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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 will please rise to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Everybody will 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 roll call is deferred.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

The approval of the Journal is deferred.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 9026, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SINGLE PERSONS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 9027, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR STATISTICAL AND REGISTRATION WORKERS”

By Representative Gonzalez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 9029, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SOCORRO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOCORRO, SURIGAO DEL NORTE, INTO A LEVEL I HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO

FIFTY (50), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 9030, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CREATION, INSTITUTIONALIZATION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH STUDIES IN PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 9031, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE FREE PUBLIC TERTIARY EDUCATION THROUGH FORMULATION OF NATIONALIST, SCIENTIFIC AND MASS-ORIENTED CURRICULUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION’ ”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 9034, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF REPARATION AND RECOGNITION OF VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE MARCOS REGIME, CREATING THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS VICTIMS’ RECOGNITION AND REPARATION BOARD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS REPARATION AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2013, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10766, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Zarate, Tinio, Brosas, Casilao and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 9035, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING CRITICAL MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY IN THE PHILIPPINES AND PRESCRIBING ITS MANDATORY INCLUSION IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND CURRICULUM IN THE PHILIPPINES, FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 9036, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742 OR THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 9037, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE DEPLOYMENT OF TEACHER TO THE BARRIOS”

By Representative Pico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 9038, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF RECOGNITION OF CHURCHES, SECTS, RELIGIOUS GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Salo and Hernandez (P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 9039, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016’ ”

By Representatives Salo and Hernandez (P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 9040, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING UNIVERSAL PENSION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS AGED SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS AND ABOVE, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE INTRODUCING PARAGRAPH (I) IN SECTION 2 AND AMENDING SECTION 5 (H)(1) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2003’, AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE

KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’ ”

By Representative Villarín
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 9046, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS TO COMFORT WOMEN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 9047, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A THREE THOUSAND PESO INCREASE ACROSS THE BOARD IN THE MONTHLY PENSION OF WAR VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE

House Bill No. 9048, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 83 OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 9049, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING THE COMELEC OFFICES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2480, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING THE INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION (IOPC) FUND TO COMPENSATE IN FULL ALL DAMAGES SUSTAINED AND RELATED EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY THE PHILIPPINES IN THE 11 AUGUST 2006 M/T SOLAR I OIL SPILL OFF GUIMARAS ISLAND”

By Representatives Cua and Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Resolution No. 2481, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. KAREN JUANITA BAYONAS GALLMAN FOR WINNING THE 47TH INTERCONTINENTAL BEAUTY PAGEANT, ON JANUARY 26, 2019”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2482, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING, COMMEMORATING, AND JOINING UNESCO MEMBER STATES AND PARTNERS IN CELEBRATING WORLD RADIO DAY ON 13-FEBRUARY-2019”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 2483, entitled:

“RESOLUTION LAUDING THE EFFORTS OF YOUTH AND STUDENT LEADERS OF CAVITE STATE UNIVERSITY IN COMBATING THE PROFILING DONE BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AFTER THE CAVITE STATE OF THE YOUTH ADDRESS LAST AUGUST 11, 2018”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2484, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE SPREAD OF FALSEHOOD AGAINST KABATAAN PARTY-LIST AND OTHER LEGITIMATE AND DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS IN ILOCOS AS REPORTEDLY PERPETRATED BY THE 81ST INFANTRY BATTALION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 2485, entitled:

“RESOLUTION LAUDING THE EFFORTS OF BAGUIO-BASED YOUTH AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS TO COMBAT SPREAD OF FALSEHOOD AND FAKE NEWS AGAINST LEADERS”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2486, entitled:
“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LUMAD SCHOOLS FORCIBLY EVACUATED DUE TO MILITARIZATION”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Resolution No. 2487, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT TO HENRY SY, SR. WHO IS ALSO KNOWN AS A PHILANTROPIST AND THE RICHEST MAN IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2488, entitled:
“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ABDUCTION OF ACTIVIST LEADERS DATU JOMORITO GOAYNON AND IRENEO UBARDE IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY ON JANUARY 28, 2019 AND THEIR BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS”

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

House Resolution No. 2489, entitled:
“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VOLUNTARY OPT-OUT MECHANISMS AS PROVIDED IN REPUBLIC ACT 10931”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2490, entitled:
“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE JANUARY 30, 2019 - RAID OF THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC PEASANT ORGANIZATION MISAMIS ORIENTAL FARMERS’ ASSOCIATION OR MOFA, PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF KILUSANG MAGBUBUKID NG PILIPINAS (KMP) AND ARREST OF FOUR OF ITS LEADERS AND MEMBERS, ALONG WITH

TWO CHILDREN, IN VILLANUEVA TOWN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, Tinio, Brosas and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2493, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING KAREN GALLMAN FOR WINNING THE CROWN AS MISS INTERCONTINENTAL 2018 HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2019 AT THE MALL OF ASIA ARENA, PASAY CITY”

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2494, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT TO MR. GEORGE SIAO KIAN TY, FOUNDER OF METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY (METROBANK)”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2495, entitled:
“RESOLUTION PROHIBITING AND DECLARING A TOTAL BAN ON FURTHER RECLAMATIONS OF MANILA BAY”

By Representative Arenas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7786, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAYS SAN VICENTE IN THE CITY OF SAN PEDRO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA INTO EIGHT (8) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAYS SAN VICENTE, PACITAI, CHRYSANTHEMUM, ROSARIO, PACITA II, FATIMA, SAN LORENZO RUIZ, AND MAHARLIKA”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7811, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIALTY

HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS ST. BERNADETTE CHILDREN AND MATERNITY HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 8630, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ABC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS TV5 NETWORK, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7831, ENTITLED: AN ACT GRANTING ABC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, UNDER BUSINESS NAME ‘ASSOCIATED BROADCASTING COMPANY,’ A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6754, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ULTRASONIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8081, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE ULTRASONIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES’ FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6168, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PACIFIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7967, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE PACIFIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5222, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIOS OF GUINA-ANG, MADOPDOP, MALLANGO, LANLANA AND SAN PABLO FROM BARANGAY LACNOG, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND CONSTITUTING THEM INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LACNOG WEST”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5558, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE GOLDEN NATION NETWORK INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7548, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (WVSU)-EXTENSION IN THE CITY OF HIMAMAYLAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY-HIMAMAYLAN CITY CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendment House Bill No. 7016, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR, EMPHASIZING THE PROHIBITION ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING, AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7, 10, 36, 51 AND 52 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8983, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BAYAWAN”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7549, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN RAFAEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY-SAN RAFAEL CAMPUS, MANDATING IT TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5223, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY BULANAO NORTE IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5715, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CEBU BROADCASTING COMPANY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7963, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE CEBU BROADCASTING COMPANY A

FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5221, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY IPIL IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed the following House Bills without amendment:

House Bill No. 7260, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY FOUR OF EVERY YEAR AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR MEMORIAL DAY’ ”;

House Bill No. 8799, entitled:

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

House Bill No. 8729, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MARINDUQUE STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOAC, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARINDUQUE STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8730, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMARINES SUR POLYTECHNIC COLLEGES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NABUA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY OF BICOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8731, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMARAS STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUIMARAS STATE

UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8732, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CARLOS HILADO MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BINALBAGAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CARLOS HILADO MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 7230, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE PORTION OF RADIAL ROAD 10 TRAVERSING BONIFACIO DRIVE AT ANDA CIRCLE IN STATION KILOMETER (STA KM) 1+100, UP TO MARALA BRIDGE AT THE FOOT OF ESTERO DE MARALA STA KM 6+445, ALL IN THE CITY OF MANILA AS MEL LOPEZ BOULEVARD”;

House Bill No. 8084, entitled:

“AN ACT RECTIFYING THE PERIOD TO CONSTITUTE THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE PALOMPON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING SECTIONS 9 AND 25 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10599”;

House Bill No. 1341, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE HILLTOP RIZAL PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) COMMAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS CAMP GENERAL LICERIO GERONIMO”;

House Bill No. 8426, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10(b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BACOR’ ”; and

House Bill No. 8511, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF MANDAUE FROM THE SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF MANDAUE”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1950, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING ELECTRICITY RATES BY ALLOCATING THE NET NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SHARE FROM THE MALAMPAYA NATURAL GAS PROJECT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE STRANDED CONTRACT COSTS, STRANDED DEBTS, MISSIONARY ELECTRIFICATION CHARGE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARGE OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION, AND THE FEED-IN-TARIFF ALLOWANCE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2117, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS)”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2172, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2186, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING POLICIES AND PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES ON SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, EPIDEMICS, AND HEALTH EVENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3573, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LAW ON REPORTING OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES’ ”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1968, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE AMANG RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF MARIKINA FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1768, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (GCGMH) IN TAGBILARAN CITY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL FROM TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (225) TO FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (525) BEDS AND UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7266, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1690, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF DON EMILIO DEL VALLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DEDVMH) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL FROM FIFTY (50) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1961, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY FOR TERTIARY GENERAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OF THE DR. JOSE N. RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND SANITARIUM IN TALA, CALOOCAN CITY FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BEDS, REAPPORTIONING THE AUTHORIZED TWO THOUSAND (2000)-BED CAPACITY OF THE HOSPITAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9420, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2062, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MARIVELES MENTAL HOSPITAL IN MARIVELES, BATAAN FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES, TO INCLUDE THE OPERATION OF A LEVEL 1 GENERAL WARD WITH ONE HUNDRED (100)-BED CAPACITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARIVELES MENTAL WELLNESS AND GENERAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1965, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES MEDICAL CENTER IN DAVAO CITY FROM ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1966, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY

OF VALENZUELA MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1529 and House Bill No. 8795, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998’, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1355 and House Bill No. 8715, entitled:

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7754, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FIRST LOVE BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8100, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE FIRST LOVE BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL FM AND AM RADIO STATIONS AND

TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on February 4, 2019 the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1843 and 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”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on February 4, 2019, the Senate designated Senators Francis ‘Chiz’ G. Escudero, Sonny Angara and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 3222, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL VISION SCREENING PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN PUPILS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed the following House Bills without amendment:

House Bill No. 7103, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A CLASS D DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA, CAMARINES SUR”;

House Bill No. 6319, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBIGON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6979, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMARAS LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE”;

House Bill No. 6382, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAUWAY, CITY OF MANDALUYONG, TO BE KNOWN AS

THE SENATE PRESIDENT NEPTALI A. GONZALES INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8006, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE OROQUIETA AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (O AIS) IN THE CITY OF OROQUIETA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL STATE COLLEGE (MOSC), REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4941, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 398, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TANDANG SORA, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS TANDANG SORA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 5371, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TINAJEROS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ACACIA ANNEX IN BARANGAY ACACIA, CITY OF MALABON, METRO MANILA FROM THE TINAJEROS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ACACIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 5947, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY FRANCISCO HOMES-MULAWIN, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS MULAWIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 5948, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL I, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6105, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SITIO CABAGAAYAN, BARANGAY SIBULAN, TORIL DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CABAGAAYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8096, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED

NATIONAL SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAPUY, CITY OF SORSOGON, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS CAPUY INTEGRATED NATIONAL SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8187, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY AMBIONG, MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO BE KNOWN AS AMBIONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8212, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PIAS-GAANG CAMPUS IN BARANGAY PIAS NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF CURRIMAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AND SEPARATING IT FROM ITS MOTHER SCHOOL, THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION 2, MUNICIPALITY OF CURRIMAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, HEREINAFTER RENAMED THE WILBUR C. GO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8684, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MALABON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MNHS) – CONCEPCION TECHNICAL – VOCATIONAL ANNEX IN BARANGAY CONCEPCION, CITY OF MALABON, METRO MANILA FROM THE MALABON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CONCEPCION TECHNICAL – VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8693, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE VILLAMAYOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BAGOLATAO ANNEX IN BARANGAY BAGOLATAO, MUNICIPALITY OF MINALABAC, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM THE VILLAMAYOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BAGOLATAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 8735, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMP OFELIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LINTANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUCO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LINTANGAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and

House Bill No. 8736, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CALUBE, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS CALUBE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2188, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER (MMM&MC), BATAV CITY, ILOCOS NORTE FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2187, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN LORENZO RUIZ WOMEN’S HOSPITAL IN MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN LORENZO RUIZ GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TEN (10) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date

passed Senate Bill No. 1963, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINDANAO CENTRAL SANITARIUM IN PASOBOLONG, ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE SERVICES FROM FIFTY (50) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUND THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7037, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DINAIG MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DATU ODIN SINSUAT, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, INTO A FIFTY (50)-BED CAPACITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL TO BE NOW KNOWN AS THE DATU ODIN SINSUAT DISTRICT HOSPITAL, UPGRADING ITS FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 8248, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MASBATE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN MASBATE CITY, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, FROM ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (125) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6512, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TIMBABAUAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5654, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING A LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISE TO COTABATO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.-PPALMA(COTELCO-PPALMA) TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PIKIT, PIGCAWAYAN, ALEOSAN, LIBUNGAN, MIDSAYAP AND ALAMADA, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, AND ITS NEIGHBORING SUBURBS”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7734, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN QUEZON CITY, NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-QUEZON CITY CAMPUS, MANDATING THE PUP TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6913, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RADIO MARINE NETWORK, INCORPORATED, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4607, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7512”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6513, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE

KNOWN AS BARANGAY MASAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7717, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF TONDO MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF MANILA FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7311, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY STA. MARIA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABRA DE ILOG, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7355, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ZIGA MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF TABACO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, INTO AN EXTENSION HOSPITAL OF THE BICOL REGIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING HOSPITAL, AND INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIFTY (50) TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) BEDS TO BE NOW KNOWN AS THE DR. LORENZO P. ZIGA MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7866, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF

THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CALAUAN CAMPUS, MANDATING IT TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 8157, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TIRAD PASS RADIO TV BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8070, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE TIRAD PASS RADIO TV BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL AM-FM RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 8435, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM HOSPITAL IN MANDAUE CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIFTY (50) BEDS TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 8155, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CATHOLIC BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES,

INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5172, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7530”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7550, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANSUD, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-BANSUD CAMPUS, MANDATING THE PUP TO OFFER THEREAT GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Message dated February 6, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7310, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION PROGRAM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTSP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker.

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may I request the Honorable Tinio to...

REP. TINIO. In our rules, Section 75 on Quorum states: The House shall not transact business without a quorum.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:09 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the approval of Journal No. 46.

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker, earlier I raised a question of quorum...

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

REP. TINIO. ... and the rule in Section 75 says the House cannot conduct business without a quorum, and we have not yet called the roll of Members to establish a quorum, Mme. Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 50, dated February 7, 2019.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 167 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 167 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker, it is very clear that there are only 103 Members on the floor, very far from the 146 required for a quorum.

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

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

REP. TINIO. Let that be noted, Mme. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. ...proceed anew to the Reference of Business which was interrupted earlier, and request the Secretary General to read the same.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Secretary General is hereby directed to continue reading the Reference of Business.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 1207), re H.B. No. 9050, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE BANQUERUAN BRIDGE TRAVERSING THE LUBAO-SASMUAN RIVER LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LUBAO AND SASMUAN, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, AS GUILLERMO MENDOZA BRIDGE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 9015

Sponsors: Representatives Fernando and Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Cooperatives Development (Committee Report No. 1208), re H.B. No. 9051, entitled:

“ANACTREORGANIZINGTHE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENTAUTHORITY, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Bills Numbered 565, 1275, 2571, 4174, 5385, 5786, 8181 and House Resolution No. 44

Sponsors: Representatives Geron, Canama, Bravo (A.), Biazon, Rodriguez (M.), Plaza, Mellana, Zubiri, Pichay, Suansing (E.), Laogan and Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 1209), re H.B. No. 9052, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE AWANG-UI-LEBAK ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY AWANG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DATU ODIN SINSUAT AND TRAVERSING THROUGH THE MUNICIPALITY OF UPI, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO UP TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEBAK IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT, AS DATU SIMEON A. DATUMANONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 8881 and 8976

Sponsors: Representatives Fernando, Arbison and Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Government Reorganization and the Committee on Energy (Committee Report No. 1210), re H.B. No. 9053, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION BY EXPANDING AND STREAMLINING ITS BUREAUCRACY, UPGRADING EMPLOYEE SKILLS, AUGMENTING BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5020, 5961 and 7104

Sponsors: Representatives Velarde and Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries (Committee Report No. 1211), re H.B. No. 9054, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF FINANCIAL CONSUMERS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 131 TO 147 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8301

Sponsor: Representative Ong (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 1212), re H.R. No. 2496, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTU) TO ESTABLISH A CAMPUS AT BARANGAY GUBA, FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF CEBU CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY-CEBU CITY NORTH DISTRICT CAMPUS”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1662

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Del Mar and Hofer

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. 1213), re H.B. No. 9055, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DON CARLOS POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON CARLOS POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7473

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 1214), re H.B. No. 9056, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 (c) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 7872, 248, 297, 331, 1627, 1958 and 7615

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon, Benitez and Bordado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Trade and Industry (Committee Report No. 1215), re H.B. No. 9057, entitled:

“AN ACT SETTING THE MINIMUM PAID UP CAPITAL AND LOCALLY PRODUCED

STOCK INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN RETAIL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8762, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RETAIL TRADE LIBERALIZATION ACT”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4595

Sponsors: Representatives Biron, Romualdo and Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Order and Safety (Committee Report No. 1216), re H.B. No. 9058, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE RECRUITMENT QUOTA REQUIREMENT OF FEMALE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) OFFICERS, AMENDING SECTION 58 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8689

Sponsors: Representatives Acop and Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Order and Safety (Committee Report No. 1217), re H.B. No. 9059, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISSEMINATION OF FALSE INFORMATION ON BOMB THREATS, EXPLOSIVES, OR ANY OTHER LIFE-THREATENING OR DESTRUCTIVE MATERIALS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 421, 1393, 3699, 4882 and 6044

Sponsors: Representatives Acop and Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Agrarian Reform (Committee Report No. 1218), re H.B. No. 9060, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRIBUSINESS VENTURES ARRANGEMENTS (AVAs) IN AGRARIAN REFORM LANDS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5085

Sponsors: Representatives Relampagos and Baguilat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Trade Industry (Committee Report No. 1219), re H.B. No. 9061, entitled:

“AN ACT ENCOURAGING CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 698 and 2161

Sponsors: Representatives Biron, Romualdo, Macapagal-Arroyo, Pineda and Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1220), re H.B. No. 9062, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8103

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Andaya and Almonte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1221), re H.B. No. 9063, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALIBON, SECOND DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8107

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Andaya and Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1222), re H.B. No. 9064, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN MANDALUYONG CITY INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8207

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Andaya and Gonzales (A.P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 1223), re H.B. No. 9065, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUPPORT MECHANISMS AND PROTECTION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL IN MATTERS OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE FOR CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 58

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Tinio and Castro (F.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 46

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the approval of Journal No. 46, dated January 29, 2019, to correct a clerical error.

I move that we correct pages 5 and 6, under the heading RESULT OF THE VOTING FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 8837, and replace the list of names appearing under the Affirmative column with the correct list of names of Members to be attached to Journal No. 46. Thereafter, I move that we approve Journal No. 46 dated January 29, 2019, as amended.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 46, AS AMENDED

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 APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 45

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the approval of Journal No. 45, dated January 28, 2019, as amended last February 6, 2019 for some corrections.

I move that we amend Journal No. 45, dated January 28, 2019, to manifest the “No” vote of Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato on House Bill No. 8858. Thereafter, I move that we approve Journal No. 45, dated January 28, 2019, as amended.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 45, AS AMENDED

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. 2479

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2479.

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

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I now move for the adoption of House Resolution No. 2479.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2479

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

House Resolution No. 2479 is hereby adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 8862 and S.B. NO. 1532

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8862 and Senate Bill No. 1532.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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. 8862, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN, PROMOTE AND DEVELOP THE PHILIPPINE STARTUP ECOSYSTEM; and Senate Bill No. 1532, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN, PROMOTE AND DEVELOP THE PHILIPPINE STARTUP ECOSYSTEM.

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

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. 8885 and S.B. NO. 1597

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8885 and Senate Bill No. 1597.

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. 8885, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; and Senate Bill No. 1597, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 8217, and Senate Bill No. 2172, respectively, establishing a Consolidated Poverty Data Collection System. We have been informed that the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, the Sponsor of House Bill No. 8217 and the authors thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 2172. In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 2172 as an amendment to House Bill No. 8217.

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. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7773 and Senate Bill No. 2117, respectively, institutionalizing the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps). We have been informed that the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, the Sponsor of House Bill No. 7773, and the other authors thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 2117. In accordance with our rules, I move that we

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

adopt Senate Bill No. 2117 as an amendment to House Bill No. 7773.

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. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 8449 and Senate Bill No. 2062, respectively, increasing the bed capacity of the Mariveles Mental Hospital from five hundred (500) beds to seven hundred (700) beds. We have been informed that the Committee on Health, the Sponsor of House Bill No. 8449, and the author thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 2062. In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 2062 as an amendment to House Bill No. 8449.

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. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of messages from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments the following House bills:

House Bill No. 5221, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY IPIL IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA;

House Bill No. 5222, entitled: AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIOS OF GUINA-ANG, MADOPDOP, MALLANGO, LANLANA AND SAN PABLO FROM BARANGAY LACNOG, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND CONSTITUTING THEM INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LACNOG WEST; and

House Bill No. 5223, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY BULANAO NORTE IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA.

We have been advised that the Committee on Local Government, the Sponsor of the said House bills, and the authors thereof have no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. In accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bills No. 5221, 5222 and 5223.

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. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 8426, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10(b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BACOR." We have been advised that the Committee on Local Government, the Sponsor of the said House Bill, and the author thereof have no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. In accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 8426.

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. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 7016, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR, EMPHASIZING THE PROHIBITION ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING, AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7, 10, 36, 51 AND 52 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8983, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BAYAWAN. We have been advised that the Committee on Local Government, the Sponsor of the said House Bill, and the author thereof have no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. In accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 7016.

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.B. NO. 8909

Continuation

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8909, and 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 hereby directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, earlier, we have distributed copies of the substitute version of House Bill No. 8909 to all Members. Pursuant to Section 104 of our rules, I move to amend, by substitution, the entire bill with the contents of the substitute version earlier distributed to all the Members.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, 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.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to propose individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The period of amendments is hereby closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8909, 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. 8909, 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. 8909, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8909, as amended, is hereby approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9051 ON SECOND READING

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9051, contained in Committee Report No. 1208, as reported out by the Committee on Cooperatives Development.

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 hereby 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. 9051, entitled: AN ACT REORGANIZING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Anthony M. Bravo, PhD for his sponsorship speech.

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

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

The Hon. Anthony Bravo is now recognized to deliver his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. BRAVO (A.)

REP. BRAVO (A.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

Good afternoon, distinguished colleagues. Mme. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to sponsor House Bill No. 9051 under Committee Report No. 1208, entitled: AN ACT REORGANIZING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. It has been 10 years since the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 or Republic Act No. 9520 was signed into law on February 17, 2009 by then President and now our current Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. For us in the cooperative sector, this is a milestone legislation because it will pave the way for the flourishing of our cooperatives across the country. Along with the new Cooperative Code, there is a need to amend the Charter of the CDA so that it will be in consonance with the provision of Republic Act No. 9520.

Mme. Speaker, we introduced this Bill primarily to strengthen the regulatory powers of the Cooperative Development Authority and to ensure that the cooperatives will always be genuine cooperatives operating within the scope of universal cooperative principles and practices. Another objective is to enhance the developmental functions of the CDA in order to boost the viability and growth of cooperatives so they could become competitive and competent in the pursuit of sustainable development that will definitely contribute to poverty alleviation.

I, therefore, seek the support of this august Body for this proposed Bill.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. NOEL. 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 terminate 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.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9051 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 9051 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. 9051 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9051 is hereby approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we take up the Business for Thursday and Friday.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

1. House Bill No. 9043, as contained in Committee Report No. 1201;
2. House Bill No. 9044, as contained in Committee Report No. 1202;

3. House Bill No. 9045, as contained in Committee Report No. 1203;

4. House Bill No. 9050, as contained in Committee Report No. 1207;

5. House Bill No. 9052, as contained Committee in Report No. 1209;

6. House Bill No. 9055, as contained in Committee Report No. 1213;

7. House Bill No. 9062, as contained in Committee Report No. 1220;

8. House Bill No. 9063, as contained in Committee Report No. 1221; and

9. House Bill No. 9064, as contained in Committee Report No. 1222.

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. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and consider the respective Explanatory Notes of the aforesaid local bills as the sponsorship speeches thereon.

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

I so move.

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

I so move.

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. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, there being no

Committee or 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.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move for the omnibus approval of the aforesaid local bills on Second Reading.

I so move.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is an omnibus motion for the approval the aforementioned bills 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*. (*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.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8981 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8981, contained in Committee Report No. 1158, as reported out by the Committees on Tourism 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. 8981, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE FOR THE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE OF TOURISTS.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong of the First District of Negros Oriental, being one of the authors of the said bill.

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

The Honorable Limkaichong is recognized for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. LIMKAICHONG

REP. LIMKAICHONG. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. My dear colleagues, good afternoon. We stand in front of you to sponsor House Bill No. 8981 submitted by the Committee on Tourism, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE FOR THE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE OF TOURISTS. This proposed Bill creates a task force mandated to ensure the safety of our domestic and foreign tourists and assist them through efficient mechanisms and tight coordination with the local government units. On its face, considering that there are no contentious provisions in the proposed Bill, and on behalf of the other authors, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

Mme. Speaker, we therefore earnestly seek the approval of this bill.

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the interpellation. However, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on 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 period of sponsorship and debate is hereby closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8981 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 8981 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*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8981 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8981 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 7548, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (WVSU)-EXTENSION IN THE CITY OF HIMAMAYLAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY-HIMAMAYLAN CITY CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR. We have been advised that the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Sponsor of the said House Bill, and the author thereof have no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 7548.

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. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 7549, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN RAFAEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY-SAN RAFAEL CAMPUS, MANDATING IT TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT. We have been advised that the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Sponsor of the said House Bill, and the author thereof have no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 7549.

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. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 7550, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANSUD, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-BANSUD CAMPUS. We have been advised that the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Sponsor of the said House Bill, and the author thereof have no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 7550.

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. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 7310, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION PROGRAM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTSP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL. We have been advised that the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Sponsor of the said House Bill, and the author thereof have no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the

Senate. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 7310.

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.B. NO. 9023 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9023, contained in Committee Report No. 1192, as reported out by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. 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. 9023, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES BY DECLARING IT AS THE NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the measure, Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Paolo Everardo S. Javier of the Lone District of Antique, the Chairman of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

The Honorable Javier is now recognized for his sponsorship speech.

REP. JAVIER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 9023 as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the interpellation. However, there being no Member—I am sorry. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago of the Party-List KABATAAN to interpellate on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Elago has 20 minutes to interpellate the Sponsor.

REP. ELAGO. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker. Bago po ako magsimula, nais kong humingi ng pinakahuling bersyon ng naturang House Bill mula sa ating distinguished Sponsor, Mme. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 4:50 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:52 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Honorable Elago is recognized.

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I now have a copy of the most recent version of House Bill No. 9023, amending Presidential Decree No. 1341 and declaring the PUP or the Polytechnic University of the

Philippines as the National Polytechnic University. I would like to know, Mme. Speaker, the main objective of the House Bill being tackled this afternoon.

REP. JAVIER. Well, Mme. Speaker, to our distinguished Congresswoman Elago, the PUP stands out from other polytechnic state universities and colleges in the country because of its unique mandate which allows it to offer both professional and ladderized technical courses, thus, giving its students a competitive edge in employment. Furthermore, the PUP is responsive to the pathways and equivalency set in the Philippine Qualifications Framework, also known as PQF, Mme. Speaker. The main objective of the Bill is to promote applied research, advance studies and progressive leadership in the stated fields. As the National Polytechnic University, the PUP is committed to implementing the programs designed to ameliorate pressing social needs by rendering services to individuals and communities, and empowering the citizenry to attain sustainable development, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, for this Representation, we are very much open to declaring the PUP as the National Polytechnic University. I would like to know, out of our 114 state universities and colleges, how many are mandated as polytechnic in nature?

REP. JAVIER. Mme. Speaker, I think more than 10. As far as I know, it is more than 10.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, can we have a list of these state universities and colleges.

REP. JAVIER. Yes, Mme. Speaker, surely, we can provide you the list.

REP. ELAGO. May we know the stand of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges on this Bill? Mme. Speaker, can I also request for a copy of the official position of PASUC on this.

REP. JAVIER. Yes, Mme. Speaker, we can provide their position paper, and they are very supportive of this Bill.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, can the distinguished Sponsor relay to this Body the contents of the position paper or the main position of the PASUC on this issue.

REP. JAVIER. Mme. Speaker, they will support the measure but for now, there are no specific measures to be included in the Bill.

REP. ELAGO. Ang PASUC ay sumusuporta sa measure na ito.

REP. JAVIER. As far as I know, yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Nasaan po ang kanilang official position or statement?

REP. JAVIER. We will provide you with the official statement of the PASUC.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, puwede po bang makahingi ang Representasyon na ito ngayon ng kopya ng posisyon ng Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges.

REP. JAVIER. During the Committee hearing, they promised to give us their position paper, but we have not yet received any position paper from PASUC.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, nais nating malaman kung ano rin iyong pagtingin ng iba pang polytechnic universities and colleges tungkol dito sa aspirasyon ng Polytechnic University of the Philippines na maging National Polytechnic University dahil ito ay magtataka rin ng kaukulan na prayoridad pagdating sa pagpopondo. Hindi lamang sa pagpopondo, kung hindi sa direksiyon na tutunguhin ng Polytechnic University of the Philippines bilang isang institusyon ng learning na tinitingala hindi lang sa Pilipinas, kung hindi sa buong mundo. Sa katotohanan, ang PUP, iyan po ang isa sa mga SUC natin na may pinakamalaking bilang ng enrollment. Mme. Speaker, may we know from the distinguished Sponsor the current student enrollment of the PUP, including those enrolled in all the campuses and branches of the PUP.

REP. JAVIER. Mme. Speaker, I do not have the data right now, but we will provide you with the data on the total number of students in the PUP.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, can the distinguished Sponsor repeat the response.

REP. JAVIER. Currently I do not have the data. I will submit to your office the data on the total number of students in the PUP.

REP. ELAGO. Sa bahagi ng Representasyon na ito, Mme. Speaker, ang magiging apektado kapag naipasa ang measure na ito ay nasa 80,000 na mga estudyante. Ang PUP ang isa sa may pinakamalaking enrollment pagdating sa ating state universities and colleges.

Mayroon po akong ilang katanungan doon sa Explanatory Note ng ipinasa na measure na ito tungkol

sa pangunahing tunguhin ng university para mag-create ng work readiness to meet local and international demands. Ano po ang ibig sabihin nito, Mme. Speaker? Magkakaroon ba ng rationalization ng courses na kasalukuyang offerings ngayon sa PUP?

Mayroon na bang nakaambang plano kung ano ang mga bagong kurso na i-o-offer sa PUP? Halimbawa, sa main campus, nagkaroon na po ba ng pag-aaral kung ano iyong mga kurso na patuloy na i-o-offer? Ang programa ba na ito ay magdudulot ng ilang mga kurso o kolehiyo na hindi na magpapatuloy kung hindi sang-ayon sa naturang layunin na nais marating nitong House Bill, Mme. Speaker?

REP. JAVIER. Yes, Mme. Speaker. Well, the goal of the PUP is to strengthen, guide and support other polytechnic state universities and colleges in developing professional courses and other technical programs. Iyon po ang goal o agenda ng ating Polytechnic State University at sana po sa ating mga unibersidad at kolehiyo, sa SUC hanggang PUP, ay suportahan natin ang ating mga mamamayan, ang ating mga estudyante, para maganda po ang edukasyon at kabuhayan ng ating mga estudyante.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, sa tingin po ba ng ating distinguished Sponsor, ang layunin ng ating mga pamantasan ay mag-produce lamang ng mga kabataan na work ready para sa demand ng local job creation at pati na rin sa demand sa global market?

REP. JAVIER. Yes, Mme. Speaker, it is very imperative for the students of the Polytechnic University to have a competitive edge or competitive advantage sa iba pang mga unibersidad para ipakita natin sa ibang bansa na kaya natin makipagkumpetensiya sa skills at sa iba pang courses, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Ano po ang merito ng pagkakaroon ng isang pambansang antas ng Polytechnic University?

REP. JAVIER. Ito ay ...

REP. ELAGO. Kung ...

REP. JAVIER. Yes, distinguished Lady.

REP. ELAGO. Yes, Mme. Speaker, the distinguished Sponsor may answer first.

REP. JAVIER. I beg your pardon—can you please repeat your question.

REP. ELAGO. Nais pong malaman ng Representasyon na ito kung ano ang merito ng pagkakaroon ng pambansang antas ang PUP, lalong-lalo

na sa layunin na ang nais lang pala ay mag-produce ng mga kabataan na sasagot doon sa pangangailangan ng labor market sa domestic at pati sa global market natin? Mayroon po bang mga plano o mga naturang programa para din suportahan ang iba pang mga polytechnic universities and colleges sa buong bansa at iba pang SUCs natin na may kaparehong mga kurso na ino-offer sa ating mga estudyante?

REP. JAVIER. Yes, Mme. Speaker, it is very important na bigyan ng antas ang ating unibersidad, considering that the country's thrust is towards the unparallel development in the new century. It definitely needs more quality industry leaders who will serve under the principle of excellence, patriotism and love for knowledge and truth. Thus, to contribute more to this thrust and to nation-building and national development, it is now high time that we strengthen the PUP and elevate it into a National Polytechnic University which shall cater to educating and developing the country's future industry leaders, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, now, let me go to the specific provision of the proposed measure. On page 5, line 1, Section 9, letter (e), one of the powers and functions of the governing body of the university would be to fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees, as their respective boards may deem proper to impose after due consultations with the involved sectors. Ito po ay bahagi na ng batas natin sa kasalukuyan, ang Higher Education Modernization Act. Isa na po ito doon sa mga kapangyarihan ng ating mga Board of Regents at Board of Trustees. Ngunit nababahala ang Representasyon na ito dahil ang kasalukuyang landscape natin sa higher education, kung hindi mo isasama iyong UP, ang average tuition nasa P350 per unit. Ito iyong subsidized mula doon sa bagong batas na naipasa natin, RA 10931, na nasa P350. Ang PUP—magkano lang—nasa pinakamababa ito. Nalalaman po ba, Mme. Speaker, ng ating distinguished Sponsor kung magkano ang per unit sa main campus ng PUP?

REP. JAVIER. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, we do not have the data regarding the tuition fee of the PUP students or how much they are paying, but we will provide the amount or the data to the Lady.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, for the information of the distinguished Sponsor, P12 per unit ang tuition fee po sa PUP. Iyan ang dahilan kung bakit maraming estudyante ang nag-a-apply para makapasok sa iba't ibang kurso na ino-offer sa PUP. Ngayon, sa kapangyarihan na ito na ibibigay sa Board of Regents o Trustees at sila na nga ang papangalanan natin at idedeklara natin bilang National Polytechnic University,

ano ang assurance ng mga iskolar ng bayan ng PUP na mananatiling libre ang edukasyon sa PUP at hindi gagamitin ang kapangyarihang ito upang pagkakitaan ang iba't ibang mga kurso, diploma courses o special courses na ino-offer sa PUP?

Oo, libre ang mga undergraduate students. Bagamat malaking usapin ngayon na libre nga ang tuition at other school fees pero marami pang mga binabayaran na miscellaneous fees na hindi kasama doon sa pinangalanan natin na subsidized ng national government sa bisa ng RA 10931. Nagbabayad pa rin ang mga graduate students at ibang mga iskolar ng bayan na naka-enroll sa iba't ibang mga kurso.

Iba naman ang kalagayan sa mga ibang campus o branches. Sa mga branches, ang karaniwan diyan, halimbawa, sa PUP Parañaque o sa PUP Biñan, may fixed rates for tuition and other school fees. Ngayon, Mme. Speaker, nais kong marinig ang pahayag ng ating distinguished Sponsor—paano natin mapapanatiling libre at abot-kaya ang edukasyon sa loob ng Polytechnic University of the Philippines?

REP. JAVIER. Mme. Speaker, let me assure you that the Board of Regents and the CHED will help each other to provide equal access to education sa ating mga estudyante. Base sa ating Konstitusyon, kailangan pantay-pantay po ang ating mga estudyante na mabigyan ng magandang edukasyon, ang mabigyan ng de-kalidad na edukasyon ang ating mga estudyante. So, let me assure you, Mme. Speaker, that our students in the PUP will be treated equally, will be given or provided equally.

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, nakasaad sa implementing rules and regulations ng bagong batas na UAQTE, Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education, ang balak ng UniFAST Board ay gumawa ng isang composite fee, ng isang standard fee para ma-cover iyong cost of attendance ng bawat iskolar ng bayan sa state universities and colleges, depende doon sa kung ano na ba iyong lebel ng SUC na naabot sa isang takdang panahon.

Ang ibig sabihin, Mme. Speaker, ang direksiyon na ngayon sa usapin ng pagpopondo ng public tertiary education ay kung paano mabubuwag itong sistema ng paniningil ng tuition at other school fees at kung ano ang gagawin para magkakaroon na lamang ng uniform na subsidy per student sa bawat SUC sa buong bansa, at hindi na pegged on the current cost of tuition and other school fees. Kung magpapatuloy ang nangyayari ngayon na ang subsidy na ibinibigay natin ay naka-pegged doon sa present collection ng tuition and other school fees, talagang dehado iyong SUCs na sa matagal na panahon ay nagpigil na magtaas ng tuition dahil alam nga nila iyong malaking impact sa mga estudyante, halimbawa nga, iyong PUP.

Sa PUP, ito ay P12 per unit. Noong student council member po ako sa UP, nagkaroon lang ng increase ng tatlong piso per unit diyan sa PUP, mayroong 5,000 estudyante na nagsalita at kumilos laban doon sa increase na tatlong piso. Iyan po iyong naging dahilan kung bakit imbes na magtaas ng tuition, ang dumami naman binabayaran sa PUP ay iyong tinatawag nating other school fees, mga iba't-ibang mga bayarin. Kung P12 per unit lang ang tuition fee, ang miscellaneous fees po ay umaabot iyan mula P12,000 hanggang P14,000. Kaya isipin po ninyo kung magpapatuloy itong sistema na mayroon tayong ganitong tuition, pagkatapos ay magtatakda ng fee sa kada pangangailangan ng university, at marami sa mga administration ay napipilitan na mangolekta ng fees na ito dahil doon sa liit din ng pondo na natatanggap nila, delikado po ito para doon sa mga sinisingil pa rin at magbabayad.

Ngayon, nakita natin na mayroong mekanismo para sa konsultasyon. Dapat may boses dito ang mga estudyante, ang teachers, ang non-teaching personnel, lalong-lalo na kung sa PUP dahil malaki po na usapin ito ngayon kasi marami sa janitors nila at sa kanilang mga non-teaching personnel ang kumakaharap sa pagkawala ng kanilang trabaho dahil sila ay walang job security, mga kontraktwal, iyong mga agencies na nag-ha-handle sa kanila ay nahihirapan din mag-renew ng contract doon sa university. Ang hamon sa atin, Mme. Speaker, kung paano...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Please wind up, Honorable Elago.

REP. ELAGO. ... magiging madali ang mga sistemang ito para ang mga universities, lalong-lalo na ang state universities at colleges, at sa hangarin ng PUP na maging isang National Polytechnic University, ang makikinabang ay ang lahat ng mga stakeholders sa loob nito at kung mayroon mang mga pagbabago pagdating sa mga sinisingil, ang nais nating tunguhin, kung tunay ang hangarin nito na maging isang modelo, maging isang National Polytechnic University, ay gawing libre ang edukasyon at tumulong kung paano pa tayo mag-aaral at magsasaliksik, kung paano gagawing sustainable ang pagpopondo sa lahat ng ating state universities and colleges.

So, Mme. Speaker, doon na po nagtatapos ang interpellation ng Representasyon na ito. Again, susuporta po kami sa pagpapaunlad ng ating SUCs ngunit dapat nang mabasura ang lahat ng mga polisiya na lalo lamang nagko-commercialize at nagpa-privatize sa ating public higher education.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that the sponsorship speeches and the interpellation on the said measure be made part of the record.

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 other Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. 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 we open the period of amendments. However, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, may we know the concerns of the Honorable Elago?

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, I signified my intent to propose individual amendments to House Bill No. 9023.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I withdraw, therefore, my motion to close the period of amendments and recognize the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago to propose her amendments.

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

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

REP. ELAGO. Mme. Speaker, on page 5, line 1, I move to scrap or delete the provision on fixing tuition fees and other necessary school charges,

letter (e) of Section 10. Will the distinguished Sponsor be amenable to such amendment, Mme. Speaker?

REP. JAVIER. Mme. Speaker, I concur with the amendment of our distinguished Lady, Congresswoman Elago.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). All right. The Sponsor accepts the amendment.

REP. ELAGO. Also, Mme. Speaker, I would like to move that letter (f) of the said Section 10 be deleted as well. This refers to the adoption and implementation of the socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees since this undermines the very essence of the newly enacted law on Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education.

REP. JAVIER. I likewise concur with the amendment of our distinguished Lady, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, on the part of the House, we also concur with the Hon. Paulo Javier.

Mme. Speaker, I move for their approval.

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

REP. ELAGO. That would be all, Mme. Speaker. Thank you.

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

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

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 we approve House Bill No. 9023, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

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

a motion to approve House Bill No. 9023, 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. 9023, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9023, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 7355, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE ZIGA MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF TABACO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, INTO AN EXTENSION HOSPITAL OF THE BICOL REGIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING HOSPITAL, AND INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIFTY (50) TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) BEDS TO BE NOW KNOWN AS THE DR. LORENZO P. ZIGA MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR. We have been advised that the Committee on Health, the Sponsor of the said House Bill, and the author thereof have no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. In accordance with our rules, Mme. Speaker, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 7355.

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.B. NO. 9042 ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9042, contained in Committee Report No. 1200, as reported out by the Committees on Transportation and Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento 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. Edgar Sarmiento is recognized for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. SARMIENTO (E.)

REP. SARMIENTO (E.). Thank you so much, Mme. Speaker, Majority Leader. Before I sponsor the Bill, Mme. Speaker, I would like to greet each and everyone a good afternoon and Happy Valentines in advance, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, I am so privileged to sponsor House Bill 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 COMPREHENSIVE AND ORDERLY PHILIPPINE SHIP REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR THE REGULATION OF VESSELS CARRYING THE FLAG STATE. I move that the Explanatory Note of the measure be considered as the sponsorship speech, Mme. Speaker, and I move as well for the approval of the same.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is terminated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The period of amendments is closed.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9042, as contained in Committee Report No. 1200, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 9042 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*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9042
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9042 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8960
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8960, contained in Committee Report No. 1145, as reported out by the Committee on Transportation.

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

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

The Secretary General is hereby 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. 8960, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SINGLE CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY OR A CONSORTIUM OF SINGLE CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES FOR CERTAIN VESSELS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9295, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DOMESTIC SHIPPING DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2004."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento.

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

The Hon. Edgar Sarmiento is recognized for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. SARMIENTO (E.)

REP. SARMIENTO (E.). Mme. Speaker, it is a privilege to sponsor House Bill No. 8960 and I move that the Explanatory Note of the measure be considered as the sponsorship speech. I move for the approval as well.

Thank you so much, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is terminated.

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

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

The period of amendments is terminated.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

approve House Bill No. 8960, contained in the Committee Report No. 1145, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8960 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. 8960
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8960 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SARMIENTO (E.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7063 and Senate Bill No. 1961, respectively, increasing the bed capacity for tertiary general health care services of Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital and Sanitarium In Tala, Caloocan City from two hundred (200) to eight hundred (800) beds. We have been informed that the Committee on Health, the Sponsor of House Bill No. 7063, and the author thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1961. In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1961 as an amendment to House Bill No. 7063.

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, we are in receipt of the message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments the following: House Bill No. 6512, entitled: AN ACT CREATING

A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TIMBABAUAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY; and House Bill No. 6513, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MASAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY. We have been advised that the Committee on Local Government, the Sponsor of the said House bills, and the author thereof have no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bills No. 6512 and 6513.

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. B. NO. 8967
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8967, contained in Committee Report No. 1153, as reported out by the Committee on Revision of Laws.

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 hereby 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. 8967, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO BE KNOWN AS “INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND DIPLOMACY DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES”, IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES PURSUED FOR THE RETURN OF THE BALANGIGA BELLS.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Victoria Isabel G. Noel of the Party-List AN WARAY.

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

The Honorable Noel is now recognized for her sponsorship speech.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, may we consider the Explanatory Note of the said Bill as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

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

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 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is terminated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The period of amendments is hereby closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8967, as contained in Committee Report No. 1153 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8967 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. 8967
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8967 is approved on Second Reading.

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 5:28 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:29 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 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 will please read the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7199, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE DELTA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7723”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Message dated February 4, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7386, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE ANDRES BONIFACIO COLLEGE BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8120, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE ANDRES BONIFACIO COLLEGE BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS AND STATIONS FOR TELEVISION IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO FOR EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES’”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Health (Committee Report No. 1224), re H.B. No. 9068, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE MANDATORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AND PROVIDING A SYSTEM IN THE DETERMINATION OF OTHER TYPES OF VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10152, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MANDATORY INFANTS AND CHILDREN HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ACT OF 2011’”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 7451, 8183 and 8775

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Bagatsing and Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation (Committee Report No. 1225), re H.B. No. 9069, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE 3RD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, ENSURING ITS MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 7312, 7439, 7463 and 7920

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Velasco-Catera, Robes, Nieto and Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 1226), re H.R. No. 2503, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RENEW ITS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND LEASE WITH THE QUEZON CITY POLICE DISTRICT ON A PARCEL OF LAND OCCUPIED BY THE QUEZON CITY POLICE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, IN DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY, NOW KNOWN AS CAMP GENERAL TOMAS B. KARINGAL, FOR ANOTHER FIFTY (50) YEARS”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 2208

Sponsors: Representatives Javier and Belmonte (F.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1227), re H.B. No. 9070, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALABAT, GUMACA, TAGKAWAYAN, AND GUINAYANGAN IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2675, 2676, 2677 and 2678

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 1228), re H.R. No. 2504, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. AMADO GABRIEL ESTEBAN FOR BRINGING HONOR AND PRESTIGE TO THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER

EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA) AS PRESIDENT OF TWO (2) MAJOR ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND THE PROVISION OF INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE AND INSPIRATION TO FILIPINO SCHOLARS IN THE USA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1119, as amended, reported out as House Resolution No. 1645 under Committee Report No. 595, which was recommitted to the Committee on November 19, 2018

Sponsors: Representatives Javier and Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Order and Safety (Committee Report No. 1229), re H.B. No. 9071, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PEOPLE’S LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD (PLEB), FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF 1990’ AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998’”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4109 and 5198

Sponsors: Representatives Acop, Unico, Chipeco and Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Order and Safety (Committee Report No. 1230), re H.B. No. 9072, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY FULL AUTOPSY AND PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS ARISING FROM DEATHS UNDER INVESTIGATION OR MYSTERIOUS AND SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4171, 4900, 4994 and House Resolution No. 758

Sponsors: Representatives Acop, Barbers, Castelo and Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation (Committee Report No. 1231), re H.B. No. 9073, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF TRICYCLES, INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House

Bills Numbered 279, 1577, 2799, 3623 and 7232
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Sarmiento (E.M.), Vergara, Escudero, Vargas, Espino and Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1232), re H.B. No. 9074, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE UPPER AGNO RIVER BASIN PROTECTED LANDSCAPE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BOKOD AND KABAYAN; AND SOME PORTIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ATOK, BUGUIAS, ITOGON, LA TRINIDAD, AND TUBLAY, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET; PORTIONS OF BAUKO, MT. PROVINCE; PORTIONS OF TINOC, IFUGAO AND; KAYAPA, NUEVA VIZCAYA AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8262

Sponsors: Representatives Abellanosa, Andaya and Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1233), re H.B. No. 9075, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE FULL REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF KENNON ROAD UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6192

Sponsors: Representatives Fernando, Andaya and Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7065 and Senate Bill No. 1968, respectively, increasing the bed capacity of the Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center in the city of Marikina from three hundred (300) to five hundred (500) beds. We have been informed that the Committee on Health, the Sponsor of House Bill No. 7065, and the author thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1968. In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1968 as an amendment to House Bill No. 7065.

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.B. NO. 6138
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 6138, contained in Committee Report No. 1194, as reported out by the Committees on Overseas Workers Affairs and Ways and Means.

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

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. 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.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada to sponsor the measure.

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

The Gentleman is now recognized for his sponsorship speech.

REP. TEJADA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I move

that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 6138, as contained in Committee Report No. 1194, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the author and request that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be made the sponsorship speech on the said measure.

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 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is terminated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The period of amendments is closed.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 6138, as contained in Committee Report No. 1194, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 6138 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*. (*Silence*)

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6138
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 6138 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9025
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9025, contained in Committee Report No. 1195, as reported out by the Committees on Overseas Workers Affairs and Ways and Means.*

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

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. 9025, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFW) SOVEREIGN FUND.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada.

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

The Gentleman is now recognized for his sponsorship speech.

REP. TEJADA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I would

like to request that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as my sponsorship speech thereon and likewise move for the approval of House Bill No. 9025 as contained in Committee Report No. 1195.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is terminated.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we open the period of amendments. However, there being Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The period of amendments is terminated.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9025, as contained in Committee Report No. 1195, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 9025 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*. (*Silence*)

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9025
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9025 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 5:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:40 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. 9061
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9061, contained in Committee Report No. 1219, as reported out by the Committee on Trade and Industry.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the said 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. 9061, entitled: AN ACT ENCOURAGING CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFORE.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Manuel F. Zubiri to sponsor the said 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 Honorable Zubiri is now recognized for his sponsorship speech.

REP. ZUBIRI. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 698 be adopted as the sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 9061.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I join the author in the request that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 698 be made the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is terminated.

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

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

The period of amendments is hereby terminated.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9061, as contained in Committee Report No. 1219, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 9061 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*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9061 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9061 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1855

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1855, contained in Committee Report No. 1079, as reported out by the Special Committee on West Philippine Sea.

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 hereby 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. 1855, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE NEED TO CONVENE THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL IN ORDER THAT A NATIONAL POLICY ON THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA MAY BE FORMULATED AND DEFINED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I now move that we recognize the Hon. Ana Cristina Siquian Go.

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

The Hon. Ana Cristina Go is now recognized for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. GO (A.)

REP. GO (A.). Mme. Speaker, the Resolution was filed by Cong. Rozzano Rufino “Ruffy” B. Biazon and adopted by the Special Committee on West Philippine Sea, with myself and the former Chairman, Cong. Feliciano “Sonny” R. Belmonte Jr. as coauthors. The Resolution calls for the convening of the National Security Council to come up with the official policy on the West Philippine Sea, among others, and to address security issues concerning the Philippines.

Given the recent developments in the West Philippines Sea such as the seemingly militarization of the area and the reported installation of missile systems by China, we believe that the National Security Council could be a venue for the whole of nation or the concerted approach on the issues. The composition of the National Security Council ensures representation by relevant heads of institutions and agencies so that the country may benefit from the collective wisdom of the Council. The convening of the National Security Council, according to National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr., may be made upon the recommendation of the Cabinet, but primarily upon the directive of the President.

Mme. Speaker, it is my hope that our Resolution will be adopted by the Plenary to urge the National Security Council to convene so that a national policy on the West Philippine Sea may be formulated and defined.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1855, as contained in Committee Report No. 1079.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1855

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

House Resolution No. 1855 is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9073
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9073, contained in the Committee Report No. 1231, as reported out by the Committee on Transportation.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. 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. 9073, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF TRICYCLES, INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara.

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

The Honorable Vergara is now recognized for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. VERGARA

REP. VERGARA. Good afternoon, Mme. Speaker.

It is my honor to sponsor House Bill No. 9073. This Bill recognizes the tricycle industry as an important source of livelihood for our people. This Bill, also called the Magna Carta for Tricycle Drivers and Operators, grants and safeguards their rights such as safe working conditions and mandatory social security and health benefits coverage. The Bill also balances their interest with that of the riding public as it ensures that the drivers do not overcharge, pollute our environment and maintain the roadworthiness of their vehicles. Lastly, House Bill No. 9073 also protects tricycle drivers and operators from abusive local government officials and riders.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

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

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

The period of amendments is hereby terminated.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9073, as contained in Committee Report No. 1231, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 9073 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*. (*Silence*)

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9073
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9073 is hereby approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6916
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 6916, contained in the Committee Report No. 1190, as reported out by the Committee on Justice.

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. 6916, 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.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

The Honorable Del Mar is now recognized for his sponsorship speech.

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

May I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as my sponsorship speech thereon.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the author and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be made as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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 Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the said 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

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

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

The period of amendments is hereby closed.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 6916, as contained in Committee Report No. 1190, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 6916 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*. (*Silence*)

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6916
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 6916 is approved on Second Reading.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8989
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8989, contained in Committee Report No. 1166, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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 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. 8989, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLA, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(F) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to open the period

of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Evelina G. Escudero.

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 Deputy Speaker Evelina Escudero is recognized for her sponsorship speech.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable author in moving that the Explanatory Note be made as the sponsorship speech on the said 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. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

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

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

The period of amendments is hereby closed.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8989, as contained in Committee Report No. 1166, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 8989 on Second Reading.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye.*

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8989
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8989 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker.

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker, point ...

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:51 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:52 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. 9075
ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9075, contained in Committee Report No. 1233, as reported out by the Committees on Public Works and Highways 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 hereby 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. 9075, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE FULL REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF KENNON ROAD UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

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

The Gentleman is now recognized for his sponsorship speech.

REP. GO (M.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 9075 be adopted as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable author in moving that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be made the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we open the period of amendments. However, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move to close the period of amendments.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The period of amendments is now terminated.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9075, as contained in Committee Report No. 1233, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 9075 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*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9075 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9075 is approved on Second Reading.

REP. GO (M.). Thank you.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9058 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9058, contained in Committee Report No. 1216, as reported out by the Committee on Public Order and Safety.

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. 9058, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE RECRUITMENT QUOTA REQUIREMENT OF FEMALE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) OFFICERS, AMENDING SECTION 58 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move that we recognize the Hon. Romeo M. Acop.

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

The Honorable Acop is recognized for his sponsorship speech.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, Majority Leader. I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech thereon of this Representation.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the author and request that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be made as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

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

The period of amendments is hereby terminated.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9058, as contained in Committee Report No. 1216, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 9058 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*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9058 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9058 is approved on Second Reading.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9059 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9059, contained in Committee Report No. 1217, as reported out by the Committee on Public Order and Safety.

May I request 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. 9059, entitled: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISSEMINATION OF FALSE INFORMATION ON BOMB THREATS, EXPLOSIVES, OR ANY OTHER LIFE-THREATENING OR DESTRUCTIVE MATERIALS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Hon. Romeo M. Acop to sponsor the said measure.

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

The Honorable Acop is now recognized for his sponsorship speech.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, Majority Leader. I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we join the honorable author and request that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be made as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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 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.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

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

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

The period of amendments is closed.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9059, as contained in Committee Report No. 1217, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 9059 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*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9059 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9059 is approved on Second Reading.

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

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9071 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9071, contained in Committee Report No. 1229, as reported out by the Committee on Public Order and Safety.

May I request 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 hereby 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. 9071, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PEOPLE'S LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD (PLEB), FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF 1990" AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move to open the period of sponsorship and debate. To sponsor the said measure, I move we recognize the Honorable Romeo M. Acop.

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

The Honorable Acop is now recognized for his sponsorship speech.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, Majority Leader. I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech thereon of this Representation.

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

REP. PALMA. We join the author, Mme. Speaker, and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be made as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

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

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

The period of amendments is hereby closed.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9071, as contained in Committee Report No. 1229, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 9071 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*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9071 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9071 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9072 ON SECOND READING

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9072, contained in Committee Report No. 1230, as reported out by the Committee on Public Order and Security.

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. 9072, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY FULL AUTOPSY AND PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS ARISING FROM DEATHS UNDER INVESTIGATION OR MYSTERIOUS AND SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate, and recognize the Hon. Romeo M. Acop to sponsor the measure.

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

The Honorable Acop is now recognized for his sponsorship speech.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, Majority Leader. May I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as my sponsorship speech thereon.

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

REP. PALMA. We join the Sponsor, Mme. Speaker, and move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be made as the sponsorship speech of the measure.

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

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Member who wishes to interpellate on the said 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

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

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

The period of amendments is now closed.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9072, as contained in Committee Report No. 1230, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to approve House Bill No. 9072 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*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9072 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9072 is approved on Second Reading.

REP. ACOP. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

1. House Bill No. 9070, as contained in Committee Report No. 1227; and

2. House Bill No. 9074, as contained in Committee Report No. 1232.

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 open the period of sponsorship and debate and consider the Explanatory Notes of the respective measures be made as the sponsorship speeches thereon.

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 Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the said 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.

The period of sponsorship and debate is hereby terminated.

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

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

The period of amendments is hereby terminated.

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move for the omnibus approval of House Bill No. 9070 as contained in Committee Report No. 1227, and House Bill No. 9074 as contained in Committee Report No. 1232, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). As many as are in favor of the omnibus approval of the aforementioned House Bills on Second Reading, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS
ON SECOND READING

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

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

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7327 and Senate Bill No. 1966, respectively, increasing the bed capacity of Valenzuela Medical Center in the City of Valenzuela, from two hundred (200) to five hundred (500) beds. We have been informed that the Committee on Health, the Sponsor of House Bill No. 7327, and the author thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1966. In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1966 as an amendment to House Bill No. 7327.

I so move.

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

REP. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 8248, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MASBATE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN MASBATE CITY, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, FROM ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (125) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS.

We have been advised that the Committee on Health, the Sponsor of the said House Bill, and the author thereof have no objection to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. In accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 8248.

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, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7061 and Senate Bill No. 1965, respectively, increasing the bed capacity of Southern Philippines Medical Center in Davao City from 1,200 to 1,500 beds. We have been informed that the Committee on Health, the Sponsor

of House Bill No. 7061, and the author thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1965. In accordance with our rules, Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1965 as an amendment to House Bill No. 7061.

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

REP. PALMA. Madam Speaker, we are also in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 8435, entitled: AN ACT UPGRADING THE EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM HOSPITAL IN MANDAUE CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIFTY (50) BEDS TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS. We have been advised that the Committee on Health, the Sponsor of said House Bill, and the author thereof have no objection to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. In accordance with our rules, Mme. Speaker, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 8435.

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, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7064 and Senate Bill No. 1690, respectively, increasing the bed capacity of Don Emilio Del Valle Memorial Hospital in the Municipality of Ubay, Province of Bohol, from 50 to 300 beds. We have been informed that the Committee on Health, the Sponsor of House Bill No. 7064, and the author thereof are in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1690. In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1690 as an amendment to House Bill No. 7064.

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.

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker, very clearly, we no longer have a quorum. I move that we adjourn the session.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 6:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:09 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, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 7811, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIALTY HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS ST. BERNADETTE CHILDREN AND MATERNITY HOSPITAL. We have been advised that the Committee

on Health, the Sponsor of the said Bill, and the author thereof have no objection to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate. In accordance with our rules, Mme. Speaker, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 7811.

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. PALMA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until two o'clock in the afternoon of February 8, 2019.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until two o'clock in the afternoon of February 8, 2019.

It was 6:09 p.m.