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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

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

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we move to defer the calling of the roll.

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

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to defer the reading of the Journal of the previous session.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we move for the approval of the—Mr. Speaker, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Majority Leader.

REP. MARCOLETA. ... we move to defer the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Majority Leader.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we move to proceed to the Reference of Business.

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

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8194, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A RESEARCH CENTER ON OBESITY PREVENTION”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8195, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 8196, entitled:

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

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 8197, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE FOR
SOCIAL WELFARE ATTACHE, 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”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 8198, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT
ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE 6TH
DISTRICT OF BATANGAS PROVINCE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8199, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE LIPA CITY
HOSPITAL INTO A SECONDARY LEVEL
HOSPITAL AND INCREASING THE
BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE
SERVICES TO TWO HUNDRED (200),
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8200, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION
FOR LOSS OR DESTRUCTION
OF PROPERTIES IN MARAWI CITY
DURING THE 2017 SIEGE OF MARAWI,

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villarin
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER
MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 8201, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR
CITIZENS DAY CARE CENTER IN EVERY
BARANGAY AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aquino-Magsaysay
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS

House Bill No. 8202, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING EDUCATIONAL
ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE
DEPENDENTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES
(AFP), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE
(PNP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION
(BFP), BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT
AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), NATIONAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI),
PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT
AGENCY (PDEA), PHILIPPINE
COAST GUARD (PCG) AND BUREAU
OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) WHO
ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY
INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE
PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR
BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR
POSITION”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 8203, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF
CLIMATE CHANGE, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Bill No. 8207, entitled:

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

By Representative Gonzales (A.P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8208, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION TWO OF
REPUBLIC ACT 10868 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT HONORING AND
GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS
AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO
CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Go (M.)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS

House Bill No. 8209, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE MANDATE OF SULU
SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
JOLO, PROVINCE OF SULU, TO BECOME
THE SULU SANITARIUM AND GENERAL
HOSPITAL WITH AT LEAST LEVEL 2
CAPABILITY AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Sangcopan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8210, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF
SIQUIJOR IN COMMEMORATION OF
ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE
KNOWN AS ‘ADLAW SA SIQUIJOR’ ”

By Representative Rocamora
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2167, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING
AND CONGRATULATING THE
PHILIPPINE DELEGATION FOR THEIR
ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 18TH ASIAN
GAMES IN JAKARTA AND PALEMBANG,
INDONESIA LAST AUGUST 28, 2018 TO
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 27, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE IMMEDIATE
SUSPENSION OF THE INCREASES AND
SCHEDULED INCREASES IN THE EXCISE

TAXES ON FUELS IMPOSED IN SECTION
43 OF R.A. NO. 10963, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE ‘TAX REFORM FOR
ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION
(TRAIN)’ TO STEM INFLATION”

By Representatives Lagman, Daza, Villarin,
Alejano, Erice, Quimbo, Bordado, Banal,
Zarate, Brosas, Castro (F.L.), Casilao and
Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated September 6, 2018, informing the House
of Representatives that the Senate on September
5, 2018, passed with amendments House Bill No.
7449, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF
ONE BILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-
ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TEN
THOUSAND PESOS (P1,161,710,000.00) AS
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
FY 2018 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Message dated September 10, 2018, informing the
House of Representatives that the Senate on even
date passed the following House Bills without
amendment:

House Bill No. 5173, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LOS BAÑOS, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY AND THE ANNUAL
BAÑAMOS FESTIVAL”;

House Bill No. 5552, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 3 OF EVERY
YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY,
INCLUDING THE CITIES THEREIN, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS
‘ALBAY DAY’ ”;

House Bill No. 622, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 24 OF EVERY
YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY
IN THE CITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF
ALBAY, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS
FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;

House Bill No. 5566, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 2 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS

OCCIDENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL’ ”;

House Bill No. 5689, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ADLAW HONG BUTUAN’ ”;

House Bill No. 6689, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 17 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;

House Bill No. 5258, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG LANA O’ ”;

House Bill No. 705, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘AGOO DAY’ ”;

House Bill No. 6160, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 7 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CAVITE, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”;

House Bill No. 1928, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG VILLANUEVA’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated September 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1306, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE BOXING AND COMBAT SPORTS COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Message dated September 10, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed

with amendment House Bill No. 7044, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 18 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘BACOLOD CITY CHARTER DAY’, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE DAY PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON SIGNED AND APPROVED INTO EFFECT COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 326, CREATING THE CITY OF BACOLOD”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

Message dated September 11, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate, on August 28, 2018, passed without amendment House Bill No. 5553, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SURRENDER OF GENERAL TOMOYUKI YAMASHITA, COMMANDER OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES, IN KIANGAN, IFUGAO”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated September 11, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on September 10, 2018 designated Senators Loren B. Legarda, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Richard J. Gordon and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 7449, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE BILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P1,161,710,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2018 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATION

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

House Bill No. 5160, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF STO. TOMAS”;

House Bill No. 6031, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE MAASIN CITY COLLEGE INTO THE SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY (SLSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and

House Bill No. 6742, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ZAMBOANGA CITY MEDICAL CENTER IN ZAMBOANGA CITY FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7272, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE ZAMBOANGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO ZAMBOANGA CITY MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 855), re H.B. No. 8230, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY 201, ZONE 20, IN THE CITY OF PASAY, METROPOLITAN MANILA”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3525

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Calixto-Rubiano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 856), re H.B. No. 8231, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING PANGLAO ISLAND IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO DAUIS-PANGLAO ISLAND”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6241

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government

(Committee Report No. 857), re H.B. No. 8232, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIO OF LADOL FROM BARANGAY POBLACION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LADOL”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1012

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we move to suspend the session.

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

It was 3:09 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the presence in the Session Hall of Metrobank Foundation President Aniceto Sobrepeña, its officers and staff, their program partners, Lt. Gen. Raul L. Del Rosario, Mr. Rolando Ramirez, Mr. Christopher Anthony Ponce and Atty. Iannoel Mondragon, Usec. Tonisito Umali of the Department of Education and the 2018 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos.

Mr. Speaker, let us give them a warm round of applause. *(Applause)*

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, we adopted House Resolution No. 2152. For the information of our guests, may I ask the Secretary General to read the title and full text of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Secretary General is requested to read the title and full text of the measure.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2152, entitled: A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2018.

The following is the text of the measure:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2152

Introduced by Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya, Durano, Hofer, Espino, Acop, Gorriceta, Oaminal, Cuaresma, Belmonte (F.), Cayetano, Banal, Bautista-Bandigan, and Uy (J.)

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2018

WHEREAS, the Metrobank Foundation commits itself to promoting a culture of excellence in the sectors of academe, police, and soldiery through the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos is a recognition program that honors the excellence, dedication, heroism, and sacrifices of the teachers, soldiers, and police officers;

WHEREAS, the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos are ordinary Filipinos with extraordinary worth, who are recognized models of excellence in their profession, stand shoulder-to-shoulder with their global peers, live by the Filipino values of patriotism, integrity, courage, and social responsibility, thrive amidst adverse circumstances and triumphed over professional and personal challenges with dignity and confidence, and bring change in the lives of people in their communities;

WHEREAS, in keeping with the theme “Beyond Excellence”, the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos are recognized for rendering service above and beyond the call of duty, with their accomplishments having inspired and influenced their peers as well as the people in their respective communities and brought a lasting positive impact on people and to the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, To honor and commend the 2018 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos, namely:

OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

1. Mary Jane S. Ramo
Master Teacher II and School In-Charge
Tonggo Elementary School
Tudela, Misamis Occidental
2. Alma S. Janagap, Ed.D.
Master Teacher II
Pavia National High School
Pavia, Iloilo
3. Aimee Marie C. Gragasin, Ph.D.
Special Science Teacher V
Philippine Science High School–
Cagayan Valley Campus
Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
4. Carla B. Dimalanta, Ph.D.
Professor X and Assistant Vice President
for Academic Affairs (Research)
University of the Philippines
Diliman, Quezon City

OUTSTANDING SOLDIERS

5. Major Francis A. Señoron PA
Assistant Division Chief, Logistics
Management Division
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for
Logistics, OJ4
Armed Forces of the Philippines
Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City
6. Lieutenant Colonel Danilo T. Facundo
PN (M)
Director, Mobile Training and Exercise
Unit
Marine Corps Force Development
Center
Philippine Marine Corps, Taguig City
7. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Ryan R.
Seguin PAF
Squadron Commander
7th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 5th Fighter
Wing
Basa Air Base, Floridablanca, Pampanga

OUTSTANDING POLICE OFFICERS

8. Senior Police Officer 1 Aida L. Awitin
Assistant Police Community Relations
Police Non-Commissioned Officer
Davao Occidental Police Provincial Office
Malita, Davao Occidental

9. Police Senior Inspector Dennis S. Ebsolo, Ph.D.
Chief of Police
Villanueva Municipal Police Station
Villanueva, Misamis Oriental
10. Police Senior Superintendent Pascual G. Muñoz Jr., Ph.D.
Chief, Supply Management Division
Directorate for Logistics, Philippine National Police
Camp Crame, Quezon City

for their loyalty and dedication to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, for their faithful performance of their sworn duties and responsibilities beyond reproach, and for being model citizens in their respective communities.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished each of the abovementioned recipients of the 2018 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session to allow the awardees to ascend the lower rostrum for the presentation of the Resolution by the Speaker and their photo opportunity with her. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The session is suspended. *(Applause)*

It was 3:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:31 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

ROLL CALL

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 19, dated September 12, 2018.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 197 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 197 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8165

Continuation

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8165, under the Calendar of Business, as contained in Committee Report No. 842, submitted by the Committees on Government Reorganization, National Defense and Security, and Appropriations.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none—please proceed.

REP. NOEL. Just a minute.

May we direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the Secretary General is directed to read aforesaid measure.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8165, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that it is in the period of sponsorship and debate. I move that the author of the Bill, the Hon. Joey Sarte Salceda of the Second District of Albay, be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Hon. Joey Salceda is recognized.

REP. BELMONTE. (J.). Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, good afternoon po. If I may be allowed to ...

REP. NOEL. May I ...

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

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Hon. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte of the Sixth District of Quezon City be recognized to interpellate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Hon. Kit Belmonte is recognized

REP. BELMONTE (J.). All right. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Honorable Salceda yield to just a few questions, Sir?

REP. SALCEDA. Yes.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Thank you po. I hesitate to ask the Honorable Salceda these questions kasi alam ko na mas malawak at mas malalim po ang experience niya kapag pinag-uusapan po natin ang disaster. Every year, lagi pong tinatamaan po ang probinsya nila at ang amin din po pero kahit hanggang third floor iyong mga baha sa amin ay hindi ho maikukumpara sa mga nangyari sa Albay. However, nais ko lang hong malaman, Sir, kasi marami hong nagsasabi sa amin na nagkaroon ng malawakang consultations sa pagpapatakbo ng R.A. No. 10121 at nagkaroon ho ng sunset review.

Marami hong pumupunta po sa amin, nagparticipate sa disaster resilience at nagsasabi po sa aming hindi po na-incorporate iyong mga laman ng sunset review na iyan dito po sa bagong Bill, at nais ko lang pong malaman kung totoo ho ba iyon or may mga provisions ba talaga na lumabas sa sunset review na kasama po sa Bill natin.

REP. SALCEDA. Iyong pinakaunang Bill po nito, Your Honor, halos isinulat po doon sa sunset review, halos word for word po. So, dumaan po ito sa dalawang Komitiba, the Committee on National Defense and Security and Committee on Government Reorganization. Nagkaroon o nagbuo po ng isang technical working group at ito po ay nagsagawa ng apat na technical working group na halos po maghapon na pinag-usapan at inimitahan po lahat ng mga eksperto at nagkaroon din po ng halos trese po na regional consultations na pinamunuan po ng OCD, dahil sila po iyong talagang imbuwelto ho dito o dahil sa ngayon ho, under Republic Act No. 10121 ay sila rin po ang namuno noong sunset review na sinimulan po noong May 16, 2016—May 16, 2015, or five years after the law, sinimulan na po iyong sunset review.

Kaya po, noong pumasok po iyong 2016 na bagong Kongreso, itong ating Kongreso ay kinuha ko po iyong sunset review at sa tulong po ng OCD ay halos sila po iyong bumuo nitong batas pong ito. So, kung mayroon man po—baka may mga bago pong mga insights

na puwede pong ipasok dito, sa pananaw ko, Your Honor, may period naman po tayo upang ang Komitiba ay puwede pong isaalang-alang o ikonsidera para maipasok po, para po lalong mapagiyaman ito pong ating ginagawang batas na Department of Disaster Resilience.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Thank you for that po, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

So, you are saying na amenable po talaga kayo na ipasok iyong mga sa tingin ng ilang mga grupo ay hindi ho naisama sa batas na ito?

REP. SALCEDA. Opo, kasi naman po dumadaan naman po talaga ito sa isang proseso at iginagalang ho natin at nagkaroon po tayo ng mga masasabi nating masinsinan at mga intense na mga usapin lalung-lalo na po doon sa halos isang buong taon po na ginugol ng Committee on Government Reorganization upang makabuo po ng isang makasaysayang batas na siya po ang maglalagay sa Pilipinas sa isang puwesto o sa isang lugar na mas kakayanin nila na matugunan ang mga lalong tumitindi at dumadaming mga peligro mula po sa climate change o hydrometeorological risks pati na po ang complex interaction nito sa mga geological risks.

Amenable po ako bilang isa sa mga principal authors nito po, Your Honor. Ako po ay handa upang tingnan upang mas lalong mapagiyaman itong batas na ito.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker. Your Honor, sa Definition of Terms po, Section 3 (ddd), iyong definition ng Resilience po.

REP. SALCEDA. Kinuha po iyan sa United Nations po, Your Honor.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Okay. Para hong—na-mention ho ba dito iyong sa definition po ng resilience, na-mention ho iyong prevention at saka mitigation? Na-mention din po ba dito iyong mga definition of terms as defined nga po doon sa internationally recognized definition of terms?

REP. SALCEDA. Puwede ho nating idagdag pero ito po iyong resist, to reduce. Puwede ho nating idagdag iyong words na “reduce,” “resist,” and “absorb.” Usually po kasi iyong sinasabi ninyo po ay nandoon po iyan sa tinatawag na “adapt to.”

Ang pinakabuod po na konsepto ay ang adaptation po pagdating po dito sa definition ng resiliency po. Iyon po talaga iyong pinakaginagawa ng isang Estado at ng buong ecosystem o ng buong nation o State, kasama po ang sambayanan upang maiwasan, kaya nga puwede ho sa amin sabihing ma-reduce. Pero ito po ay talagang word for word, hinango po namin sa definition po ng United Nations.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Thank you po for that.

Siguro sa appropriate time, puwede po nating talakayin sa period of amendments.

REP. SALCEDA. Opo.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Mag-move on po ako, Mr. Speaker. Dito po sa—noong pinag-uusapan natin iyong National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan na based din ho sa original na R.A. No. 10121, may apat na pillars ho. Mas alam ninyo po kaysa sa akin iyong Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Response, Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery. Kung titingnan ko po dito sa Bill, iyong current Bill po natin, Mr. Speaker, natalakay naman po iyan. Sa Section 5, sa Powers and Functions of the Department, may lima hong main functions: “(a) Risk Reduction; (b) Disaster Preparedness and Response; (c) Rehabilitation and Recovery; and (d) Other Powers and Functions.” Pero parang pakiramdam ko lang po iyong first fundamental pillar, iyong pinag-uusapan nating prevention and mitigation, parang hindi ko ho nahahanap o hindi ko po nakikita sa laman ng batas iyong mga ika nga ho ay pangil o makinarya para matugunan ito. Well, sa palagay ko lang po, and I am sure the Honorable Salceda will agree with me, na ito ay kung hindi iyong pinakamahalagang pillar, isa sa pinakamahalagang pillars, parang ahead ...

REP. SALCEDA. Siya po ang pinakamahalagang pillar po. Siya po ang pinakamahalagang pillar. Sa buong puwede, sa buong mandato po ng Departamentong ito, ang risk reduction—nomenclature lang po ito kasi understood po na sa risk reduction, kasama po ang disaster risk mitigation and prevention, Your Honor. So, puwede ho nating mas klaruhin siguro dahil po—puwede natin sa pinakauna po na number 1, under Risk Reduction na in Disaster Risk Mitigation, puwede ho nating i-clarify o i-articulate po na mas klaro kung ano ang meaning po ng Disaster Risk Reduction na dapat ito po ay nag-iimbuwelto sa risk na Disaster Prevention and Mitigation kasi parang iyon ay for elegance—but I would definitely surrender elegance to accuracy, Your Honor.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Thank you for that.

What about po sa laman, Sir, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Speaker? Ang pakiramdam ko lang po sa laman, parang malalim po iyong pagtatalakay sa other pillars. Halimbawa po sa Preparedness and Response, sa Rehabilitation and Recovery, in fact, ang lalim po kapag pinag-uusapan natin iyong mga penalties, iyong penalty clauses. Pero parang kulang ho iyong mechanisms o iyong mga wordings sa batas mismo para sa mekanismo at iyong machinery para mag-i-implement ng mitigation measures, paano mag-i-implement ng prevention measures, at iyong risk reduction measures.

Iyon lang po, observation ko lang po, Mr. Speaker.

REP. SALCEDA. Tatanggapin ko po iyan, at willingly po, Your Honor, kung ano pong suggestion ninyo na pananalita na siyang lalong magpapalakas para po ang mensahe sa buong sambayanan, sa lahat, lalung-lalo na sa mga mamamayan, na kung ano po ang mandato at kung ano po ang kanilang papel lalung-lalo na po sa loob po ng bagong batas na ito na siya pong masasabi ho natin na kina-clarify po na hindi na po idi-diffuse—iyong dati po kasi, mayroon tayong council at hiniwa-hiwa po sa apat, iyong Disaster Mitigation na sinasabi natin ay nasa DOST ...

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Opo.

REP. SALCEDA. ... pero talaga po iyong trabaho niya ay nasa Disaster Preparedness, na ibinigay naman po sa DILG, subalit iyong warning and warning communications po ay nasa ilalim po talaga iyan ng DOST. Pagdating naman po, halimbawa—so, Your Honor, lahat po iyon ay pinagkaisa, at lahat po na isa lang po ang puwedeng sisihin. Hindi na puwedeng magturuan dahil isa lang po ang mananagot kung may mangyari at hindi nakita ng taumbayan na may ginawa upang maiwasan po ang casualty o ma-achieve ang zero casualty, at mabawasan po ang damages dahil po sa isang disaster.

So, base po kasi naman po ito sa, kung titingnan po ninyo iyong number 1-12, halimbawa, sa Disaster Preparedness and Response ay halos hinango po ito sa sunset review po na isinagawa po ng OCD, kung babasahin po ninyo po nang maigi, halos po iyong pagpili ng salita, iyong kanilang pagkadugsung-dugsong ay halos po hinango po doon sa sunset review.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Maganda lang po din, Mr. Speaker, na na-articulate po natin ito kasi ang dami hong sectors, at lalung-lalo na ho iyong NGO community na involved sa disaster response. Sila ay parang nangangamba talaga na nawala iyong ilang points na nakita nila sa sunset review. Pero, thank you very much, Your Honor.

REP. SALCEDA. Pero, baka nandiyan na po iyong iba, puwede ko na hong tanggapin agad para mas mapalinaw at iyong mga susunod po na gustong magtanong ay makita agad iyong progression po ng ideya sa likod po nitong disaster risk reduction. So, siguro, kahit isa man po na puwede nating mapag-uusapan para makita po natin agad ang isang halimbawa kung ano po ang puwedeng magpayaman na usapin o national conversation patungkol po sa disaster resiliency, na isa pong mandato mula sa ating Pangulo at mismo po ng survival po natin bilang isang bansa.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Thank you very much, Sir, Mr. Speaker.

Halimbawa po ...

REP. SALCEDA. Salamat.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Opo. Iyong participation po ng Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils po, ...

REP. SALCEDA. Hindi ho, wala ho kaming nire-repeal base po dito sa bersyon na nasa harap po ninyong lahat, datapwat o samakatuwid, iyong Republic Act No. 10121 ay ini-enhance lang nito. Dahil po, iyong Republic Act No. 10121, established organized the local effort and established the primacy of local government units in responding, reducing, as well as in their recovery. Samakatuwid, Your Honor, base po dito sa pagkasulat po nitong batas, ito pong House Bill No. 8165, ito po, klarung-klaro po na sinasabi po nito, halos pinalitan lang po natin iyong pangalan, ginawa ho nating LDRMO o Local Disaster Resiliency and Management Officers, imbes po na iyong mas malayo at mas negatibo ang connotation ng “Disaster Risk Reduction.” So, makikita po ninyo, nag-transcend po tayo mula sa risk reduction patungo po sa resiliency dahil ito po ang mas akma na gawain po.

So, iyong buong balangkas po o framework noong Republic Act No. 10121, ang ginagawa ho lang natin, kasi noong panahon po ng Yolanda ay hindi ho kaagad tayo o hindi natin napunuan iyong structural na pagkukulang, dahil po ito ay isang catastrophe at na-overwhelm po iyong kakayahan ng mga LDRMO o LDRO sa ngayon. Samakatuwid, Your Honor, minabuti na isa po sa mga lumabas doon po sa sunset review na kailangan po ang pagbibigay ng surge capacity, at ito na nga po ang binubuo natin, because House Bill No. 8165 essentially organizes the national effort in order to provide or augment the local capacity at hindi tulad noong dati, dito po klaro...

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Local lang?

REP. SALCEDA. ...na isa lang po ang kausap ng mga local government units.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). So, Mr. Speaker, ang sinasabi po ni Honorable Salceda ay hindi nito nire-repeal iyong mga gains and lessons ng R.A. No. 10121?

REP. SALCEDA. Hindi po, dahil mayaman po sa empirical evidence ang kabutihan po na dulot sa ating lipunan ng Republic Act No. 10121, kaso po, mas lalong lumaki iyong kalaban natin. Samakatuwid, kakailanganin na po ngayon ang mas organized na national effort at hindi na ho puwede, hindi ho sasapat kung isang konseho na siyang mag-a-assign sa isa o

dalawang komitiba. Basically, committee po iyon. Iyong council has committees or groups, task groups, katulad po ng nasabi na doon sa apat na thematic pillars ng disaster management. So, ito pong Bill na ito, as it is constituted, tries to repair or provide the missing link...

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Sa national.

REP. SALCEDA. ...in order to achieve zero casualty and minimize economic dislocation, given the fact that local government units are easily overwhelmed, ng mas—katulad halimbawa ngayon, iyong “Mangkhut” ay lumalampas na po ng 333 kph habang papalapit po sa atin. Samakatuwid po, Your Honor, dapat may isang...

REP. BELMONTE (J.). National Central Office...

REP. SALCEDA. Opo. In other words, ito na po iyong utos—o hindi na kailangan mag-utos, kundi may sarili silang tao doon sa Cagayan Valley para mag-imbak, para po magbigay ng technical advice sa mga LGUs kung anong klaseng mga advisory ang kailangan nila, at syempre po, sa pag-ready po ng mga posibleng rescue situations, dahil kung minsan po, the rescuers are also victims of the disaster. So, kailangan po talaga ng surge capacity na galing po sa outside noong mismong lugar na apektado.. So, hindi ho natin maaasahan iyong mga local disaster rescuers, iyon pong mga MDRRMO kasi sila mismo ay biktima rin po. Katulad halimbawa noong bagyong Yolanda, ganoon nga po ang nangyari, iyong mga pulis namatay, pati po iyong mga puwedeng gamitin na mga evacuation centers ay nasira po, kaya mas nahirapan po tayong ma-achieve iyong national goal na zero casualty during disasters.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Understood po, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. Ang point ko lang po dito, kasi itinanong ninyo sa akin kung ano iyong puwede nating i-raise na issue. Ang concern ko lang po is parang hindi ho yata tayo nakapag-set ng standards—minimum standards o uniform—para sa mga local disaster councils dito sa Bill na ito. Pero kung ang sinasabi po ninyo ay hindi naman nito ni-repeal iyong R.A. No. 10121, and nandoon iyong mga gains ng R.A. No. 10121, maybe siguro lang po, maganda ring nasa wordings po...

REP. SALCEDA. Puwedeng-puwede naman po nating atasan iyong ating binubuo na Department of Disaster Resilience na magkaroon po ng mga quality metrics na siya pong gagamitin upang tingnan ang kapasidad. But actually, Your Honor, the DDR is essentially designed to provide capacity-building, kasi nga po, iyong disaster risk reduction starts from the

bottom, and kung sa ngayon po ay wala tayo noong isang integrated framework para ma-capacitate iyong ating mga local government units sa pagsasagawa ng kanilang mga plano, ng kanilang contingency plan. Samakatuwid, Your Honor, hindi lang ho iyon sa pag-respond, kundi mismo po sa pag-iwas. Katulad ng nasabi mo, disaster preparedness, disaster mitigation, and disaster prevention. So, kung mayroon man, Your Honor, usually, ilalagay po iyan, magiging trabaho po niya at it can be implied from many of the roles and functions na kung saan po sila talaga ang magmomonitor ng estado o ng capacity ng mga local LDROs o LDRMOs. At beyond that, to provide incremental capacity, so mas matugunan nila kung anuman po iyong peligro na hinaharap ng kanilang komunidad.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Thank you po, Mr. Speaker. Isa na lang po.

REP. SALCEDA. Sige po.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Opo. Noong kina-craft po namin sa Committees on Housing and Urban Development and Government Reorganization ang Department of Housing, ang Human Settlements Department, ang higit po ng Executive and, in fact, even iyong Government Reorganization Committee, sa pag-create ng structures and organization.

In fact, naaalala ko po, parang nili-limit lang kami sa dalawa o tatlong Undersecretary, ilang Assistant Secretary, at ilang department heads lang po kasi gusto nilang ma-streamline, and actually, na-surprise po ako and I guess, it is a tribute sa galing po ng authors and sa mga nag-craft noong Bill. Pero para hong—puwede ho ba ninyong ipaliwanag, at least, para sa kaalaman po nating lahat, iyong structure niya, iyong lawak, iyong laki niya, iyong depth niya, and bakit necessary iyong ganito kalaking structures?

REP. SALCEDA. Iyong structure po, Your Honor, basically, tumutugon pa rin doon sa apat. So, mayroon ho tayong Secretary of Disaster Resilience na may Cabinet portfolio. May dalawa ho siyang Assistant Secretary na Internal Audit at Chief-of-Staff. Tapos po iyong pinakauna is Undersecretary for DRR and Climate Change, nandito po halos. So, bale iyong nasa departamento, basically po ay mga staff functions at ang kino-cover po niya, isa, dalawa, tatlo, apat, lima, so, there will be a Usec for Administration and Finance, at Usec for Civil Defense. Depende po iyan sa atin kung gusto nating i-retain, kasi nga po isa po ito sa pinakamatagal na pinagdebatehan kung iiwanan na po ba iyong Civil Defense sa DND, kasi ang mangyayari po, kukunin lang ho natin iyong porsiyon, tapos mayroon po tayong Undersecretary for Policy and Governance and Undersecretary for Capacity Building. Sa ilalim po

niya ay mayroon po tayo noong mga regional offices, at siyempre, iyong mga regional offices pong iyon ang siyang magma-manage sa operation ng ating mga units doon sa ground, at sila po ay regionally organized at magkakaroon po tayo ng fiscal space na may isa pong tagabantay sa bawat LGU kung sila po ay sumusunod o iyong kanilang mga ginagawa ay sang-ayon sa kung ano ang makakapagbawas ng peligro at magpapatibay sa kakayahan ng komunidad upang harapin at mapabilis ang pagpapanumbalik ng kakayahan ng ekonomiya at ng hanapbuhay ng kanilang komunidad. So, basically, Your Honor, one, two, three, four, five, lima po ang magiging ...

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Usec.

REP. SALCEDA. ... Usec po..

REP. BELMONTE (J.). So, 5 Usec, 10 Asec, 11 na Service Directors, if I am not mistaken, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. SALCEDA. Tama po.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Eh sa ...

REP. SALCEDA. Sa ngayon po, ito po iyong panukala, dahil po iyon ang nakikita natin na kung gusto nating maging zero casualty, mabawasan natin iyong mga damages na siya naman pong pataas nang pataas dahil patindi nang patindi at parami nang parami po ang mga masasabi nating mas matitinding mga disaster events ay kakailanganin po talaga natin ng proportional response na kailangan po ng Departamento.

Ang isa pa po dito na benepisyo, dahil uupo siya sa Gabinete, at lahat po ng mga dadaan na mga proyekto, programa o panukala na itinalakay doon sa Gabinete ay puwede siyang magsalita kung ito po ay makababawas sa disaster risk o kung ito ay makapagpapalala ng disaster risk. Maaari na rin siyang mag-propose ng contingency plan or structural mitigation para kung halimbawa, ang isang programa ay pagtatayo ng isang malaking dam, dadaan po talaga iyan, mayroon na kaagad tayong mapupuntahan upang siya, hindi lang science, kung hindi po based sa practice ay makapagsasalita po patungkol sa disaster risk reduction.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Thank you po.

Ang concern ko rin po dito ay iyong mayaman ding karanasan ng mga local communities and iyong mga civil society organizations sa participation sa ground. Sa national level po, parang Section 20 and Section 23, magtatayo ng dalawang council. Pero, parang hindi po na-mention na malalim iyong venues for local participation sa municipal and sa barangay

levels. For example po, Section 20, National Disaster Resilience Council, 6 representatives from the academe, 6 representatives from the Civil Society Organizations, 6 representatives from the private sector, plus 44 representatives from the government agencies. So, ito po iyong council, 62 members po. Pero, may Section 23 din po na establishing a Multi-Stakeholders Convergence Unit na ang kasama ho din dito ay mga Civil Society Organizations.

Nais ko lang po, para ho sa aking kaalaman, hindi ho ba parang dalawang napakalalaking stakeholders' participation sa national level, pero parang, baka lang hindi ko alam, parang hindi ba redundant iyan tapos napaka-unwieldy, Sir? Tapos, sa grassroots level po, sa mga barangay po natin, wala po akong nakikitang mention, aside from iyong assurance ng author, Mr. Speaker, na hindi naman ito tinatangal iyong mga lessons ng R.A. No. 10121.

REP. SALCEDA. Hindi po talaga puwedeng i-repeal iyon dahil napakaganda po ng performance ng R.A. No. 10121. Ang R.A. No. 10121 po ay itinatanghal sa buong mundo bilang isa sa pinakamagaling na balangkas kung ano dapat ang isang Disaster Management Office.

Ang ginagawa doon sa ni-refer ninyo na Section 20, essentially po ay nilagyan lang nga natin ng mas maraming partisipasyon ang private sector pati na ang mga civil society organizations, pero hindi na po sila iyong magsasagawa dahil sa ngayon, may NDRRMC ka, kaya ang NDRRMC nagtetest, ay hindi ho naman siya executive agency. Ang NDRRMC po, basically, is a council that makes policy or programs to be implemented by certain departments or agencies. So, it is essentially a policy advisory board. Iyong multi-sector stakeholder is really in support of the fact na hindi po puwedeng araw-araw o buwan-buwan magkita-kita kasi ang NDRRMC, these are secretarial levels. So, mayroon po doong puwedeng patuloy na nag-aaral, nagmo-monitor at dito na nga po nahahango, lalung-lalo na sa pamamagitan ng kontribusyon ng public agency, pati na ng private sector, lalung-lalo na ang people's organizations and civil society organizations kasi kung minsan ang papasok lang po doon sa council, tigililima.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Sakto.

REP. SALCEDA. So, iyong Multi-Sectoral Convergence Unit, essentially po doon mag-uusap-usap na mas patuluyan na kung anuman po mahango na insight ay puwedeng dalhin sa konseho upang ito ay maging isang patakaran na ii-implement naman ng DDR bilang siya na hindi naman exclusive, pero has the primacy of implementing the reduction, the preparedness, the response, the recovery and the rehabilitation effort ng buong Estado, ng ating bansa.

So, samakatuwid, Your Honor, hindi siya redundant. It only recognizes that all the Secretaries have so many mandates, so they have many issues to attend to other than disaster. It is only because our country, we are number three in the Disaster Risk Index doon po sa WRI. Ang number one po ay ang Vanuatu at number two naman ay ang Tonga. Eh kung iko-consider mo ang populasyon, lalabas po doon na ang Pilipinas talaga ang number one pagdating sa climate risk, lalung-lalo na iyong tinatawag nating complex interaction with geological risk dahil ang Pilipinas ay nasa Pacific Ring of Fire, nasa seismic belt, and definitely siya po ang entrada ng lahat ng severe weather events na ipinapanganak doon sa Dagat Pasipiko.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Isang last question na lang po.

REP. SALCEDA. Sige po.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Isang last question na lang po, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

Nabanggit ninyo kahapon, Honorable Salceda, na iyong DOST budget ay nablo-bloat dahil sa PAGASA.

REP. SALCEDA. Nagpapalaki po.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Oo. Para lang po clear din sa mind ko, ano iyong expectation ninyo o iyong computation ninyo para sa budget nitong Department na ito, iyong Local Disaster Resilience Funds, iyong funds for prevention, mitigation, preparedness at iyong funds na possible na bumaba para sa mga third to sixth-class municipalities po?

REP. SALCEDA. Your Honor, kung pagbibigyan sana ng kabuuan ng atin pong Kongreso pati na po ng Senado, aabot po ang Operating Fund nito na existing ng P30 billion. Ito po iyong existing na nasa NEP. Kapag iyan po ang binuo natin sa loob ng isang departamento at kung idadagdag ninyo ang Calamity Fund dahil ang Calamity Fund now ay ilalagay na po talaga sa management ng Department of Disaster Resilience, at hindi na ikakalat iyong QRF ng kung saan-saan pong departamento. Siya na lang ang magbibigay ng pondo sa kung sino pong departamento ang puwede mag-respond.

So, depende po iyan sa mga pangangailangan. Halimbawa, mas malaki po ang inilalagay nating pondo sa DPWH, samantalang halos 70 porsyento po—hindi nga lang siguro 70—ang number one talagang nada-damage ay ang agriculture, pero hindi ho natin nalalagyan ng pera kasi nga iyong QRF nila, mas malaki talaga sadya iyong para sa departamento na. So, Your Honor, dito na papasok, halimbawa, sa

policy-making noong NDRRMC na ginawa nating Policy Advisory Board, “O, ito ha, dito mo ilalagay—magkaroon ka na ng sinasabi nating recommended QRF utilization.” P1 billion sa DPWH, P1 billion sa—siguro para sa akin, P2 billion ang ilalagay ko sa Department of Agriculture, P500 million sa relief dahil po ang relief is a shared responsibility with the local government units, so, Your Honor, kapag idinagdag mo lahat, aabot po ng P50 bilyon. At karamihan nito, ang pinakamalaki talaga ay iyong Calamity Fund na bente na sa ngayon, diyan sa ating NEP, at iyong BFP dahil ipinapanukala nga dito na we should have boots on the ground na under the control po dahil sa buong mundo, it is being practiced na, ang Bureau of Fire ang siyang nagre-respond. Kung forest fire man iyan sa California, o pagbaha man iyan sa California, makikita mo kaagad ang Bureau of Fire, at under na sila ng FEMA o Federal Emergency Management Agency. Kapag mayroon ho ditong chart, makikita ninyo na ang Bureau of Fire Administration ay nasa ilalim na ng FEMA sa Estados Unidos dahil iyon ang lumalabas na pinakamabilis na humaharap at nakakapag-respond sa disaster.

So, iyong sinasabi ninyo po na tinanong ninyo ang PHIVOLCS, ang PAGASA, umaabot po ng P1.6 billion. At iyong pinakamalaki outside of BFP actually, is DREAMB, which is under po ng DSWD. Ito po iyong kanilang disaster response. Actually iyong DREAMB po ay tuwang-tuwa na maging bahagi ng Department of Disaster Resilience, at gustong-gusto nila dahil ang kanilang very efficient repacking centers ay magagamit na at puwede nating i-replicate sa iba pang mga lugar.

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

Thank you very much for your time. Kung maari po, maybe before the period of amendments, makasingit lang po tayo ng wordings na acceptable sa ...

REP. SALCEDA. Ay opo, Mr. Speaker. Wala po ba kayong kopya ng House Bill No. 8165?

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Nasa lamesa. Mayroon naman po.

REP. SALCEDA. Ah. Hindi po ninyo ipinamigay?

REP. BELMONTE (J.). Anyway, with that I end my interpellation, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you po.

REP. SALCEDA. Salamat po.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8165

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8165.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Minority Leader for his manifestation of additional members of the Minority Bloc.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Minority Leader, the Hon. Danilo E. Suarez, is recognized.

RECOGNITION OF A NEW MEMBER OF THE MINORITY BLOC

REP. SUAREZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully move that the Hon. Aileen C. Radaza, Representative from the Lone District of Lapu-Lapu City, be recognized as an additional member of the Minority bloc in the Seventeenth Congress.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

RECOGNITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE MINORITY BLOC

REP. SUAREZ. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully move that the following be recognized as the new and additional Deputy Minority Leaders of the Minority bloc in the Seventeenth Congress:

Hon. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano vice Hon. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. as Deputy Minority Leader; and Hon. Orestes T. Salon as Assistant Minority Leader

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Jeffrey D. Khonghun in the gallery. They are the Barangay Council Members and other Officials of Barangay Nagbunga in San Marcelino, Zambales.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Guests

of the Honorable Khonghun, we welcome you to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. MARCOLETA. May we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu. They are the Barangay Captains of the municipality of Lobo from the Second District of Batangas, headed by its ABC President Sany Ramirez. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Guests of the honorable Deputy Speaker Abu, we welcome you to the House of Representatives.

REP. MARCOLETA. May we also acknowledge the presence of the guest of Party-List Reps. Sabiniano S. Canama and Anthony M. Bravo PhD., the leader from United Sugar Planters Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries, Ms. Floravil S. King.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The guest of the Honorable Canama and Honorable Bravo will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. MARCOLETA. We also acknowledge the presence, Mr. Speaker, of the guests of the Hon. Ruby M. Sahali from Sapa-Sapa, Tawi-Tawi, namely: Mayor Alshid Mohammad Ali, Vice Mayor Amposuhum Lipae, Board Member Margani Mohammad Ali and Hji Boy Masahud.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Guests of the honorable Rep. Ruby Sahali, welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. MARCOLETA. We also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Divina Grace C. Yu. They are the Municipal Councilors from the First District of Zamboanga del Sur.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Guests of the honorable Representative Yu, welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III. They are the employees of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Silang, Cavite, headed by Daryl Gay Tanamal.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Guests of the honorable Representative Abayon, we welcome you to the House of Representatives.

REP. MARCOLETA. We also wish to acknowledge

the presence of the guests, Mr. Speaker, of the Hon. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla: they are Civil Engineering students of President Ramon Magsaysay State University.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Guests of the honorable Representative Deloso-Montalla, we welcome you to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. MARCOLETA. Last but not the least, Mr. Speaker, we wish to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma: Ms. Princess Hora, Italia’s Got Talent 2017 winner, accompanied by her father, Mr. Noli Hora.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Guests of the honorable Representative Cuaresma, we welcome you to the House of Representatives.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, we also acknowledge the presence of Vice Mayor Lance Ritual from San Narciso, Zambales.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*
The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The session suspended.

It was 4:26 pm.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 18, dated September 11, 2018.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8165

Continuation

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we continue the consideration of House Bill No. 8165, under Committee Report No. 842, as reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, on National Defense and Security, and on Appropriations.

May we request that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8165, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that we are in the period of sponsorship and debate. I move that we recognize one of the authors of the Bill, the Hon. Joey Salceda of Albay.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Salceda is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, we also move to recognize the Honorable Arnel U. Ty of Party-List LPGMA for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Arnel Ty is recognized.

REP. TY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Puwede po ba akong magtanong ng ilang pagliliwanag sa Bill na ito sa ating magiting na Sponsor?

REP. SALCEDA. Yes po.

REP. TY. Dito po sa itatatag nating Department of Disaster Resilience, where we would define its powers and functions, puwede bang malaman kung ano ang pinaka-task ng Departamento sa panukalang ito?

REP. SALCEDA. Gagawa tayo ng isang Departamento na ito na mismo ang mag-i-implement noong apat na thematics na sa ngayon po ay isinasagawa

ng NDRRMC pero ina-assign sa isang komitiba na mayroong lead agent. Halimbawa po, sa disaster prevention, nasa ilalim ito ng DOST; iyong disaster preparedness and response, nasa DILG; at iyong disaster recovery and rehabilitation, under sa NEDA; at iyong relief naman under po ng DSWD.

REP. TY. Opo. Maliwanag po na lahat ng involved about disaster, ito na pong ahensyang ito ang aksyon?

REP. SALCEDA. Tama po.

REP. TY. Puwede po bang malaman kung anu-ano ba ang disasters na inyong tinutukoy para umaksyon itong ahensyang ito?

REP. SALCEDA. Usually po iyong natural disasters dulot ng climate change at pati na iyong geological disasters dulot ng ating lokasyon, iyong ating geography, kung anong klaseng lupa mayroon tayo at ang lokasyon mismo ng atin bansa. Halimbawa, nasa seismic belt tayo, so mas marami pong earthquake. Since nasa Ring of Fire po tayo, may volcanic eruptions. Our interaction with climate change and our geological features, katulad ng mas malalakas na storm surges, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. TY. Opo. Sa pagliliwanag lamang po, ipagpaumanhin ng ating G. Isponsor, Mr. Speaker, kapag sinabi po nating “disaster,” halimbawa may bagyo, ito ay considered to be a disaster and this agency will start to prepare sa pagdating ng bagyo at kung anong mga aksyon ang gagawin nito sa pagdating ng bagyo.

REP. SALCEDA. Hindi po. Ang pinakabuod talaga, iyong pinaka-heart and soul po nito ay risk reduction, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, sa pamamagitan ng mas mabuting Comprehensive Land Use Plan, ika-capacitate nito ang local government units, sa pamamagitan ng pagsasagawa ng Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan at ika-capacitate din nila iyong local government units. Kasama dito ang CCAP o Climate Change Adaptation Plan and, ultimately, the contingency plan.

Sa ngayon, wala masyado, although naka-assign po iyan sa DILG, subalit ang pagbigay ng kapasidad ng technical experts, iyan po ang pinakagagawin. Halimbawa, sa pamamagitan ng mga “no build zone” sila po ang tutulong sa LGU, kagaya siguro ng mga settlement na nasa tabi ng ilog o iyong nasa loob ng permanent danger zone ng isang bulkan tulad sa amin. Samakatuwid, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, ito po talaga iyong pinaka—habang wala pa o kakaunti pa ang disasters o na-exposed sa disaster.

REP. TY. Opo.

REP. SALCEDA. Iyon po talaga ang pinakagagawin ng Departamentong ito.

REP. TY. Ang gusto ko pong malaman ay kung halimbawa nandito na ang bagyo...

REP. SALCEDA. Opo.

REP. TY. ... nandito na po—ano ang trabaho ng Departamentong ito, coordination or ito ba ay may kapasidad na tumulong...

REP. SALCEDA. Binibigyan po sila...

REP. TY. ... magresponde sa mga pangagailangan? Halimbawa, nagkaroon ng baha sa Marikina, mayroon po ba silang kapasidad, equipment to go and i-rescue ang mga nabibiktima nitong mga bagyong ito?

REP. SALCEDA. Mas integrated ang gagawin nito dahil imbes na ikalat po on over various agencies ang proposal ng Kongreso ay bigyan ng sapat na poder, at sana pondo na rin, upang maisagawa nito iyong apat na thematics.

So, kung halimbawa, nandiyan na, siya po ang maghahanda. Kasi, ulitin ko lang po, under Republic Act No. 10121, na base po dito sa bersyon, sa harap natin, hindi ho natin nire-repeal o hindi ho natin tinatangal sa local government units ang kanilang primacy in disaster risk reduction, response, relief and rehabilitation. Subalit nakita natin noong Pepeng and Ondoy, nakita natin noong Sendong, nakita na po natin na na-o-overwhelm po ang local capacity. Iyong puwedeng tumulong mismo, biktima din. Samakatuwid po, ang isa sa pinakamagagawa ng Departamentong ito ay ang pagbibigay po ng surge capacity.

REP. TY. Opo. So, it will augment iyon pong kakulangan ng, halimbawa, ng isang local government unit. Ito po ay national in scope na siya pong darating sa isang lugar na may pangangailangan ng tulong. Ganoon po ba iyon at ...

REP. SALCEDA. Mayroon ...

REP. TY. ... siya ang may dala-dalang sariling mga tao at kagamitan upang matulungan iyong lugar na may pangangailangan noong kanyang tulong?

REP. SALCEDA. Ang proposal po natin dito na inaprubahan po ng tatlong komitiba—Committee on Government Reorganization, Committee on National Defense and Security, at Committee on Appropriations, na ito pong Departamentong ito ay magkakaroon po ng boots on the ground sa pamamagitan po tulad sa Estados Unidos na under po ng FEMA, ang Bureau

of Fire Administration, ang Fire Administration, wala pong Bureau, Fire Administration, na sa halos lahat po ng disaster doon, alam kaagad kung iyan ay baha, forest fire. Agad makikita mo po diyan ang Bureau of Fire. So, gagawin pa rin nila iyong mandato, subalit po, mas i-align natin na habang wala hong sunog, at total ang duty naman po ng Bureau of Fire is iyong mga daily, masasabi nating small disaster like fires, so naka-align po sila sa kakayahan, sa kakailanganin po upang matugunan ito. Mayroon po tayong boots halos po sa lahat ng 1,378 LGUs, pati na po cities, mayroon po tayong Bureau of Fire na puwede po agad mautusan natin o ang kanilang kapit-bayan ay puwedeng mautusan upang sumaklolo o magsagawa po ng rescue kung iyong mismo pong lugar o LGU ay overwhelmed po ng disaster.

REP. TY. Opo. So, liliwanagin ko lang po na, halimbawa, nabanggit po ninyo ang sunog at ang Bureau of Fire ang siyang may karapatan o kayang kapangyarihan na magresponde. Ito po bang Bureau of Fire ay magiging under of this Department or ...

REP. SALCEDA. Yes.

REP. TY. ... nandoon pa din po siya sa Department of Local Government.

REP. SALCEDA. Dito na po, ang panukala po ay ilagay dito.

REP. TY. Okay. Ngayon, ang tanong ko po ay, so sa lahat po ng disaster, if the definition ho ng “disaster” dito, kahit na po nangyari lamang ito sa isang barangay o nangyari, halimbawa, ang tinatawag nating disaster sa isang malaking siyudad, pareho po na ang magresponde po ba dito ay itong Department of Disaster Resilience?

REP. SALCEDA. Unang-una po, ang sinasabi ko ang Republic Act No. 10121, ang primacy po ng response is still with the LGU, subalit titingnan po, halimbawa, kung iyon ang tatamaan, halimbawa, isang lugar, tulad ng Cagayan, ay ihahanda na po ng Department of Disaster Resilience ang necessary assets upang masiguro po ang national goals, which are essentially to minimize damages and, of course, achieve zero casualty during disasters.

So, magkakaroon na po, halimbawa, tayo ng strategically located na mga repacking centers, ng mga silos para magkaroon ng puwede pong umalalay, kasi titingnan ho natin na ang pagbibigay, halimbawa, ng relief, na ngayon po ay nasa LGU, and usually kulang, so tatawag sila sa DSWD.

Ngayon po, ang DSWD ay tumutulong lalung-lalo na sa mahirap. Iyon po ang kanyang mandato. Dito

po, ang Department of Disaster Resilience, ang kanya pong pag-prioritize ay kung sino po ang biktima o ang posibleng biktima ng disaster, kasi may isa pong bagay dito na naiiba. Kinikilala po ng batas na ito ang preemptive evacuation. Wala pang disaster, subalit para po walang mamatay ay inililikas muna po, kahit wala pang bagyo, hindi pa maulan, wala pang hangin, inililikas ninyo na po. So, saan ninyo po ilalagay iyan? Hindi naman puwedeng makatulong ang Department of Social Welfare and Development dahil wala pa nga pong namamatay o wala naman pong nasasaktan. Subalit, kinikilala ng batas na ito ang poder ng Department of Disaster Resilience na magsagawa po o tutulong sa mga LGUs sa pagsasagawa po ng preemptive evacuation na hindi ho, sa ngayon, wala ho sa atin pong mga statutes, although mayroon pong mga tinatawag na Joint Memorandum ang DBM at saka ang DILG na nagbibigay po ng guidance sa mga LGUs kung kailan po puwedeng gamitin ang preemptive evacuation. Sa ngayon po, sila na po ang gagawa noon. Hindi na puwede po iyong, ibig sabihin, ito ay isang harapang pagkilala sa kung ano ang kakailanganin upang iyong ating national goals ay makamit.

REP. TY. Okay. Iyon pong katanungan na kung national po ang kanilang trabaho.

REP. SALCEDA. Opo.

REP. TY. Natural, ito ay magkakaroon po ng plantilla position for all of the needs ng ating pangangailangan ng bawat—mula sa isang napakaliit na bayan, distrito, probinsiya or rehiyon. So, nakasaad po dito sa inyong batas, sa Chapter IV, iyong Organization and Management, ito po ay pinamumunuan ng isang Secretary at—ilan po ba ang tao po rito sa nakasaad po rito? Puwede po bang paki ...

REP. SALCEDA. Saan po?

REP. TY. Dito po sa Chapter IV, iyong Organization and Management.

REP. SALCEDA. Aabot po iyan ng 1,600 po, Your Honor.

REP. TY. Iyon ang total po lahat?

REP. SALCEDA. Opo.

REP. TY. Opo. Hanggang ...

REP. SALCEDA. Sa ngayon po mayroon silang 600...

REP. TY. Okay.

REP. SALCEDA. ...na siya pong umaalalay sa 1,400 LGUs, 81 provinces at 150 cities.

REP. TY. Oho.

REP. SALCEDA. Ewan ko kung ilan ang cities natin ngayon.

REP. TY. Sa kasalukuyan ho ba ay iyon ho ang bilang na pangangailangan kapag itong proposed Bill ay maging batas—iyong 1,000 plus po na binabanggit po ninyo?

REP. SALCEDA. Opo, para magbigay po ng technical advice, supervision, monitoring na ito pong mga LGUs ay sumusunod po sa batas, lalung-lalo na iyong mga batas po na nakapagpabawas ng disaster risk para po mas may kapasidad ang komunidad, para harapin ang disaster risk, at syempre, mabilis na mapanumbalik po ang ekonomiya at ang hanapbuhay po, iyong mga apektado po. So, iyan po talaga ang kanyang gawain.

REP. TY. Opo.

REP. SALCEDA. Halimbawa po, noong panahon ng Yolanda, kailangan tayong humagilap kung sino po ang magpapasunod, sa kung sino po ang magre-rehab. So, kailangan pong bumuo ng OPARR na pinamunuan po ni Senator Lacson. Sa ngayon po, hindi ho na natin kailangan iyon dahil po naatasan ang Departamentong ito na siya po ang magpasimula, mag-implement po, at humanap ng pera para po sa rehabilitation ng isang lugar tulad ng Leyte na siya po ang tinamaan po ng disaster.

REP. TY. Opo. Ang tanong ko lang po pagdating po doon sa Section 17 sa Organizational Structures po natin, pagdating sa letter “d,” iyong 11 Service Directors, hindi po ba ito nauulit lamang doon sa mga functions na ginagawa na po ng mga existing government agencies? Iyong Service Directors, may 11 pong Service Directors ang madadagdag po rito, so maliban po rito ay hanggang sa pinakadulo ng ating mga pinakaprobinsiya, distrito, munisipyo, o hanggang sa barangay ay maglalagay po kayo ngayon ng tao. Hindi po ba ito repetition lamang ng trabaho ng existing government agencies ngayon na siyang nagiging parte noong kanilang trabaho?

REP. SALCEDA. Kasi marami rin pong ginagawa iyong atin pong mga line agencies. Kung minsan po, kailangan po ng disaster management po—halimbawa iyong risk, iyong peligro ay nandiyan na, wala pang trigger. Samakatuwid, Your Honor, kailangan ho natin ng isang continuing, na isang employment of professionals at expertise para po maisagawa ang mga bagay na ito.

Halimbawa po, ang Internal Audit ay lagi naman pong mayroon. Disaster resiliency fund management, pagma-manage po ngayon ng atin pong—wala hong gumagawa niyan kung hindi po ang OCD. Fiscal management, operations, mobilization, plans and programs, legal at iyong 11 Service Directors po ay essentially po ito ay masusi pong napag-aralan kung ito po iyong kakailanganin upang magampanan ng Departamento ang kaniya pong atas dahil kung dati po ang OCD po ay marami po silang isinasagawa, pero wala ho silang tao, subalit po sa ngayon, bibigyan na po natin sila ng tama pong lebel ng staffing pattern at access especially sa talent dito po sa ating bansa. So, kung sa tamang oras po siguro, Your Honor, pero sa pananaw ko ay mukhang wala naman pong duplication kasi...

REP. TY. Opo. Ngayon, ang intention ho nito, sa aking nakikita, is to maximize our resources pagdating po sa disaster resiliency. Ito po ba iyong pakay dito ay to maximize the government's resources para ho pinpointed kung sino ang may obligasyon pagdating ho sa pagtulong...

REP. SALCEDA. Effectiveness po ang mas importante. Effectiveness.

REP. TY. Oho.

REP. SALCEDA. So, ibig sabihin po, kasi ngayon, puwede kang magturuan eh. "Hindi kasi ako binigyan ng budget ng OCD, hindi ako binigyan sa Calamity Fund, naubos na iyong QRF ko." Pero ngayon, may tututok na. "Hoy, ikaw, bayan ka ng Caramoan, may pera ka pa, gamitin mo muna iyan." So, walang ganyang departamento na tumututok po talaga sa kapasidad ng mga LGUs at sa kanilang kakayahan lalung-lalo na sa pinansyal.

Kapag nakita naman po nila na dahil dinaanan na sila ng dating bagyo, so naubos doon iyong kanila pong Quick Response Fund ay puwede po natin itong i-augment o puwede pong i-recommend ng Department of Disaster Resilience na iyong Caramoan ay bigyan po ng dagdag na pondo at mayroon po dito, dahil po ang pagpapatupad noong Republic Act No. 10121 ay marami po ang hindi nakapagpapatupad dahil po sa PS ceiling. Mayroon po ditong dalawa, ini-exempt po ang limang tao sa bawat munisipyo na hindi ho sila bibilangin pagdating po sa pag-compute ng PS ceiling.

Pangalawa, mayroon pong isang pondo para sa Assistance o Adjustment Fund para po sa third- to sixth-class municipalities, cities and provinces. Para kasi alam kaagad natin na kung tatamaan sila, kulang naman iyong pondo nila at hindi nila kakayaning i-sustain iyong mas kakailanganin po na trabaho na iyan. Iyong disaster risk reduction o iyo ngang sabi ko nga kanina,

na pasiguraduhin na huwag mo nang antayin na may bagyo para ilikas—ilipat mo na ng bahay.

So, iyon po ay isang napaka-expensive o mahal at hindi basta-basta po. Lalung-lalo na po ang relokasyon ay isa sa pinakamangyayari o iyong pag-construct po ng evacuation center para po hindi natin masyadong nagagamit ang mga classrooms at nadidistorbo natin iyong mga bata lalung-lalo na at wala nang bagyo, pero nasira po iyong bahay. Samakatuwid po, saan natin patitirahin?

Kasama na po iyan sa mga puwedeng ipasok ng atin pong DDR upang mas maging maayos po, mas orderly and systematic ang resolusyon po natin ng consequences of disaster.

REP. TY. Opo. Isa pa hong nakasaad dito sa pagtatag po ng Ahensyang ito—"upang bumilis ang aksyon." I think iyon ho ang isa sa pangunahing dahilan kung bakit ho itinatag ang Ahensyang ito upang bumilis iyong action dahil nabanggit ho ninyo kanina iyong frustration natin sa pagresponde sa Yolanda at saka sa mga ilang mga lugar natin na tinamaan po ng disaster.

Ang tanong ko po, pagdating po ba dito sa Chapter VI, Whole of Government and Whole of Nation's Approach, there are 47, whether this is agency or presented by a Secretary, hindi ho ba magiging mas tatagal o babagal ang aksiyon natin kapag kailangan po nating magkaroon ng representante ng lahat ng ahensyang ito upang ...

REP. SALCEDA. Policy-making lang naman po sila. Kasi nga po hindi lahat po ng kaalaman lalung-lalo na ang inter-disciplinary, multi-disciplinary, kasama na po ang socio-anthropological, ang hydro-meteorological, lahat po ng sciences, dapat po ay nasa employment po ng—para po tama ang gagawin at hindi po magkakaroon tayo ng mga aksiyon na rumeresulta sa maladaptation. Akala mo nakakatulong ka pero lalo mo palang napapasama iyong estado noong biktima na gusto mong tulungan. Halimbawa, may nangyari po dati sa Aurora, eh in-evacuate nila, so na-evacuate nila sa isang kapilya. Noong pagbuhos po noong landslide, isahan tuloy. So, dahil po iyong mismong pinaglipatan ay talagang prone to disaster then, lalung-lalo na sa disaster risk.

So, mayroon pong mga siyensya, lalung-lalo para sa akin ang socio-anthropological, dahil po kailangan po nating maintindihan kung ano ang pananaw ng mga indibidwal. Para sa akin po sa experience ko sa Albay, isa sa pinakamahirap po iyong alam nila na puputok na ang Mayon pero subalit ayaw nilang umalis kasi ang dahilan ay dito na ako ipinanganak, dito ako lumaki, dito na rin ako mamamatay. Ang tawag po doon ay iyong cultural attribute po ng attachment to place.

Kung iisipin, hindi ko naman po puwedeng bawalan ang Mayon na pumutok, pero po kailangan

ay dapat pong mailikas ko po iyong mga tao, subalit may resistance po. Pero kung maiintindihan ninyo po kung bakit ayaw nilang lumipat, dahil po iyong kanilang aso ay kailangang ilikas din, iyong kanilang mga baboy ay kailangan din ilikas, iyong kanilang kambing, iyong kanila pong damulag, iyong kanila pong baka. So, noong maintindihan po namin iyan, nagkaroon po kami ng malakihan pong animal evacuation center.

Dahil po sa resulta na masasabi natin na nahango po sa experience at iyon po isini-share natin at doon po iyan lalabas either sa Multisectoral Convergence Unit o doon po sa Policy Advisory Board na ang tawag po ngayon iyan po ngayon ang nakikita ninyong pangalan kung saan-saan na nagte-text sa inyo na—NDRRMC.

REP. TY. Opo.

REP. SALCEDA. So, ngayon po iyong NDRRMC will be transformed into what it is. It is a council. It is not an implementing agency.

REP. TY. Opo. Ito ay policy-making body.

REP. SALCEDA. Policy Advisory Board po.

REP. TY. Policy advisory. Ang akin pong pinangangambahan lamang, alam po naman ninyo, Mr. Speaker, G. Isponsor, pareho tayong nanggaling sa private sector. Dati-rati, alam naman po natin na kapag habang dumadami ang ating kinukunsulta, humahaba ho ang diskusyon at sa bandang huli wala ho tayong mararating. Ang akin lang hong pinangangambahan ay sana ay hindi ho maging dahilan itong dami ng siyang magbibigay ng mga proposals nila na wala ho tayong magawang aksyon o magandang kongkretong formula kung papaano ho natin rerespondehan ito hong mga parating o dumating na disaster.

REP. SALCEDA. Kaya nga po makikita ninyo, Your Honor, iyong napakalaking papel na ibinibigay namin sa private sector dito lalung-lalo na po iyong paghango ng kaalaman. Eh kung dati-rati po ay walang pupuntahan, halimbawa iyong mga private volunteers, ngayon po mayroon na po silang sangkalan na kung mayroon silang sa tingin nila makakapagpabilis, eh iisa na lang ang puwedeng kausapin nila. Kung gusto nila na maging isang pormal na panukala, ang kanila po na dapat i-replicate sa buong bansa, puwede silang dumaan sa Multisectoral Convergence Unit at puwedeng iangat po sa tinatawag na natin ngayon na “NDRRMC” na siya po na itinakda ng Republic Act No. 10121.

So hindi, wala hong mawawala kung lahat po ng disiplina—multi-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary—ay

atin pong mapapakinggan, lalung-lalo na sa mga panahon ngayon. Habang hindi ho tayo tinatamaan ng baha, ng pagguho ng lupa, o ng bigla pong pagtaas po ng tubig, ng baha, o ng storm surges, ay mayroon po tayong isang puwedeng maasahan na mag-aaral at hihingi po ng abiso sa lahat po ng various sciences and disciplines na nakapaloob po sa various departments po ng atin pong gobyerno.

So sa pananaw ko, Mr. Speaker, by having one that will essentially consult everyone, sa tingin ko hindi naman ho tama. Baka mangyari nga iyong nangyari sa NFA at saka NFAC na kung saan iyong NFA ay kontra sa mga balak ng NFAC, pero dito po, Advisory Board po siya na puwede siyang magbigay ng recommendation. Pero ang itinakda po, agad-agad, that the primary government agency in leading, organizing, controlling and monitoring the national effort to reduce risks, to respond to risks, to provide relief, and to rehabilitate and to recover ay nandito po sa Department. So, very clear po, hindi po NDRRMC o hindi po isang departamento na marami pong ginagawa. Halimbawa, ang DILG, puwede nating isipin na bakit hindi na lang natin iluklok dito lahat ng functions? Eh sila po ang nagbabantay sa napakaraming LGUs, halos 2,000, at iyong 2,000 pong ito ay nagpapatupad ka ng 11,000 laws—nasa RA ano na ho ba tayo ngayon? Republic Act No. 11109-something na ho tayo ngayon eh. Nasa 11,000 na ho tayo so marami ho silang gagawin.

So, kailangan ho natin ng isa talaga dahil lang po, one, the preponderance of disaster risks in the Philippine milieu. Hindi ho natin kasalanan na tayo ay nasa loob po ng typhoon belt, seismic belt, at Pacific Ring of Fire. Archipelagic tayo kaya ang lupa ay hindi po nakakaipon ng tubig; therefore, tayo po ay at risk of drought. Pagkatapos ay highly urbanized tayo kaya po dito sa Metro Manila, hindi ho naman basta-basta mare-relocate iyan. Kumbaga, tingnan mo pragmatically what to do with Metro Manila. You just have to perfect your evacuation strategy because it will be so expensive if you want to relocate at least four million people who are living in high-danger zones like riverbanks. So, iyan po iyong mga pag-aaral na puwede ho natin siguro mapag-usapan at gawing isang policy action ng atin pong buong Estado.

So, I think, at the end of the day, it is the whole of government, the whole of society, and the whole of the nation that is needed. Although this Department has the role, the mandate, and the duty, nonetheless, it is their duty to consult other disciplines, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TY. I totally agree, Mr. Speaker, sa atin pong Sponsor, na dito sa panukalang Department of Disaster Resilience, ang pangunahing trabaho ay para sa risk reduction. Pagtama ng bagyo ay hangga’t maaari, ...

REP. SALCEDA. Nakalipat na.

REP. TY. ... para less casualty, ilipat na natin ang ating mga mamamayan, pero tinatangap natin na dahil sa kakulangan ng pondo ng ating bansa at sa laki ng pangangailangang pondo para ilipat sila sa mas ligtas na lugar, hindi pa ito nakikita sa mga darating na panahon dahil sa laki ng pangangailangan na pera.

Ang tanong ko lamang ho, under sa Section 10, kung ganoon po kaganda at ganoon kaseryoso ang ating Departamento na itatatag, na maialis natin sila sa isang lugar na delikado, lalung-lalo na kapag paparating na ang mga bagyo o ano pa mang kalamidad, bakit naman po kailangan pa natin lagyan ng “Release from liability in case of refusal of evacuation”?

REP. SALCEDA. Iyan po ay hango po sa isang pangyayari. Noong panahon po ng 2009, pumutok po si Mayon, ako po ang Governor. Iyong mga tao po doon sa isang barangay sa Legazpi, in-evacuate ko, tapos babalik. Siguro ang iba doon, pitong beses kong in-evacuate at bumalik. So, they are putting themselves at risk. This already concerns the rights of the rescuer. So, tumakbo po ako sa CHR, nagkaroon po sila ng Memorandum Order o isang ruling installing or upholding the rights of the rescuer. Kung mayroon naman pong scientific basis, na sinabi na ng PHIVOLCS na malapit na, na ito ay nasa Alert 3 na at maaaring pumutok na sa susunod na ilang linggo, ang gobyerno lalung-lalo ang local government ay may duty na masigurong walang mamamatay dahil doon, lalung-lalo na at may kakayahan naman po iyong LGU. Pero kung halimbawa, hindi sila mag-cooperate kahit ibinigay mo naman ang kailangan, pagdating pa lang nila po doon sa evacuation center, mayroon po doong lahat ng kakailanganin po. Masasabi nating mayroon kaagad silang limang kilong bigas, mayroon po doong health station. In fact, ang experience po ng Albay, mas maganda po ang health outcomes kapag nasa loob po sila ng evacuation centers kasi they are well taken care of by doctors and nurses. Still, the right of the rescuer is upheld, especially kung siya ay nakakasira na sa kapasidad ng isang government entity na ma-rescue iyong iba. Kumbaga, dadagdag ka lang.

Kaya nga po minsan, mayroon kaming mga tinatawag na “strategic stranding.” Ibig sabihin niyan, nakakabuti sa amin na kung ma-stranded kayo, kaysa dumaan kayo po sa isang peligrong kalsada dahil po baha-baha, kung sa gitna noon, pinuwera mo, bigla kang hihingi po ng rescue samantalang sa pananaw namin, base po sa amin pong mga tao sa labas, mayroon pong malalaking portion po ng isang kalsada—halimbawa sa Libon, sa Paclas, o sa Polangui doon po sa Balangibang, alam kaagad namin na kapag may biglang buhos ng ulan, hindi necessarily bagyo, dapat ay agad po kaming magpatupad ng tinatawag naming “strategic stranding.” In other words, Mr. Speaker, iyong duty ng government, especially the general welfare provision, especially the duty of the State to protect people from themselves, no,

from risks, ay sa tingin ko po ay kakailanganin po ito because it essentially upholds the rights of the rescuer.

REP. TY. Dito po ba sa panukalang Departamento na ito, makakasiguro o ginagarantiyahan ba ninyo—dahil ang kadahilanan kung bakit umiiwas na ma-relocate, ma-rescue o madala sa relocation site ay dahil uncomfortable doon sa lugar, at ang binabanggit po ninyo ngayon ay dito sa itatatag na Departamento, mababago lahat iyan, ang sinasabi po ba ninyo, it will become convenient for those people who need to be relocated during an incoming typhoon or any disaster...

REP. SALCEDA. Evacuated—yes, evacuation po.

REP. TY. Evacuation, opo.

REP. SALCEDA. Hindi ko po masu-sure, at isang bagay sana na gusto ko sanang ipasok dito ay iyong universal norm na ang tawag po ay “Sphere Handbook.” Ito ang nagtatakda kung ilang litro ng tubig at ilang kilo po ng pagkain ang ibibigay sa bawat tao. Subalit po, Mr. Speaker, napakamahal po noon at ang gagawin natin, I think, we need to evolve—it can be taken care of in the implementing rules and regulations that the DDR can provide guidance to LGUs with respect, lalung-lalo na, sa pagrespeto sa human dignity ng atin pong internally displaced persons, especially during periods of distress. Samakatuwid, Mr. Speaker, nandoon po iyan sa mga una na mga prinsipyo na halos ang buod po ay that this Department upholds the human dignity of all and that development should proceed in the midst of all the risks. So, nobody should lose his dignity simply because they are victims of disaster.

REP. TY. Well, G. Isponsor, ang tinitingnan ko po dito sa mga nakasaad na probisyon sa inyong panukala ay iyon hong kasiguraduhan na magiging komportable iyon pong ating mga ire-relocate sa mga lugar na temporarily nilang titirhan, sapagkat sa nakikita ko po dito sa ating panukala, sinasagot po iyan noong ating Chapter 21, iyong final provisions po nitong batas na ito under Section 69, Transfer and Attachment na nagsasabing:

(a) The applicable powers, functions, funds, and appropriations of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and the Climate Change Office (CCO), Geo-Hazard Assessment and Engineering Geology Section of Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), Health and Emergency Management Bureau of the Department of Health (DOH), the Disaster Response Assistance and Management Bureau (DREAMB) of the DSWD, and the Bureau of Fire Protection are hereby transferred to the Department.

So, ang aking pananaw, halos kinuha na ho natin iyong pondo ng mga ahensyang iyan para ho sa pagresponde dito. Ibig sabihin, may kaukulang pondo ang Departamentong ito para ayusin iyon hong kanilang trabaho.

REP. SALCEDA. Tama po.

REP. TY. Hindi po ba?

REP. SALCEDA. Ang pinakabuod po na instrumento, kumbaga, mayroon tayong pasyente, kailangan mo ng scalpel, ang pinaka-scalpel po ng DDR is capacity-building. Ang ibig pong sabihin, patuloy po, continuing po ang training, lalung-lalo na ng BFP, para mabigyan po siya ng mas mataas na training dahil talagang kailangang-kailangan nating maghanda para po sa tinatawag—ayokong gumamit ng “Big One,” pero para po sa 7.2, at nakita na natin ngayon, napapaligiran tayo ng 6.8, and it is actually just as disastrous as a 7.2.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is within this context really, when you try to understand and appreciate the interaction between the sciences that are needed by disaster management and its application to pragmatic conditions, makikita po natin na mas kakailanganin po natin ang Department. Otherwise, binigyan natin sila ng pagkadami-daming atas, lalung-lalo na, walang mamatay dahil po sa bagyo. Eh di hindi po natin iaasa sa iba at makikipag-coordinate ka. Kung iisipin ninyo po, Mr. Speaker, ito pong buong batas na ito, in-abolish po namin ang coordination. Ang mayroon po dito ay integration, na ang lahat ng kakailanganin po para magawa ng Departamento—well, they have the duty, they also have the liability kung sakali po na may mangyari. Halimbawa, doon sa Peru, ang kanilang report ay 29 lang ang namatay, pero lumabas po ay halos 2,800 pala dahil nga po hindi masyado o wala hong isang buong plano. Kailangan nating maiwasan iyong ganoong klaseng disaster na mangyari po sa atin.

REP. TY. Tama po, kaya nga po sumasang-ayon po ba kayo na dahil nga po dito sa Chapter 11 ay sapat na pondo ang ibinibigay sa Departamentong ito kaya naman kailangan ay mayroon naman hong kapalit na responsibilidad ...

REP. SALCEDA. Opo.

REP. TY. ... na sisiguraduhin na sa panahon ng pangangailangan, kung darating ang disaster ay matutugunan niya nang mas maayos kumpara sa dati?

REP. SALCEDA. Tama po dahil nga sa ngayon

po, kontrolado niya, under his supervision po. Halimbawa, iyong promotion ng mga taong nandito o iyong paghango, halimbawa, kung may magaling na manggagaling po sa BFP, puwede naman siyang italaga bilang undersecretary without losing his stature as a military uniformed personnel. Hindi ba, ibig sabihin, Mr. Speaker—sorry, I will correct that, kung may magaling doon, puwede natin pong ilagay sa tamang lugar para makatulong po dito. Kasi, conceptually, Mr. Speaker, we can build all of these, grow internally, subalit alam naman natin pagkahirap-hirap po magpa-approve po kahit isa pong posisyon sa DBM. Let us say, kung gusto natin ito ay lumarga, kakailanganin po natin itong mga taong ito, ang kanilang kaalaman, at ang kanilang organizational integrity upang maibigay po, magawa po ng Department of Disaster Resilience, base po sa mga iniaatas natin sa kanila na halos ilang pahinang ito, halos isang tambak na duties na ibinibigay natin sa kanila bilang pagtanggap din po na ang ating kalaban ay lalong naging dambuhala, ang climate change, at mas dambuhala riyan, siguro, the monster is really the complex interaction of climate change with our geological features. Kaya, iyon po talaga ang kinakatakutan ko.

Ngayon, nakikita ninyo na ho siguro na kahit ang bagyo po ay nagre-register sa seismic instruments. Iyong kanila po, sa lakas po ng Mangkhut, iyong kaniya pong lakas, lumalabas po sa seismic instruments. Worried po ako dahil po sa pinanggalingan ng ating lupa dito sa Pilipinas na baka mangyari ulit iyong Yolanda, iyong Pablo, iyong Sendong, iyong Pepe, iyong Ondoy. Iyon po ang ating iniwasan.

Samakatuwid po, tanggap na po natin that climate change is a given. Tanggap po natin that we are highly urbanized at mahirap po talagang mag-relocate. Tanggap po natin na dumarami or marami pa ring mahirap. Tinatanggap po natin iyong iba pang mga risks.

Ano ang sagot diyan? Increase the capacity, so hazard minus capacity, then you would reduce the risk. So, ang ginagawa po nitong Bill na ito is to increase the capacity so you can reduce the risk because hazards are given. Hindi ko po mapapaalis ang Mayon Volcano at papuntahin ko po sa Masbate para po sa halos 50,000 na tao. Noong nakaraan pong Pebrero, umabot po ng 89,000 individuals o halos 24,000 families ang kailangan pong ilikas. Dahil po given ang hazards at mahirap pong i-reduce, ang puwede lang nating gawin, ang option natin is essentially to increase the capacity para po ma-reduce ang risk. Ito po ang DDR, ang sagot po sa mga hazards na given po.

REP. TY. Ito po bang ahensiyang ito is a civilian agency?

REP. SALCEDA. Yes.

REP. TY. Okay po. Ngayon, puwede ho bang paki-explain lang po ang sinasabi under Section 69, and I quote:

(b) The disaster risk reduction and management functions, assets and personnel of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) currently under the DND, are hereby transferred to the Department x x x.

Ano po ba ang ibig sabihin po nito?

REP. SALCEDA. They are civilian.

REP. TY. Ibig sabihin ho, assets, halimbawa...

REP. SALCEDA. Iyong OCD naman po, ang asset lang po niyan ay kotse, computer, at computer system. Wala naman ho silang military hardware. Wala ho silang gamit po na—siguro bumibili sila ng pang-rescue na mga bangka, anong tawag doon, rubber boats. They have PPE, personal protection equipment. So, beyond that, Mr. Speaker, I do not think they have any more than that. Anyway, most of these equipment are given to local government units, to the responding units.

REP. TY. Well, every time there is a disaster-response effort by the Office of Civil Defense, nakikita ko po iyong mga heavy equipment nila roon.

REP. SALCEDA. Call-out po iyon, Mr. Speaker, na nandito rin, na kapag hindi ho kakayanin nila, kasi marami ho tayong—we have almost 150,000 police, we have 135,000 military personnel or almost 300,000 men in uniform. So, Your Honor, ito pong 300,000 pong ito ay puwede ho nating i-call-out para po makapag-provide ng surge capacity lalung-lalo na kung nao-overwhelm po iyong isang LGU, or kung hindi po kinakaya po noong mismong assets po noong mismong sistema ng DDR o ng OCD na binanggit ng Kinatawan.

So, it is there po. The call-out provision is enshrined.

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, may I request for a few minutes suspension because I have an urgent call that I need to—kung maaari lang po, ...

REP. SALCEDA. Opo.

REP. TY. ... mapagbigyan lang po.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. SALCEDA. I need to do something also. Mr. Speaker, one-minute suspension.

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

It was 5:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8165

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8165.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7774 ON SECOND READING

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7774, under the Calendar of Business for the Day, contained in Committee Report No. 754, as reported out by the Committee on Transportation.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). 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. 7774, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS OF PASSENGERS OF TAXIS, TOURIST CAR TRANSPORT SERVICES (TCTS) AND OTHER SIMILAR VEHICLES FOR HIRE (VFH).

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, copies of the Bill have been previously distributed to the Members. I move that one of the authors of the said Bill, the Hon. Estrellita B. Suansing of Nueva Ecija, be recognized to sponsor the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Suansing is recognized for her sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. SUANSING (E.)

REP. SUANSING (E.). Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, and the honorable Members of this estimable assembly.

The following bills: House Bill No. 106, introduced by Rep. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan M.D., entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TAXI PASSENGERS’ RIGHTS; House Bill No. 296, introduced by Reps. Horacio P. Suansing Jr. and yours truly, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TAXI PASSENGERS’ RIGHTS; House Bill No. 758, introduced by former Representative and now Undersecretary of the Department of Justice Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDIING FOR THE REGULATION OF ACTIVITIES OF TAXI DRIVERS AND OPERATORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; and House Bill No. 4433, introduced by Rep. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III, entitled: AN ACT PENALIZING THE CHARGING OF TAXI FARES WHICH ARE HIGHER THAN THE OFFICIAL RATES, THE FAILURE TO USE THE TAXI METERS, OR THE REFUSAL TO CARRY TAXI PASSENGERS, WITHOUT CAUSE, TO THEIR PLACES OF DESTINATION, have all been consolidated to become House Bill No. 7774, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS OF PASSENGERS OF TAXIS, TOURIST CAR TRANSPORT SERVICES (TCTS) AND OTHER SIMILAR VEHICLES FOR HIRE (VFH), last May 23, 2018.

I come before you now to sponsor consolidated House Bill No. 7774. Its main objective is to constitute a uniform transportation service standard that shall address the basic rights of the taxi, TCTS and VFH passengers. It has long been overdue, that we professionalize and mandate a code of conduct for our transport service drivers that will not only earn the respect and trust of our traveling public but foreign visitors as well. Some of the key provisions of this Bill are: that it requires only a duly licensed professional driver that is duly certified by the Driver’s Academy of the LTFRB to drive a taxi; and that all licensed vehicles to be operated as taxis, to be clean, safe, smoke and foul odor-free and roadworthy. Other provisions also require that the taxi passengers

be served by a driver that is properly dressed; that the driver, after having been flagged down or engaged, cannot refuse to transport any passenger without good reason; that the passenger pay the rate or fare exactly as posted in the meter; that the passenger be given the exact amount of change; that the passenger be issued a proper receipt; that the passenger can refuse multiple hiring especially for taxis; that the passenger decide on the orientation of air conditioning and lighting systems inside the covered vehicle; and other such enumerated passenger rights that are guaranteed by this Bill.

The Bill also provides for penalties and fines against violators of this Act and such fines may be increased by the LTFRB once every five years which amount shall not be more than 10 percent of the amount it seeks to increase.

The late Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago, the pillar of fortitude and integrity in government service, particularly in the legislature, had always been my guiding star and beacon on this Bill. She always inspired me to focus on solutions that would benefit the common man. When this Bill becomes a law, it should be able to quell all the complaints against erring taxi drivers and other passenger service drivers whom we have been hearing about for years on end.

Hence, Ladies and Gentlemen, your urgent concurrence is now needed to pass this Bill for the sake of our riding public.

Thank you very much and good afternoon to all.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF H.B. NO. 7774

REP. NOGRALES (J). Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 7774.

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

The consideration of House Bill No. 7774 is hereby suspended.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J). Mr. Speaker, I move for a few minutes suspension of the session.

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

The session is suspended.

It was 5:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:43 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7774

Continuation

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 7774, as contained in Committee Report No. 754, and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Secretary General is so directed.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7774, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS OF PASSENGERS OF TAXIS, TOURIST CAR TRANSPORT SERVICES (TCTS) AND OTHER SIMILAR VEHICLES FOR HIRE (VFH).

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that it is in the period of sponsorship and debate. And for that reason, we move to recognize the Sponsor of the measure, the Honorable Suansing.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Suansing is recognized.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mr. Speaker, I am ready to accept questions.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate the honorable Sponsor or speak against the Bill, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there

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

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

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

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

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7774 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). All those in favor of House Bill No. 7774, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). All those against, please say *nay*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7774 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 7774 is now approved on Second Reading. (*Applause*)

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The session suspended.

It was 5:49 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, at this juncture, I move that we acknowledge the presence of some guests in the House of Representatives, namely: the Local Officials of the municipality of Manolo Fortich of the province of Bukidnon. They are the guests of the Hon. Maria Lourdes Acosta-Alba, led by Melba Batoon, Mary Jane Guilayan, Floramae Penaso, Virgie Payanan and company.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Guests of the Honorable Acosta-Alba, we welcome you to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). We also would like to move that we welcome to the House of Representatives the guests of Cong. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan: Police Provincial Director of Davao Occidental, Lt. Col. Thor Cuyos; DILG Provincial Director Debbie Torres; Provincial Board Member Allan Colina; Provincial Social Welfare Officer Estherlita Hermosisima; Head Executive Assistant Mariviv F. Hubac; and other district staff.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Guests of the Honorable Bautista-Bandigan, we welcome you to the House of Representatives.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, we would also like to welcome the guests of Cong. Corazon Nuñez-Malanyaon, led by Yvette C. Tolentino Sunga, Ressa Mae Cubelo, Marlyn M. Casibua, Police Superintendent Archie P. Zozobrado and Captain Rayboy Ibanes of the 701st Brigade.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Guests of the Honorable Malanyaon, we welcome you to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move for a few minutes suspension of the session.

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

The session is suspended.

It was 5:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JOURNALS

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the approval of Journal No. 18, dated September 11, 2018, for one amendment.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, the amendment is on page 13 of the said Journal. What is reflected there under the Committee on Ways and Means as Vice Chairperson is Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua vice Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing. I move that the same be amended to read, "Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua vice Rep. JOCELYN SY LIMKAICHONG."

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. NOEL. Likewise, Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the approval of Journal No. 17, dated September 10, 2018, for some amendments.

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

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we attach as an annex to Journal No. 17 the names of Members who voted on House Bill No. 8083.

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

REP. NOEL. And on the said annex, Mr. Speaker, I move that we correct the same to reflect the vote of the Hon. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc as an AFFIRMATIVE and the vote of the Hon. Vilma Santos-Recto as a NEGATIVE for the said measure.

Also, that the said annex should now reflect the number of affirmative votes as 188 and the number of negative votes as 15 with the abstention of 3.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there

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

APPROVAL OF JOURNALS,
AS AMENDED

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 17, as amended.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; Journal No. 17, as amended, is approved.

REP. NOEL. Likewise, Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 18, as amended.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; Journal No. 18, as amended, is approved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move for a few minutes suspension of the session.

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

It was 6:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:07 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

RESCISSION OF APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7436
ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, Mr. Speaker, relative to House Bill No. 7436, which we have previously approved on Third Reading and is now in the Conference Committee, with leave of the House, I move that we rescind the approval of the said Bill and that we will no longer pursue its passage.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO COMMITTEES

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, on the part of the

Majority, I move for the election of the following Members to various Committees:

The Majority Leader read the names of the House Members elected to the various Committees, per Journal No. 19, dated September 12, 2018.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales, as member

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Evelina G. Escudero, as member

COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., as additional member

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
BASES CONVERSION

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., as additional member

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Arthur C. Yap, as member

COMMITTEE ON
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, as amended.

COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., as additional member

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, as member

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Ron P. Salo, as member

COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas, as member

COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Ron P. Salo, as member

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, as member

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Rogelio J. Espina MD, as member

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, as member

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas, as member

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Rep. Emmanuel F. Madrona vice Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., as member

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., as additional member

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Arthur C. Yap, as member

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas, as member

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas, as member

MOTION TO DECLARE VACANT POSITIONS IN CERTAIN COMMITTEES

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we declare vacant the position of member no. 2 in the Committee on Labor and Employment.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we declare vacant the position of members no. 35 and no. 40 in the Committee on Accounts.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA

Rep. Gil “Kabarangay” P. Acosta, as member no. 2

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

Rep. Gil “Kabarangay” P. Acosta, as member no. 4

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

Rep. Benjamin C. Agarao Jr., as member no. 2

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Rep. Benjamin C. Agarao Jr., as member no. 6

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Michelle M. Antonio, as member no. 8

COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr., as member no. 3, and
Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe, as member no. 6

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BICOL RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr., as member no. 3

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
GLOBALIZATION AND WTO

Rep. Peter John D. Calderon, as member no. 4

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Rep. Wilfredo S. Caminero, as member no. 4

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama, as member no. 4

COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES
DEVELOPMENT

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama, as member no. 3, and
Rep. Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, as member
no. 5

COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama, as member no. 6

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, as member
no. 10

COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

Rep. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, as member no. 7

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

Rep. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, as member no. 7

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr., as member no. 3

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, as member no. 4.

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, as member no. 2

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza, as member no. 3

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza, as member no.7

COMMITTEE ON MINDANAO AFFAIRS

Rep. Evelyn P. Mellana, as member no. 7

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Rep. Frederick W. Siao, as member no. 3, and
Rep. Evelyn P. Mellana, as member no. 6

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Rep. Evelyn P. Mellana, as member no. 6

COMMITTEE ON BANKS
AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Rep. Strike B. Revilla, as member no. 5

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE,
RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan, as member no. 4

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta, as member no. 8

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Rep. Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez, as member
no. 2

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan, as Vice Chairperson

WITHDRAWAL OF REP. PLAZA’S ELECTION
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to
withdraw the election to the Committee on Accounts of
Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza, as member no. 7.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move for a few minutes
suspension of the session.

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

It was 6:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, at this juncture, I move that we recognize the Dep. Minority Leader, Rep. Antonio M. Bravo PhD, for a few manifestations.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Bravo is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. BRAVO (A.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the part of the Minority, may I move for the election of the following Members to various Committees:

The Deputy Minority Leader, Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, read the names of the House Members elected to the various Committees, per Journal No. 19, dated September 12, 2018.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

Rep. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay, as member
Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe, as member

COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Rep. Arlene B. Arcillas, as member
I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J.) Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

It was 6:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:23 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until ten o'clock in the morning, Monday, September 17.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The session is adjourned until September 17, 2018, Monday, at ten o'clock in the morning.

It was 6:24 p.m.