahan naman siya ng kaso noong 2010 sa isang raid daw ng New People’s Army kaya inilipat lamang siya ng kulungan. Kalaunan, pinawalang-sala rin siya sa paratang na ito.

Gayunpaman, apat na taong nakulong si Randy Malayao ngunit, Mme. Speaker, hindi sayang ang oras na inilagi niya sa piitan. Doon ay inihalal si Ka Randy ng mga inmates at siya ay naging gobernador ng kulungan, siya ay naging kuya, psychiatrist, tagapayo, paralegal, at maging tagasulat ng mga liham ng hindi marunong magbasa at magsulat na mga bilango. Nag-organisa rin siya ng sportsfests at medical missions, at gumawa ng literacy program. Sa isang pagkakataon ay isinulat din niya pati ang thesis ng warden para maka-gradweyt ito. Sa Tuguegarao at sa Ilagan City Jail, hinalal siya bilang governor ng mga inmates.

“Bloom where you are planted” ang sabi nga niya. Kaya hindi sukat ng berdugong pumatay kay Ka Randy ang halaga ng kanyang buhay. Ang lahat ng ito ay hindi mababaling dedikasyon na pagsilbihan ang mamamayan ang dahilan kung bakit siya piniling consultant sa peace talks sa pagitan ng gobyerno ng Pilipinas at ng National Democratic Front of the Philippines. Ang sabi nga niya, “Of course, I am optimistic about the peace talks. We have to be, otherwise, all these talks will be for nothing. We have to have hope because that would move us forward. No matter how difficult it is to forge a peace agreement, there must be some form of resilience. We have to work hard for it. Peace has been very illusive for centuries and for years.” Kaya bago nag-collapse ang peace talks noong June 2008, kasama nga si Randy Malayao sa pagbubuo ng kasunduan upang magkaroon ng resolusyon ang halos limang dekada nang tunggaliang armado sa ating bayan.

Hindi alam ng pumaslang kay Ka Randy Malayao ang halaga ng kanyang buhay. Kasimbigat ng Kordilyera, kasimbigat ng bundok Kordilyera ang kanyang pagkawala. Ngunit nagkakamali ang pumaslang sa kanya kung inaakala nito na ang kanyang pagkawala ay ikakaatras ng kilusang nais baguhin ang lipunang mapagsamantala at mapang-api.

Idinilig ni Ka Randy Malayao ang kanyang dugo sa lupa, pataba sa malawak, malalim at matibay na kilusang dudurog sa pasista!

Agbiag iti pannakidangadang ti umili! (Mabuhay ang pakikibaka ng mamamayang lumalaban!)

Itigil ang Pamamaslang! Katarungan, Ipaglaban! Hustisya para kay Ka Randy Felix Malayao!

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate to the Committee on Rules.

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

The speech of the Honorable Zarate is referred to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

It was 6:18 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:29 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, I move that we recognize the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago of the KABATAAN Party-List for her short manifestation.

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 Hon. Sarah Elago is recognized for a brief manifestation.

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I would like to request that my privilege speech that was supposed to be delivered last Monday be entered into the records. The speech is about the youth and students' call to stop tuition and other fee increases for the next academic year.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully move that we enter into the records the speech of the Hon. Sarah Jane Elago.*

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

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

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

It was 6:30 p.m.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:33 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker, ...

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, we respectfully move that we recognize the ...

REP. TINIO. ...I move to...

REP. SALO. ...Hon. Greg Gasataya, for his...

REP. TINIO. ...adjourn, Mme. Speaker, since it is...

REP. SALO. ...manifestation.

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

REP. TINIO. ...very clear that we no longer have ...

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

REP. TINIO. ...a quorum on the floor.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 6:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:36 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, I respectfully move that we recognize the Hon. Greg Gasataya for his short manifestation.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Greg G. Gasataya is recognized for his short manifestation.

REP. GASATAYA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I was supposed to deliver a privilege speech last Monday, but may I just request that the privilege speech on the proposed liberalization of sugar importation, which will affect about 72,000 agrarian reform beneficiaries in Negros Oriental, be entered into the records of the House of Representatives, Mme. Speaker.

Thank you very much.

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

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully move that we insert into the records the speech of the Hon. Greg Gasataya.

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 respectfully move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, February 7, 2019, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of February 7, 2019.

It was 6:38 p.m.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)