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RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:00 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Evelina G. Escudero presiding.

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the Additional Reference of Business, and may we request that the Secretary General be directed to read the same.

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

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated March 5, 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP),

furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-015 dated 22 February 2019; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-016 dated 27 February 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated March 7, 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-017 dated 27 February 2019; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-018 dated 26 February 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated March 19, 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-019 dated 4 March 2019;
2. Memorandum No. M-2019-005 dated 4 March 2019;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-020 dated 12 March 2019;
4. Circular No. 1034 dated 15 March 2019;
5. Circular No. 1035 dated 15 March 2019; and
6. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-021 dated 13 March 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated March 27 and 29, 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of

Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-022 dated 20 March 2019;
2. Memorandum No. M-2019-006 dated 14 March 2019;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-023 dated 20 March 2019;
4. Memorandum No. M-2019-007 dated 14 March 2019; and
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-025 dated 25 March 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated March 29 and April 2, 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-024 dated 21 March 2019;
2. Circular No. 1036 dated 21 March 2019;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-025 (corrected copy) dated 25 March 2019; and
4. Memorandum No. M-2019-008 dated 22 March 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Reports dated March 13, 2019 of Honorable Dante Roberto P. Maling, Acting Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bills, transmitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency's consideration and signature, pursuant to Section 18(h), Rule VI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1961 and House Bill No. 7063, 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 (2,000) BED CAPACITY OF THE HOSPITAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9420, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

2. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1531 and House Bill No. 8629, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION,

ENHANCING THE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY, AND GRANTING INCENTIVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11285)

3. Consolidated version 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”;

4. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1917 and House Bill No. 7820, entitled:

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

(vetoed by the President on April 12, 2019)

5. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1968 and House Bill No. 7065, 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”;

6. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 2062 and House Bill No. 8449, 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”;
7. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 2121 and House Bill No. 5811, entitled: “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF THE POOR”;
8. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 2187 and House Bill No. 7362, 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”;
9. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 2188 and House Bill No. 7812, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER (MMM&MC), BATAC 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”;
10. 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”;
11. 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”;
- (Now Republic Act No. 11263)
12. 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”;
- (Now Republic Act No. 11264)
13. 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”;
- (Now Republic Act No. 11265)
14. 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”;
- (Now Republic Act No. 11266)
15. 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”;
16. 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”;
- (Now Republic Act No. 11275)
17. 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”;
18. 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”;
19. 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”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11272)

20. House Bill No. 8006, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE OROQUIETA AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (OAI) 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”;

21. 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”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11267)

22. 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”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11268)

23. 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’”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11274)

24. House Bill No. 8435, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL HOSPITAL SERVICES OF THE EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM HOSPITAL IN MANDAUE CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, FROM FIFTY (50) BEDS TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, RENAMING THE HOSPITAL AS THE EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11273)

25. 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”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11269)

26. 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”;

27. 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”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11270)

28. 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”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11271)

29. 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”;

30. House Bill No. 6979, entitled:

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

31. Consolidated version of House Bill No. 8628 and Senate Bill No. 1898, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY (PNPA) AND THE NATIONAL POLICE TRAINING INSTITUTE (NPTI) FROM THE PHILIPPINE

PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE (PPSC) TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 24, 35, 66, 67 AND 68 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990', AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Report dated March 14, 2019 of Honorable Dante Roberto P. Maling, Acting Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bill, transmitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency's consideration and signature, pursuant to Section 18(h), Rule VI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. Consolidated version 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."

Report dated March 20, 2019 of Honorable Dante Roberto P. Maling, Acting Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bills, transmitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency's consideration and signature, pursuant to Section 18(h), Rule VI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. House Bill No. 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";
2. House Bill No. 7260, entitled:
"AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY FOUR OF EVERY YEAR AS THE 'PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR MEMORIAL DAY'";
3. House Bill No. 6914, entitled:
"AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PEÑA FRANCIA BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8166, EXPANDING ITS COVERAGE TO THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF ITS CORPORATE SHARES";

4. House Bill No. 1341, entitled:
"AN ACT RENAMING THE HILLTOP RIZAL PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) COMMAND IN TAYTAY, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS CAMP GENERAL LICERIO GERONIMO";
5. 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";
6. 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";
7. 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";
8. 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";

9. 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”;
10. House Bill No. 7310, entitled:
 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTSP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTSP)-VILLANUEVA CAMPUS”;
11. Consolidated version of House Bill No. 8908 and Senate Bill No. 1819, entitled:
 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE ATTACHÉ, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995’, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;
12. 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”;
13. 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”;
14. House Bill No. 6166, entitled:
 “AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER

TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8168, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”;

15. 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” and
16. House Bill No. 7363, entitled:
 “AN ACT RENAMING THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY AS THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO.”

Report dated March 26, 2019 of Honorable Dante Roberto P. Maling, Acting Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bills, transmitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency’s consideration and signature, pursuant to Section 18(h), Rule VI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

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

3. 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”;
4. 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”;
5. 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’ ”;
6. 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”;
7. 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”;
8. House Bill No. 7752, entitled:
“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO INSULAR BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7964, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE INSULAR BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”;
9. 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”;
10. 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’ ”; and
11. Consolidated version of House Bill No. 8857 and Senate Bill No. 1281, entitled:
“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.”

Reports dated March 27, 2019 of Honorable Dante Roberto P. Maling, Acting Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bills, transmitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency’s consideration and signature, pursuant to Section 18(h), Rule VI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1690 and House Bill No. 7064, 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”;
2. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1965 and House Bill No. 7061, 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”;
3. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1963 and House Bill No. 7062, 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 FUNDS THEREFOR”;
4. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1966 and House Bill No. 7327, 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”;
5. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1768 and House Bill No. 8434, 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”;
6. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1597 and House Bill No. 8885, entitled:
“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;
7. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1749 and House Bill No. 725, entitled:
“AN ACT TO IMPROVE LAND TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS, STATIONS, STOPS, REST AREAS AND ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF TERMINALS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;
8. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1534 and House Bill No. 8734, entitled:
“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, RESEARCHERS AND OTHER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8439”;
9. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 2117 and House Bill No. 7773, entitled:
“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps)”;
10. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 2172 and House Bill No. 8217, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
11. House Bill No. 5221, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY IPIL IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA”;
12. 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”;
13. 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’”;

14. 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”;
15. 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”;
16. 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”;
17. 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’”;
18. 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’”;
19. 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”;
20. 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”;
21. 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”;
22. Consolidated version 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”;
23. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1532 and House Bill No. 8862, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN, PROMOTE AND DEVELOP THE PHILIPPINE STARTUP ECOSYSTEM”;
24. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 2186 and House Bill No. 7134, 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’”;
25. Consolidated version of Senate Bill No. 1558 and House Bill No. 8794, entitled:
“AN ACT DEFINING GENDER-BASED SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN STREETS, PUBLIC SPACES, ONLINE, WORKPLACES, AND EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR”; and

26. House Bill No. 8169, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”
(Now Republic Act No. 11260)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1318), re H.B. No. 9192, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING PAG-ASA ISLAND AND ITS ADJOINING ISLANDS OF PAROLA, KOTA AND PANATA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALAYAAN, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS ECOTOURISM DESTINATIONS AND PROTECTED AREAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6432

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon, Andaya and Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 1319), re H.B. No. 9193, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE DAO TREE LOCATED WITHIN A POCKET SECONDARY FOREST IN THE INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (IFMA) AREA OF THE PELAEZ RANCH IN BAYOMBONG, BARANGAY CUGMAN, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO HERITAGE TREE AND A TOURIST ATTRACTION”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7562

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 3:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:06 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider bills under the Calendar of Business for Thursday and Friday. Pursuant to the rules, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following: House Bills No. 9098, 9101, 9108, 9109, 9110, 9111, 9112, 9113, 9114, 9115, 9116, 9117, 9118, 9119, 9120, 9122, 9123, 9124, 9125, 9126, 9127, 9129, 9130, 9132, 9133, 9134, 9135, 9136, 9137, 9138, 9140, 9143, 9144, 9145, 9151, 9152, 9163, 9174, 9175, 9180 and 9187.

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider their respective Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship speeches on the said measures.

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the said local bills, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments and approve the Committee amendments, if there are any, as contained in the respective committee reports on the aforementioned bills.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve the aforementioned bills on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). As many as are in favor of the aforementioned local bills, say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of our guests in the gallery. They are the guests of our honorable Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Deputy Secretary General Elena Bautista-Horn. We have the members of the Tigers Football Team of Xavier School, namely: Johann Maddox Yu, Sebastian Theodore Tan, Ashton Jared Chua, Carl Elijah Uy, Roy Julian Legaspi, Javier Marco Sarmenta, Emilio Luis Sarmenta, Royce Victor Dizon, Liam David Osmeña, Aldrick Jarrel Gopez, David Co, Lukas Alejandro Horn, Zachy Tory Chua, Ryan Gabriel Goheco, Alexander Blake, Zyan Bazawada, Cyrus Chan and Herc Camungao. They are accompanied by their parents. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HOFER. May we suspend the session for a few minutes, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 3:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION.

At 3:12 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9132 ON SECOND READING

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the approval of House Bill No. 9132 on Second Reading.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 3:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:21 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9106 ON SECOND READING

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9106, contained in Committee Report No. 1264, reported out by the Committees on Social Services, 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. Escudero). 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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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. 9106, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the period of sponsorship is opened.

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Jerry P. Treñas from the Lone District of Iloilo City to sponsor the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Representative Treñas is recognized.

REP. TREÑAS. Mme. Speaker, insofar as House Bill No. 9106 is concerned, may I request, as the principal author thereof, that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 656 be considered as the sponsorship speech in support of House Bill No. 9106.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the measure be the author's sponsorship speech thereon.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, may I move that we reconsider the previous motion. We have an interpellator who just approached the Majority Leader. Congressman Atienza would like to clarify some matters with regard to the Bill. I move that we recognize him, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Cong. Jose "Lito" L. Atienza Jr. is recognized to interpellate.

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

With the kind permission of the Sponsor, we would just like to put on record specific items on where and how he would improve the law that grants PWD benefits. At this point in time, we know very well that the present law is unable to provide what it intends to give people with disabilities, kaya nga mayroon ngayon na motion to look into the implementation of this particular law because the benefits therein have not been fully enjoyed by the intended beneficiaries.

Puwede po bang maliwanagan lang ng ating Sponsor how would and what does the law proposed by him benefit the members of that particular sector?

REP. TREÑAS. May I reply, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Representative Treñas, yes, you may proceed.

REP. TREÑAS. Insofar as the concerns of the honorable Gentleman from Manila and the implementation of this House Bill under consideration are concerned, in connection also with the law concerning persons with disabilities, they should be looked into insofar as the implementing rules are concerned. What we are approving here, Mme. Speaker, are the issues which we are getting into to support persons with disabilities, and it is provided for in the Bill, after a careful study by the Committee on Social Services, that there are certain areas that the State should look into in order to give support to persons with disabilities.

REP. ATIENZA. Correct.

REP. TREÑAS. For example, providing at least two percent of all positions in all government agencies, offices and government corporations to all qualified persons with disabilities; requiring private corporations to reserve at least one percent of all their positions for qualified persons with disabilities; providing grants to

private entities that employ persons with disabilities who meet the required skills or qualifications as apprentices or learners, with an additional deduction from their gross income equivalent to 25 percent of the total amount paid as salaries and wages to persons with disabilities, also grants to private entities that employ persons with disabilities as regular employees to an additional deduction from their gross income equivalent to 50 percent of the total amount paid as salaries and wages to persons with disabilities; and providing a monthly stipend to marginalized persons with disabilities amounting to P500 to augment their daily subsistence, medical and other needs.

Likewise, to exempt persons with disabilities from passport processing fees as well as travel taxes, terminal fees and other fees levied in airports, ports and terminals by the government or its agencies, or by government-owned and controlled corporations; provide free assistive technical services including designing, maintaining, repairing, replacing assistive technology devices to enhance the functional capacity of persons with disabilities; issue PWD IDs with lifetime validity to persons with permanent disabilities and mandate the DSWD to monitor compliance with the requirements or conditions set forth to ensure that the lifetime validity of the PWD ID is not abused, especially in case of death of the ID holder. These are the benefits that are covered in the proposed Bill.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, kung maaari lang po ay nais naming matanong ang ating principal Sponsor on this humanitarian and also timely piece of legislation to help our brother Filipinos who are suffering from disability. So, may I ask the Gentleman if this new Bill, in his opinion, will cover more cases of disability than the existing ones, just so that our people are properly enlightened as to the full effects of this new version.

REP. TREÑAS. Mme. Speaker, if I may, this new Bill will give more benefits to persons with disabilities and will ensure what has been espoused several times in several administrations that those who have less in life should have more in law. I think, Mme. Speaker, the Gentleman from Manila will agree that we should do more to help out especially persons with disabilities because they need our help.

REP. ATIENZA. With the good intentions of the Gentleman to help those who need the most help from the government, could he say that this improved version will give more help or will cover more cases o pareho lang?

REP. TREÑAS. This measure has specified the areas where we will give assistance to persons with

disabilities. Will it give more help? I think yes. This has provisions that are not provided for in the existing laws, and these specific areas where we are going to get into are areas which will assist persons with disabilities. I have specified the areas where the assistance will be covered, and the good Gentleman can include whatever area that he feels we have excluded.

REP. ATIENZA. To zero in on one specific issue, Mme. Speaker, may I get from the Gentleman an answer to the question: Would the PWDs get more or bigger discounts or will it be just the same?

REP. TREÑAS. The PWDs will get the same discounts, but as I have said, this proposed Bill will mandate that all government agencies, offices and corporations should reserve at least two percent of all positions to all qualified PWDs. Among others, this will ensure that our government, the government of the Republic of the Philippines itself will be required to employ qualified persons with disabilities. Aside from that, it will require private corporations to also provide employment for qualified—I would like to emphasize the word “qualified”—that there should be qualified persons with disabilities for the said positions.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, who would be doing the qualifications and the testing on the applicants for possible employment?

REP. TREÑAS. It is provided, Mme. Speaker, that it will be the responsibility of the DSWD, and I think we should require that the DSWD, in the implementing rules, should coordinate with the LGUs so that the LGUs can put in their inputs in the implementation of this proposed Bill.

REP. ATIENZA. Would the Gentleman consider including specialists coming from the private sector to do the certification and examination of the claims of any applicant, or is he limiting that particular function to the government?

REP. TREÑAS. It is accepted, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. I beg your pardon. I did not get the answer, Mme. Speaker. Is he willing to consider private specialists, for them to say that this particular person is suffering from a disability, or would he rather that that particular function is left in the hands of the government through the DSWD?

REP. TREÑAS. The issuance of the PWD cards is left to the LGUs but as so provided in this Bill, the DSWD certifies that certain PWDs are considered marginalized insofar as their qualification to receive

the monthly P500 as stipend is concerned, the same amount of stipend that we give to qualified senior citizens.

REP. ATIENZA. In the estimation of the Gentleman, Mme. Speaker, magkano po kaya aabutin ang halaga o ang total sa magandang hinahangad nitong panukalang batas?

REP. TREÑAS. Mme. Speaker, if I may, this proposed Bill went through the Committee on Appropriations before it was finally approved in its final form. The total amounts were stated during the hearing conducted by the Committee on Appropriations, and if the Gentleman is interested in the same, I think the secretariat should give a copy of the transcript on the hearing to the Gentleman so that he will be able to go over the same.

REP. ATIENZA. In effect, at this point in time, we are going to pass another Bill that would give an increased expectation from our people, especially those suffering from disabilities, but we are not ready to assure them that, for sure, it will be given to them because we have already estimated the total cost and we have already looked into the possible sourcing of funds. Wala po tayo noong ganoon. Ganoon po ba iyon?

REP. TREÑAS. Mme. Speaker, as I have said, this went through the Committee on Appropriations. The Committee on Appropriations went over this Bill and had endorsed the approval of this Bill.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, I am fully supportive of the intentions of the Gentleman but, on the other hand, kailangan mayroon na tayong estimate kung magkano aabutin at saan kukunin ang pondo para paglabas ng batas ay magagawa at mangyayari ito. Marami po tayong batas na ipinapasa rito na hindi po natutupad sapagkat walang pera.

So, can we get a certification from the Committee on Appropriations at this point? There is money and therefore, we should act on it now. Otherwise, we should wait for a better time when there is money to be given for the good intentions of the Gentleman.

REP. TREÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move for the approval of this Bill. I believe that persons with disabilities are persons who are left behind insofar as the benefits coming from the government are concerned. I am moved with such passion for the approval of this Bill and if there are certain questions, I think the questions should be made once the implementing rules and guidelines are issued.

REP. ATIENZA. There is one last question, Mme. Speaker. Considering the limited number of session

days left in the present Seventeenth Congress, in both the Lower and Upper Houses, may I ask the Gentleman if there is a corresponding version already being tackled in the Upper House, so that this particular measure would see fruition now, not later, because the sector of the PWDs has long been suffering and wanting more government attention. The mere fact that we are discussing something better for them will give them hope, but that hope can turn into despair if the measure is not passed in this Congress.

So, mayroon po bang counterpart measure ito sa Senado o wala pa?

REP. TREÑAS. Mme. Speaker, as I have said, we are pushing for the approval of this Bill.

There are many authors and coauthors for this Bill here in Congress, and here in Congress, there are Gentlemen and Ladies who want to give additional benefits to persons with disabilities. We want to push for the approval of this Bill.

If it reaches Third Reading this Congress, so be it. If it needs to be further studied in the next Congress, so be it. If it needs to be further studied in the Senate, so be it. But at least, Mme. Speaker, in this Congress, there are Gentlemen and Ladies who are willing to do their share to help persons with disabilities.

REP. ATIENZA. That is a general answer, Mme. Speaker. I will ask the question again: Mayroon po bang counterpart measure ito sa Senado o wala pa? Simple lang po—mayroon o wala?

REP. TREÑAS. Mayroon.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you. That is an answer that I was expecting from the Gentleman and not a general platitude that we are all concerned with the plight of the PWDs.

There is a counterpart measure, and with that, we are sure that this measure could realize fruition today and not later on.

With that, Mme. Speaker, I hope I was able to enlighten everybody's appreciation of the full impact of this piece of legislation, and we would like to be a co-Sponsor of that measure simply because I am also concerned—equally concerned with the plight of our brother Filipinos suffering from disability.

REP. TREÑAS. Gladly, Mme. Speaker, gladly.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you. Thank you.

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, there being no other

Member who wishes to interpellate, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee amendments, I move that we now proceed to consider individual amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9106 on Second Reading. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 9106, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9106 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 9106 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9105 ON SECOND READING

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9105, contained in Committee Report No. 1262, as reported out by the Special Committee on Food Security and the Committee on Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9105, entitled: ACT PROMOTING INTEGRATED URBAN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN ALL METROPOLITAN AREAS NATIONWIDE TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY CONCERNS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva from the Second District of Negros Oriental to sponsor the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Representative Cueva is now recognized.

REP. CUEVA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 2818 be considered as the sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 9105, Mme. Speaker.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, since there are no Members who wish to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee amendments, I move that we now proceed to consider individual amendments.

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HOFER. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9105 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 9105, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9105 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 9105 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9155 ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9155, contained in Committee Report No. 1307, as reported out by the Committees on Health and Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9155, entitled: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY OF ALL DOH HOSPITALS.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Lady from the Fourth District of Quezon, Hon. Angelina Helen D.L. Tan, MD for her sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Lady from Quezon is now recognized, Rep. Helen Tan.

REP. TAN (A.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

consider the Explanatory Note of my Bill as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, since there no Member wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee nor individual amendments, I move that we now close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9155 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 9155, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9155 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The

ayes have it; House Bill No. 9155 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9156 ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9156, contained in Committee Report No. 1308, as reported out by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9156, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY (RRT) FOR PATIENTS WITH END STAGE RENAL DISEASE IN NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, INCREASING THE PHILHEALTH PACKAGE RATE FOR RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY OF MEMBERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Angelina "Helen" Tan of the Fourth District of Quezon for her sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Helen Tan is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 9156.

REP. TAN (A.). Mme. Speaker, may I request that

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

the Explanatory Note of my Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, since there is 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. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to introduce Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9156 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 9156, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9156 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The

ayes have it; House Bill No. 9156 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9024 ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9024, as contained in Committee Report No. 1193, as reported out by the Committee on Welfare of Children.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9024, entitled: AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, AS AMENDED.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Representative from the First District of Bataan, Hon. Geraldine B. Roman, for her sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Geraldine Roman is now recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 9024.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. ROMAN

REP. ROMAN. Mme. Speaker, honorable Members of this august Body, good afternoon.

House Bill No. 9024 simply aims to deter the exploitation of children by providing stiffer penalties to Republic Act No. 7610, as amended by Republic Act No. 9231, and to further promote the best interest of the child by strengthening the Child Development and Protection Program.

The penalties provided in these laws, Mme. Speaker, dear colleagues, are already antiquated. R.A. No. 7610 was passed in 1992 and its amendments on the prohibition of the worst kind of child labor was approved in 2003. The penalties in the said laws are no longer considered a deterrent to the commission of these crimes; hence, we need to amend.

As with all other bills of the Committee on Welfare of Children, the aim is to safeguard and promote the welfare of the future of this country. We all know that they will inherit our world and want to ensure the best environment for them in their growing years.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, my dear colleagues, for always supporting the protection measures which we in the Committee on Welfare of Children want to put in place.

Thank you and maraming salamat po.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, 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. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9024 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 9024, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9024
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 9024 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9054
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). I move that we consider House Bill No. 9054, contained in Committee Report No.1211, as reported out by the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 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.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, I move to recognize the Hon. Henry C. Ong of the Second District of Leyte for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Henry Ong is now recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 9054.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. ONG

REP. ONG (H). Mme. Speaker, good afternoon, my dear colleagues and friends. As the Chair of the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, and the principal author of the Bill, may I move that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

Thank you.

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

REP. GARCIA (J). Mme. Speaker, 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. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9054 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 9054, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9054
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 9054 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE
CONF. CTTEE.

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6524 and Senate Bill No. 2133, further strengthening the powers and functions of the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan:

1. Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia;
2. Rep. Ferjenel G. Biron, MD;
3. Rep. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III;
4. Rep. Strike B. Revilla;
5. Rep. Eric M. Martinez; and
6. Rep. Orestes T. Salon

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to designate the aforementioned members to the Conference Committee is now approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9160
ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9160, contained in Committee Report No. 1309, as reported out by the Committee on Labor and Employment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9160, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING GOLF CLUBS TO PROVIDE SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE BENEFITS TO GOLF CADDIES AND OTHER RELATED SERVICE WORKERS THROUGH A SHARED CONTRIBUTION SCHEME.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma of the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya for her sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Hon. Luisa Cuaresma is now recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 9160.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. CUARESMA

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

May I present for plenary consideration and approval House Bill No. 9160 entitled, AN ACT MANDATING GOLF CLUBS TO PROVIDE HEALTH, RETIREMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS TO GOLF CADDIES AND OTHER RELATED SERVICE WORKERS THROUGH A SHARED CONTRIBUTION SCHEME.

The Committee believes that we can provide protection to more workers who most need our care

and attention. I therefore pray for the approval of this Bill, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, 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. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J).Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9160 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 9160, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9160 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 9160 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9169
ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9169, contained in Committee Report No. 1312, as reported out by the Committee on Labor and Employment.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9169, entitled: AN ACT RATIONALIZING GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN LABOR DISPUTES BY ADOPTING THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES CRITERIA IN THE EXERCISE OF THE ASSUMPTION OR CERTIFICATION POWER OF THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, AND DECRIMINALIZING VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma of the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya for her sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Luisa Cuaresma is now recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 9169.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. CUARESMA

REP. CUARESMA. Mme. Speaker, may I present for plenary consideration and approval, House Bill No. 9169, which seeks to amend Articles 278, 279, and 287 of the Labor Code to rationalize government intervention in labor disputes by adopting the essential services criteria in the exercise of the assumption of jurisdiction or certification power of the Secretary of Labor and Employment. On behalf of the Committee on Labor and Employment, I, therefore, earnestly pray, Mme. Speaker, for the approval of this Bill.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, 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. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9169 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 9169 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9169
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9169 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9104
ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9104, contained in Committee Report No. 1261, as reported out by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9104, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION, ESTABLISHING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CYSNs) IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Mark O. Go of the Lone District of Baguio for his sponsorship message.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Mark Go is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 9104.

REP. CUARESMA. Mme. Speaker, may I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 9104 be entered as my sponsorship speech on the measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9104 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 9104 on Second Reading.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9104 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9104 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9121 ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9121, contained in Committee Report No. 1279, as reported out by the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee on Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9121, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL POLICY ON ACCESS, AND BENEFIT-SHARING FROM THE UTILIZATION OF PHILIPPINE GENETIC RESOURCES.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang of the Lone District of Kalinga for his sponsorship message.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. MANGAOANG

REP. MANGAOANG. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

Fellow House Members of this august Chamber, I am privileged on this occasion to be addressing this Body to consider a very important piece of legislation, House Bill No. 9121, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL POLICY ON ACCESS, AND BENEFIT-SHARING FROM THE UTILIZATION OF PHILIPPINE GENETIC RESOURCES.

Mme. Speaker, the approval of this Bill is very timely for the simple reason that our genetic resources will no longer be exploited by pharmaceutical companies, especially foreign multinationals, so that the rights of the indigenous people in local communities will be recognized and protected.

Mme. Speaker, I so move.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, 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. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9121 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 9121 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9121
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9121 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MANGAOANG. Thank you so much, Mme. Speaker.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9141
ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9141, contained in Committee Report No. 1299, as reported out by the Committee on Tourism.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of House Bill No. 9141.

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. 9141, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING A BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL OF TOURISM ENTERPRISES, TOURISM-ORIENTED, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND

PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS OF TOURISM-RELATED SERVICES.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Hon. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon of the First District of Davao Oriental for her sponsorship message.

REP. NUÑEZ-MALANYAON. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Representative Nuñez-Malanyaon is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 9141.

REP. NUÑEZ-MALANYAON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, may I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be entered as my sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 9141.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, 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. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NUÑEZ-MALANYAON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I now move that we open the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9141 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 9141 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9141 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9141 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9099 ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9099, contained on Committee Report No. 1255, as reported out by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9099, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9099

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 9099.

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

The consideration of House Bill No. 9099 is suspended. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, pursuant to Section 2 of our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer the privilege speech of Rep. Vincent “Bingbong” P. Crisologo, delivered on May 20, 2019, to the Committee on Public Order and Safety.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO. 6152 AND S.B. NO. 1571

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we designate the following members to the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6152 and Senate Bill No. 1571, increasing the normal work hours per day under a compressed work week schedule: Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Rep. Randolph S. Ting, Rep. Mark O. Go, Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III and Rep. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarín.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Members designated to the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6152 and Senate Bill No. 1571 are the following: Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Rep. Randolph S. Ting, Rep. Mark O. Go, Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III, and Rep. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarín.

I so approve.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we include additional coauthors of House Bills No: 9099, 9100, 9102, 9103, 9104, 9105, 9106, 9121, 9141, 9146, 9155, 9156, 9160, 9169, 9186, 9098, 9101, 9108, 9109, 9110, 9111, 9112, 9113, 9114, 9115, 9116, 9117, 9118, 9119, 9120, 9122, 9123, 9124, 9125, 9126, 9127, 9128, 9129, 9130, 9131, 9132, 9133, 9134, 9135, 9136, 9137, 9138, 9139, 9140, 9143, 9144, 9145, 9151, 9152, 9163, 9174, 9175, 9180 and 9187, as contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the visitor of the Hon. Michael L. Romero, PhD of the 1-PACMAN Party-List. He is the Governor-elect of Capiz, the Hon. Esteban Evan “Nonoy” Contreras. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The guest of Representative Romero, please stand up. Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9099

Continuation

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 9099 and move to recognize the Hon. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno for her sponsorship message.

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

Rep. Chiqui Roa-Puno is now recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note be entered in as the sponsorship speech. I so move.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, 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. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9099 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 9099 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9099 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9099 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9103
ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9103, contained in Committee Report No. 1260, as reported out by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development and Committee on Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9103, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno of the First District of Antipolo City for her sponsorship message.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Chiqui Roa is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 9103.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, may I request that the Explanatory Note of this Bill be entered in as sponsorship speech.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, 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. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9103 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 9103 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9103
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No 9103 is now approved on Second Reading.

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The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 9186
ON SECOND READING

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 9186, contained in Committee Report No. 1316, as reported out by the Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). 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. 9186, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH HOME VISITATION PROGRAM.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy of the BAGONG HENERASYON Party-List for her sponsorship message.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Bernadette Herrera-Dy is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 9186.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I move that the Explanatory Note be the sponsorship speech for this measure.

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

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 9186 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 9186 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 9186
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 9186 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you, Mme. Presiding Officer.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

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

The Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr. of the Third District of Negros Oriental for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr. is recognized to give his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. REP. TEVES

REP. TEVES. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Good afternoon everybody. I stand here again today to speak about the Build, Build, Build Program. The President wants the Build, Build, Build Program for the country. Ang hindi ko lang maintindihan, bakit iyong nagbi-build ay nawawalan ng budget, ano? Hindi naman sa pagmamayabang, my district is number two in absorptive capacity in the whole country. Hindi dahil maliit iyong budget namin dahil, kahit noong two billion budget ay nagamit ng distrito ko iyon at napaganda namin iyong mga daan.

Hindi ko lang maintindihan dahil for this year, I had a P1.6 billion budget in the NEP, I had P1.6 billion in the GAB. Suddenly, paglabas ng GAA, P300 million na lang.

Ayokong manira ng kung sino dahil hindi ko naman alam kung sino ang gumawa. Ayaw ko ring maghanap ng away dahil ayaw ko naman ng may kalaban. Ang tanong lang dito, paano ito nangyari? Ligal ba ito or puwede ba talaga itong gawin? Because I think it happened after the bicam. Kung mayroon kasing gagawin, dapat binabalak ito sa Plenary kasi iyong GAB, hindi ba we agreed on that here? Dapat bago baguhin iyon, may agreement tayo, dahil kung ganoon, dapat wala nang budget deliberations, doon na lang pagkatapos isulat lahat. Sana lang magawan ito ng paraan. Ang alam ko hindi lang sa akin nangyari ito, marami pang iba. I do not know if the others want to speak out, but you know I always have the guts to speak out.

Ang problema ko, ano ang sasabihin ko sa aking constituents? I always tell them, “You seldom see me in the district because I am here in Congress working.

You all know I am very active here, I am always present, I am always active even in committee meetings.” I tell my constituents, “I spend time in Manila so that I could bring the budget to our district for development” and suddenly, this happened. In fact, during the break, I still worked here. During the Holy Week, I went to the very remote place in Russia for the Summit of Parliamentarians, na trabaho din sa Kongreso. Hindi na nga ako nagbakasyon kasama iyong mga anak ko, and I feel so bad. Sa totoo lang, bihira ako umiyak sa lungkot, mas mabilis ako umiyak sa saya, but this thing made me cry. I even posted it in our Majority thread. Ang masakit ay hanggang ngayon, hindi pa ako nasasagot kung ano talaga ang mangyayari. Maibabalik ba ito o hindi?

This budget of mine was not even an insertion. It was part of the original P400 billion budget of the DPWH. These were regular infra budgets. Humihingi ako ng tulong na sana lang maibalik na ito at maibalik na agad. Hindi naman puwedeng magsugal pa kami na mababalik ito sa susunod pa na Kongreso dahil tinanggal ito sa Kongresong ito, sa Seventeenth Congress. If we were told na maghintay na lang ng Eighteenth Congress, it is very painful because I am expecting more budget for 2020 for my district. Again, I am number two in absorptive capacity. Ano ba ang barometro? Sino ba dapat bigyan, iyong nakakagamit ng pera o iyong hindi nakakagamit ng pera? Kaya nga napag-usapan iyong cash-based at kung anu-ano pa diyan dahil ang problema ay iyong hindi nagagamit ang perang nilalaan sa distrito. Again, I would like to repeat—hindi sa pagyayabang—that I am number two in the whole country in absorptive capacity and yet, my budget has been slashed by P1.3 billion. From P1.6, I was left with a P300 million budget for my district.

Please lang, kung sinuman ang makakatulong, pakitulungan iyong mga constituents ko sa Third District of Negros Oriental. Sana lang ay maibalik iyong budget ko and please do it ASAP.

Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The speech of the Honorable Teves is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we close the Privilege Hour.

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

The Privilege Hour is closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun from the First District of Agusan del Norte for a short manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun is now recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. FORTUN

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

Mme. Speaker, I would like to thank our distinguished colleagues for unanimously approving House Bill No. 9088, otherwise known as the Sustainable Forest Management Bill. Mme. Speaker, I was born and raised in what used to be called the “Timber City of the South,” that is the City of Butuan, which is the regional center of what is known as the “Timber Corridor” of the country, the Caraga Region. As I was growing up, I saw first-hand the abuse and destruction of our forest ecosystems and the devastating effects thereof to our environment, our agriculture, our economy, our communities and our people.

The approval of this Bill is the most significant milestone in our long struggle to put in place concrete policies to address issues of protection, conservation, preservation and management of all our forest ecosystems in the country. We have pushed hard for this Bill in the Sixteenth Congress, but the bill failed to see the light of day as it languished in the Committee. Finally, in the Seventeenth Congress, the Bill has been approved on Third and final Reading by the House. This is a monumental victory for the environment, our country and our people and for this, we are eternally grateful to our distinguished colleagues for your support to this important piece of legislation.

Maraming, maraming salamat po sa ating leadership at sa mga kasamahan natin sa Seventeenth Congress.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:33 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Bills on First Reading and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 9188, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE RANK STRUCTURE OF UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Acop

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 9189, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MOUNT ARAYAT, BORDERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ARAYAT AND MAGALANG, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 9190, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 69 OF BATAS

PAMBANSA BILANG 881, ALSO KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE, IMPOSING A FINE UPON A NUISANCE CANDIDATE AND/OR PERSONS IN CONSPIRACY WITH SUCH CANDIDATE FOR THE MALICIOUS FILING OF A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 9191, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 12 AND 68 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881, ALSO KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE, DISQUALIFYING PERSONS CONVICTED OR SANCTIONED IN ANY COURT, TRIBUNAL OR BODY FROM BEING DECLARED AS A CANDIDATE OR FROM HOLDING ANY PUBLIC OFFICE PENDING APPEAL OF CONVICTION, WHERE THE PENALTY IMPOSED INCLUDES TEMPORARY OR PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 9194, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo and Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GARCIA (J.). I move for a one-minute suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 4:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:45 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, May 22, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The session is adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon tomorrow, May 22, 2019.

It was 4:45 p.m.