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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez called the session to order.

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

Everybody will please rise for the Invocation to be led by Rep. Ria Christina G. Fariñas of the First District, Ilocos Norte.

Everybody rose for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. FARIÑAS, RIA. Let us all bow our heads and place ourselves in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, bring a spirit of unity to our Congress, but only for compromises that promote Your goodness and not damaging agendas. Let wisdom and integrity reign in our lives. Keep our goals simple to give birth to ideas or laws that will keep our country safe, protect the weak, heal the broken, and encourage every person to attain his full potential. Protect us and our families. Remind us of our accountability not only to the ones we serve, but always to You. May Your word become the truth and guide for all decisions. Thank you for giving us strong leaders in the House who will stay the course and work tirelessly to foster peace, fairness and justice for all.

Lastly, we pray for the province of Batanes. Lord, mend broken lives caused by the heart-rending earthquakes, and pour mercy and grace into their hearts. May their spirits never falter as they work in rebuilding their community.

In Jesus' name, amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Please remain standing for the singing of the National Anthem.

Everybody remained standing for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

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

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker, I move to defer the calling of the roll.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker, I also move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 1976, entitled:

“AN ACT UNIFYING ALL EXISTING AGRICULTURAL CREDIT PROGRAMS FOR THE FARMERS, FISHERFOLK AND MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs) ENGAGED

IN AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES, CREATING THE FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK QUICK CREDIT PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (ACAP), AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SECTORS”

By Representative Abellanosa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1977, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING PERSONNEL”

By Representative Bordado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1978, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES”

By Representative Bordado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 1979, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE ILIGAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PALA-O ANNEX (ICNHS – PALA-O ANNEX) FROM ITS MOTHER OR ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL, THE ILIGAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (ICNHS), AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PALA-O NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (PNHS) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1980, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TOMAS CABILI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – STA. ELENA ANNEX (TCNHS – STA. ELENA ANNEX) FROM ITS MOTHER OR ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL, THE TOMAS CABILI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (TCNHS), AND

CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE STA. ELENA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (SENHS) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1981, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ILIGAN CITY NATIONAL SCHOOL OF FISHERIES (ICNSF) INTO THE ILIGAN CITY POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE (ICPSC) DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1982, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE THE OPERATIONAL SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER POLICE UNITS ASSIGNED OR STATIONED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990’ ”

By Representative Siao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1983, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE ACELO BADELLES MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL – ABUNO ANNEX (ABMHS – ABUNO ANNEX) FROM ITS MOTHER OR ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL, THE ACELO BADELLES MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL (ABMHS), AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE ABUNO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (ANHS) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1984, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE ILIGAN CITY EAST NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SANTIAGO

ANNEX (ICENHS – SANTIAGO ANNEX) FROM ITS MOTHER OR ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL, THE ILIGAN CITY EAST NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (ICENHS), AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SANTIAGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (SNHS) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1985, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE ILIGAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TAMBACAN ANNEX (ICNHS – TAMBACAN ANNEX) FROM ITS MOTHER OR ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL, THE ILIGAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (ICNHS), AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TAMBACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (TNHS) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1986, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN ILIGAN CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILIGAN CITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1987, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE DRIVING AND ESTABLISH FAIR ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ROAD SAFETY INCIDENTS AND VIOLATIONS OF TRAFFIC LAWS AND REGULATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1988, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE ILIGAN CITY WATERFALLS AND RIVER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL WATERFALLS, RIVERS, RIVER

BASINS, RIVER SYSTEMS, AND NATURAL WATERWAYS WITHIN THE CITY’S JURISDICTION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 1989, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING ILIGAN CITY AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 1990, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING OPERATORS OF AMUSEMENT OR THEME PARKS AND ADVENTURE OR EXTREME SPORTS FACILITIES TO INSTITUTIONALIZE SAFETY MEASURES AND SECURE COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THEIR CLIENTS”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 1991, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO PROVIDE FIELD OFFICES FOR THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION SUPERVISOR AND ELECTION REGISTRAR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 55 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 1992, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO 19”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1993, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING SWIMMING AS A SUBJECT IN THE K-12 BASIC EDUCATION

CURRICULUM AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE OVERALL STRATEGY TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DEATH FROM DROWNING DURING NATURAL CALAMITIES OR RECREATIONAL AQUATIC ACTIVITIES”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1994, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE CITY OF ILIGAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1995, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR OVERLOADING PASSENGERS IN PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE’ ”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1996, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SIARGAO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A LEVEL 2 GENERAL HOSPITAL AND INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIFTY (50) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1997, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF YOUNG FARMERS”

By Representative De Venecia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1998, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF FILM AND TELEVISION TOURISM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative De Venecia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1999, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8370, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CHILDREN’S TELEVISION ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representative De Venecia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2000, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE WELFAREVILLE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG OPEN FOR DISPOSITION TO BONA FIDE RESIDENTS WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (Neptali)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2001, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 2002, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE LABOR FORCE COMPETENCIES COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM, AND ESTABLISHING FREE ACCESS TO TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2003, entitled:

“AN ACT ENCOURAGING VOLUNTEERISM DURING EMERGENCIES BY PROTECTING VOLUNTEERS FROM LIABILITY”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 2004, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY OF ITS RETAINED HOSPITALS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

OF INFANT-FRIENDLY FACILITIES IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND MAJOR ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2005, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2010, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE INTO THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2011, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF REGULATION AND REDUCE REGULATORY BURDEN THROUGH THE CREATION OF A GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY OFFICE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2006, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF EXTENDING NO-COLLATERAL, LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO GRADUATES OF ANY COURSE OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS AUTHORITY OR DULY ACCREDITED LEARNING INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2012, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING RURAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING FOR AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY WITHIN THREE YEARS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2007, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BREASTFEEDING CENTER IN EVERY BARANGAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2013, entitled:

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

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2008, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SPORTS VARSITY TEAMS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2014, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING JOB PLACEMENT OFFICES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE CAREER SERVICES TO THE YOUTH”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2009, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION

House Bill No. 2015, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE PHILIPPINE FILM INDUSTRY THROUGH AN ANNUAL FILM QUOTA AND OTHER SUPPORT MEASURES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2016, 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 CORRECTION (BUCOR) WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2017, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PROVISION OF EXCLUSIVE PARKING SPACE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND PENALIZING THE UNAUTHORIZED USE THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 344, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ACCESSIBILITY LAW”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 2018, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CINEMATHEQUE IN EVERY REGION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2019, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION AND INCENTIVES FOR FREELANCE WORKERS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2020, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE MAINSTREAM USE OF ELECTRIC, HYBRID AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2021, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE MANDATORY GUIDELINES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2022, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO COVERED EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2023, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ALLOCATE ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THEIR INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT (IRA) FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND 1% OF IRA FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2024, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING EMPLOYEES THREE DAYS PAID LEAVE TO ATTEND SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THEIR CHILDREN”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2025, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR WORKERS, ENTERPRISES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY AND INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR RECOGNITION, INTEGRATION, AND TRANSITION

TO THE FORMAL ECONOMY, FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fernandez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2026, entitled:

“AN ACT RE-IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2027, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM SALARIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND AUGMENTING THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2028, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SALARY GRADE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO SALARY GRADE 18, AND FROM SALARY GRADE 1 TO SALARY GRADE 9 RESPECTIVELY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2029, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SALARY STEP INCREMENT FOR TEACHERS WITH SPECIALIZATION IN SCIENCE AND/OR MATHEMATICS”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2030, entitled:

“AN ACT ENCOURAGING YOUTH SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE A LINGKOD KABATAAN SA AGRIKULTURA PROGRAM AND A LINGKOD KABATAAN SA AGRIKULTURA TRUST FUND, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2031, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF REDISTRIBUTING AND RECYCLING FOOD WASTE TO PROMOTE FOOD SECURITY”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 2032, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FREE PARKING PRIVILEGE TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’ AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY’ ”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 2033, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE OF KASAMBAHAYS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SEC. 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10361, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ‘DOMESTIC WORKERS ACT’ OR ‘BATAS KASAMBAHAY’ ”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2034, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO AWARD GRANTS FOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ALZHEIMER’S PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2035, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY OF HEAD TEACHER IN PROPORTION TO THEIR FUNCTION AND IN RELATION TO THE Payscale OF TEACHERS PROVIDED BY LAW”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2036, entitled:

“AN ACT ENCOURAGING VOLUNTEERISM DURING EMERGENCIES BY PROTECTING VOLUNTEERS FROM LIABILITY”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S
PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 2037, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES TO INDICATE THE BLOOD
TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE
IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES
AND LICENSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2038, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A MAGNA CARTA
FOR THE BENEFICIARIES OF HOUSING
PROGRAMS OF THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2039, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
INTEGRATION AND MAINSTREAMING
OF CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
AND ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY'S
NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2040, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK FOR THE SAFE
OPERATIONS OF THE LIQUEFIED
PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) INDUSTRY,
DELINEATING THE POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES, DEFINING AND PENALIZING
CERTAIN ACTS”

By Representative Albano (Rodolfo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND
THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2041, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT
OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2042, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE

REVITALIZATION AND ADVANCEMENT
OF ORIGINAL FILIPINO MUSIC AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2043, entitled:

“AN ACT PREVENTING DRUG OVERDOSE
RELATED DEATHS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2044, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING LOCAL ARTS AND
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY BY
PROVIDING THE LOCAL MOVIE AND
FILM INDUSTRY CORPORATE TAX
BREAKS AND EXEMPTING VENUE
OPERATORS FROM THE PAYMENT OF
AMUSEMENT TAX WHEN SHOWING
LOCALLY PRODUCED FILMS AND
MUSIC EVENTS FEATURING FILIPINO
ARTISTS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2045, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REVISED
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM,
CLARIFYING THE STANDARDS FOR
TRAINING AND ENGAGEMENT OF
APPRENTICES AND ACCREDITATION
OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS,
REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE
CHAPTERS I AND II OF TITLE II, BOOK
II OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442,
AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2046, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING DANGEROUS DRUGS
COURTS TO STRICTLY ENFORCE THE
PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9165
OR THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS
DRUGS ACT OF 2002 AND TO EFFECT A
REDUCTION OF DRUG-RELATED CASES,
DECLOGGING OF THE SAME COURT'S
DOCKETS, AND STREAMLINING THE
FIVE PILLARS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

House Bill No. 2047, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PROTECTION OF
WHISTLEBLOWERS ENSURING THEIR
SAFETY AND WELFARE AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2048, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING OPERATORS OF
PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES IN METRO
MANILA TO INSTALL CLOSED CIRCUIT
TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN THEIR
BUSES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2049, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A SYSTEM OF
EFFECTIVE FUND ADMINISTRATION OF
CASH DONATIONS OR HUMANITARIAN
AID FROM LOCAL OR FOREIGN DONORS
AND SPONSORS DURING NATURAL
OR MAN-MADE DISASTERS, CRISES,
TRAGEDIES, OR EMERGENCIES AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER
MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 2050, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%)
FARE DISCOUNT TO EVERY BONAFIDE
STUDENT ON TRANSPORTATION
FARES/RATES CHARGED BY TAXIS,
SUVs, JEEPNEYS, BUSES, LIGHT RAIL
TRANSITS, METRO RAIL TRANSITS OR
SIMILAR LAND TRANSPORT SYSTEMS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2051, entitled:

“AN ACT DIRECTING DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION TO INSTITUTIONALIZE
A STUDENT’S GRIEVANCE ACT
MECHANISM TO CUSHION OFF
ARBITRARY/ADVERSE DISCIPLINARY
CASES AFFECTING GRADUATING

STUDENTS IN PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL
SYSTEMS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2052, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OCCUPATIONAL
SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
(OSHA) UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT THEREBY
IMPOSING CRIMINAL PENALTIES AGAINST
VIOLATIONS OF THE 1978 OCCUPATIONAL
SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2053, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE TO ADOPT
A STRATEGIC POLICY AGAINST
CRIMINALS RIDING IN TANDEM
ON MOTORCYCLES THEREBY
RATIONALIZING MORE AGGRESSIVE
INTERDICTION OPERATIONS AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2054, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS
TO CHILDREN OF PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES (PWDs) AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2055, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING GRAND MALLS
IN THE METROPOLIS TO PROVIDE
‘FREE INTERNET ACCESS OR SERVICE’
TO SHOPPERS AND CUSTOMERS
THROUGHOUT THE TIME OF THEIR
BUSINESS HOURS AND PROVIDING
GUIDELINES THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2056, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE AGRITOURISM IN

THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Espino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2057, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LOCATED IN ANGELESCITY, PAMPANGA AS DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT”

By Representative Gonzales (Aurelio)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2058, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INCOME CLASSIFICATION OF PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villa
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2059, 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 Villa
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2060, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villa
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2061, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF LAWANGBATOTOPUNTURIN-BIGNAY ROAD IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2062, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF SAN SIMON ROAD, DALANDANAN, IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2063, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF DANKARITON ROAD, DALANDANAN, IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2064, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF L. SAN DIEGO ROAD, CANUMAY, IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2065, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO HOSPITAL FACILITIES OF THE PHILIPPINE CHILDREN’S MEDICAL CENTER, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1631, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2066, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2067, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS,

DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE
ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2068, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING LAND, AIR, AND SEA
TRANSPORT PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE
PRIORITY SEATING FOR THE ELDERLY,
FURTHER AMENDING FOR THIS
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257
AND 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZEN’S ACT OF
2010’ ”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS

House Bill No. 2069, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING BIBLE READING
MANDATORY IN ALL PUBLIC
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2070, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING CHURCH MINISTERS,
PRIESTS, RABBIS AND IMAMS FROM
SECURING GOVERNMENT LICENSE
TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE, FURTHER
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ACT NO. 3815
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED
PENAL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ACT
NO. 3753, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL
REGISTRAR, AND NATIONAL STATISTICS
OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE”

By Representative Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 2071, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING BIBLES AND OTHER
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND CERTAIN
MERCHANDISE FROM TAXES, DUTIES,
FEES AND OTHER CHARGES, EXEMPTING
CHURCHES FROM THE REQUIREMENT

OF TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES IN
AVAILING TAX EXEMPTIONS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 2072, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE
EAR, NOSE AND THROAT (ENT)
CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2073, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING SEAFARERS WHO
SUFFER SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH,
AND THEIR FAMILIES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2074, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING OVERLOADING
OF PASSENGERS IN PUBLIC UTILITY
VEHICLES (PUVs), IMPOSING PENALTIES
FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2075, entitled:

“AN ACT TO RECRUIT, HIRE, AND
TRAIN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL-
BASED GUIDANCE COUNSELORS,
PSYCHOLOGISTS, SCHOOL SOCIAL
WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH
PERSONNEL”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2076, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7719, AN ACT PROMOTING VOLUNTARY
BLOOD DONATION, PROVIDING FOR AN
ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SAFE BLOOD,
REGULATING BLOOD BANKS, AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
THEREOF, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICES ACT OF
1994, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2077, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL CENTER FOR INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RELATING TO ALL TYPES OF FAMILY RESOURCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2078, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE REWARDS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 32 OF RA 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL

REP. SUAREZ (D.). I move that we suspend the consideration of the Reference of Business and proceed to the roll call for today.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). 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. 4, dated July 29, 2019.**

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Hernandez relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 251 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 251 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, with us today are the guests of our dear colleagues. May we acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the guests of the Hon. Hector S. Sanchez from the Lone District of Catanduanes: Mr. Sun Peng and Mr. Andy Lu from Beijing, China; Mr. Hua Chong and Mr. Lau Kok Hui of the Singapore Management Consultancy; Mr. Raphael-Javier Eubra, Mr. Alvin Kor, Mr. Thomas Chong, Mr. William Cheah; and Mr. Jose Luis Goncha of Opus Energy Solutions Incorporated, together with Atty. Raul Angeles of the Board of Investments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Rep. Hector S. Sanchez from the Lone District of Catanduanes, welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). May we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, Representative of the First District of Bulacan: the delegates from DepEd Malolos, Bulacan, namely: Merlina Cruz, Zurex Bacay, Fatima Punongbayan, Cynthia Briones, Cecilia Chang, Danilo Fajardo, Nora Lising, Antonio Isidro, Carmelita De Guzman, Edna Diaz, Natalia Guevara, Juanito Cabigao, Consorcia Gregorio, Dulce Camaya, Anna Dominique Guison, Giselle Sacha Dela Cruz, Herald Marson Tolentino, Donna Belle Bautista and Engr. Angelina Alcaraz.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). To the guests of Representative Sy-Alvarado of the First District of Bulacan, welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Also, Mr. Speaker, we have here with us the guests of the Hon. Arlene D. Brosas from the Party-List Gabriela. They are from Gabriela Women’s Party, Marikina Chapter; Gabriela Women’s Party, Brgy. Batasan Chapter; Gabriela Women’s Party, Brgy. Payatas Chapter; Gabriela Women’s Party, Brgy. Holy Spirit Chapter; Gabriela Women’s Party, Tondo Chapter; and Gabriela Women’s Party, Navotas Chapter.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). To the guests of Representative Brosas of Gabriela Women’s Party-List, welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Also with us are the guests of the Hon. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles of the PBA Party-List. They are Jeremy Randell Go, Reimon Retaga, Valiant Pera, Jerick Galiza, Robert Jan Mari Faundo, Chris Vincent Dalatan, Jhon Kenneth Aljard, Jeson Rey Cantos, Pruvil Bermudez, Kenneth De Vega, Rocky Antonares, Johnny Galabin, Chrismon Aquino, Julius C'zar Fabian, Vinny Dale Begaso and Eirene Leigh Tinsay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). To the guests of Rep. Jericho Jonas "Koko" Nograles of PBA Party-List, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

We also have here with us the guests of TINGOG SINIRANGAN Party-List of the Hon. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez from the Department of Agriculture-Region VIII, namely: Dir. Milo Delos Reyes, Dir. Juan Albaladejo, Engr. Fernando Conde, Ms. Arsenia Canillas and Mr. Rodel Macapañas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). To the guests of Rep. Yedda Marie Romualdez of TINGOG SINIRANGAN Party-List, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Last but not the least, Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. from the Third District of Camarines Sur. They are the barangay officials from Brgy. La Purisima, Pili, Camarines Sur, namely: Sandy Bicaldo, Punong Barangay; Leo Llonosa, Brgy. Kagawad; Rodel Tuazon, Brgy. Kagawad; Hilda Ayen, Brgy. Kagawad; Armand Masaga, Brgy. Kagawad; Evelyn Nupia, Brgy. Kagawad; Marilou Bergantín, Brgy. Kagawad; Sofronio Valiente, Brgy. Kagawad; Jonas Dela Rama, SK Chairman; Rosie Camano, Barangay Treasurer; and Ryan Ledesma, Barangay Secretary. Also with them are Junna Masaga, Gina Gastardo and Alvin Soreta, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Rep. Gabriel Bordado from the Third District of Camarines Sur, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker, I would move that we continue with the Reference of Business.

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to continue reading the Reference of Business.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

House Bill No. 2079, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE YOUTH IN ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL IN ALL LEVELS"

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2080, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM FOR THE PREVENTION, EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND INTERVENTION OF HEARING LOSS AMONG CHILDREN"

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2081, 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. 2082, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9372, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO SECURE THE STATE AND PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM TERRORISM' "

By Representative Nograles (Jericho)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2083, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOL PRODUCTS, HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 141, 142, 143, 144(B), 144(C), 147 AND 150 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2084, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5, 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 117, 119, 203, 204, 222, 237, 237-A, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 275, 282, 290 AND ADDING SECTIONS 6-A AND A NEW TITLE XIII UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2085, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN REAL PROPERTY VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, REORGANIZING THE BUREAU OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 2086, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 42, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 73, 108, 121, 122, 123, 174, 176, 179, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 195, 198, AND 199; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 127, 175, 177, 178, 180, 192, AND 193; ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2087, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077 MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2088, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF SLAIN JUDGES, JUSTICES AND OTHER JUDICIARY OFFICIALS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2089, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE HONORARIUM AND CHRISTMAS BONUS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND GRANTING A LUMP SUM GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2090, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES ON THE OFFENSE OF STEALING OR VANDALIZING GOVERNMENT ROAD SIGNS AND OTHER WARNING DEVICES, ACCESSORIES, AND OTHER FACILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2091, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN METRO MANILA, METRO CEBU, METRO DAVAO AND OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES BY REQUIRING A PROOF-OF-PARKING SPACE OR FACILITY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE BUYERS AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND REGISTRATION WITH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2092, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING

FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES', AND FURTHER AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED PENAL CODE,' AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002' "

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2093, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTING THE CITIZEN SERVICE TRAINING COURSE, ESTABLISHING THE CITIZEN SERVICE CORPS, CREATING THE CITIZEN SERVICE MOBILIZATION COMMISSION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2094, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING JOB PLACEMENT OFFICES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE CAREER SERVICES TO THE YOUTH"

By Representative Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2095, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE TINAKAYANAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Espino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2096, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE MOUNT ZION PILGRIM PARK AND BASAY FALLS BOTH LOCATED IN BRGY. LAGUIT PADILLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUGALLON, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS ECOTOURISM ZONES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Espino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2097, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE LIMAHONG

CHANNEL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Espino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2098, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING "KWEBANG HAPON" LOCATED IN BARANGAY MANLOCBOC IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGUILAR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Espino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2099, entitled:

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

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2100, entitled:

"AN ACT WITHHOLDING OPERATIONAL FUNDS OF UNITS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES IMPLICATED IN GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS"

By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2101, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT 6426, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES" "

By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 2102, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE HIRING OF TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR THROUGH CONTRACTS OF SERVICE OR JOB ORDERS"

By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2103, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 20 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS’ DAY”
By Representative Malapitan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2104, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN CALOOCAN CITY–NORTH, TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP)– CALOOCAN CITY– NORTH CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUND THEREFOR”
By Representative Malapitan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2105, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AS THE FARM TOURISM DESTINATION CAPITAL OF BOHOL”
By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2106, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2107, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 26 EVERY YEAR AS PHILIPPINE ISRAELI FRIENDSHIP DAY”
By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2108, entitled:
“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PROMOTION OF RESEARCH WORK ALONG SCIENTIFIC

LINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2109, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOHOL–LEYTE LINK BRIDGE CONNECTING THE ISLANDS OF BOHOL AND LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2110, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE BRIDGE CONNECTING THE PROVINCES OF BOHOL AND CEBU, FROM BARANGAY TAYTAY, MUNICIPALITY OF GETAFE, PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO BARANGAY ALEGRIA, MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BOHOL–CEBU MULTI-ACCESS FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2111, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING THE CHOCOLATE HILLS AS NATIONAL PATRIMONY NATURAL HERITAGE PARK AND GEOLOGICAL MONUMENTS PENALIZING THEIR PILLAGE, DESTRUCTION AND DEFACEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2112, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE UBAY AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT TO ACCOMMODATE COMMERCIAL DOMESTIC AND AVIATION TRAINING FLIGHTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2113, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CENTRAL VISAYAS COCONUT SEED PRODUCTION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2114, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SEVEN (7)-YEAR TAX FREE INCENTIVE FOR PLANTATION IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LANDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2115, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION (TER) GUINDULMAN-ANDA-CANDIJAY ROAD AND CANDIJAY-MABINI-UBAY ROAD FROM PROVINCIAL TO NATIONAL ROADS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2116, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING PASAY CITY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL – TRAMO CAMPUS IN BARANGAY 57, TRAMO, PASAY CITY FROM PASAY CITY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PASAY CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calixto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2117, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF VISITS TO HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES AS PART OF THE OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10066, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT OF 2009’ ”

By Representative Garcia (Jose Enrique)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2118, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING ALL FORMS OF MEDIA IDENTITY THEFT, ANY PERSON CREATING, PRETENDING AND STEALING THE IDENTITY OF ANOTHER PERSON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2119, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF URBAN FARMING IN THE METROPOLITAN REGIONS TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY CONCERNS, ESTABLISHING ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 2120, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THAT CHRONIC DIALYSIS PATIENTS (CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE) BE GIVEN THE SAME PRIVILEGES AS PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2121, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY STRENGTHENING, EMPOWERING AND ENHANCING THE FINANCING PROGRAMS FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA CARTA FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs)’ ”

By Representatives Romero and Pineda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2122, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF CALAMBA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH

(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chipeco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2123, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF EMPLOYERS IN POSTING NOTICES OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES IN NEWSPAPERS, SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION VENUES”

By Representative Chipeco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2124, entitled:

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

By Representative Chipeco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2125, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE IMPOSITION OF FEES FOR THE USE OF PARKING SPACES AND/OR FACILITIES PROVIDED BY OR LOCATED WITHIN SHOPPING MALLS, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREOF FOR VIOLATIONS”

By Representative Marcoleta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2126, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING AND ESTABLISHING PERTINENT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PHILIPPINE TOURISM INDUSTRY”

By Representative Torres-Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2127, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9593, KNOWN AS THE ‘TOURISM ACT OF 2009,’ REDIRECTING TIEZA’S FISCAL CONTRIBUTION TO CHED TO CREATE THE NATIONAL TOURISM TRAINING AND MANPOWER PROGRAM”

By Representative Torres-Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2128, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE TOURISM RESILIENCY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA) AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Torres-Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2129, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING MANDATORY THE NUMBERING OF DWELLING UNITS AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Torres-Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2130, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPROVING THE INCENTIVES OF TOURISM ENTERPRISE ZONES AND REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS IN THE INCENTIVE SCHEMES, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE TOURISM ACT OF 2009’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Torres-Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2131, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF AIRLINE PASSENGERS AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2132, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SPECIFIC EMERGENCY POWERS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE METRO MANILA GRIDLOCK”

By Representative Castelo

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N
T R A N S P O R T A T I O N

House Bill No. 2133, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT AS DISTINCT AND SEPARATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N G O V E R N M E N T
R E O R G A N I Z A T I O N A N D T H E C O M M I T T E E
O N D I S A S T E R M A N A G E M E N T

House Bill No. 2134, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THAT AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%) OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED LANDS TO BE SOLD, ALIENATED OR OTHERWISE ENCUMBERED FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, BE SEGREGATED FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS”

By Representative Castelo

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N H O U S I N G A N D
U R B A N D E V E L O P M E N T

House Bill No. 2135, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING EARTHQUAKE DRILLS IN ALL WORKPLACES AND SCHOOLS THEREBY MAKING THEM AN ANNUAL OBSERVATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N D I S A S T E R
M A N A G E M E N T

House Bill No. 2136, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTERS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N B A S I C E D U C A T I O N
A N D C U L T U R E

House Bill No. 2137, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN INCREASE IN RETIREMENT PAY OF ALL CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N
A P P R O P R I A T I O N S

House Bill No. 2138, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE REWARDS FOR WORK THROUGH ‘PATHWAYS-TO-HOUSING SCHEMES’ ENCOURAGING THEREBY THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ADOPT THIS INITIATIVE INTO THEIR CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY”

By Representative Castelo

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N H O U S I N G A N D
U R B A N D E V E L O P M E N T

House Bill No. 2139, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN SERVICE PROGRAM FOR DESERVING STUDENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N H I G H E R A N D
T E C H N I C A L E D U C A T I O N

House Bill No. 2140, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STRICTER REGULATIONS IN THE PACKAGING, USE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND ADVERTISEMENTS OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9211, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003’”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N H E A L T H A N D T H E
C O M M I T T E E O N T R A D E A N D I N D U S T R Y

House Bill No. 2141, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE METROPOLITAN MANILA COUNCIL IN FORMULATING POLICIES, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND IN ENACTING ORDINANCES FOR METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7924, ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT CREATING THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Fernando

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N M E T R O M A N I L A
D E V E L O P M E N T

House Bill No. 2142, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MR. JUSTIN DONTA BROWNLEE”

By Representatives Romero and Pineda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2143, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING ALL FORMS OF
FAKE/FALSE NEWS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2144, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 2145, entitled:

“AN ACT ORDAINING THE PROMOTION OF
SOCIAL ENTERPRISES TO ALLEVIATE
POVERTY, ESTABLISHING FOR THE
PURPOSE THE POVERTY REDUCTION
THROUGH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(PRESENT) PROGRAM AND PROVIDING
INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY
ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 2146, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MALA SALOG,
MUNICIPALITY OF SAPAD, PROVINCE
OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN
AS THE MALA SALOG NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and
Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2147, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY OLD
POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF POONA
PIAGAPO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL
NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE OLD
POBLACION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and
Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2148, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TAMBACON,
MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY,
PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE TAMBACON NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and
Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2149, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN MANUEL,
MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE
OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN
AS THE SAN MANUEL NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and
Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2150, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
DARUMAWANG ILAYA, MUNICIPALITY
OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL
NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
DARUMAWANG ILAYA NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and
Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2151, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAHAYAGAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN,
PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE KAHAYAGAN NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and
Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2152, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL

HIGHWAY FROM THE JUNCTION OF LINAMON – ZAMBOANGA ROAD AT BARANGAY PIGCARANGAN THROUGH SITIO BUCANA, SITIO LAMAK, SITIO ALOHA, BARANGAY SAGADAN, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD THROUGH BARANGAY SAGADAN BAROY, BARANGAY BAROY DAKU, TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROY THROUGH BARANGAY RAW-AN, BARANGAY GUMAGAMOT, BARANGAY CAMALAN, BARANGAY PACITA, BARANGAY DARUMAWANG MATAMPAY, BARANGAY DARUMAWANG ILLAYA, BARANGAY EL SALVADOR, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, THROUGH BARANGAY CONCEPCION, AND THE JUNCTION OF LINAMON – ZAMBOANGA NATIONAL ROAD AT BARANGAY LAPINIGIN, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2153, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS – LANA DEL NORTE”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2154, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION OF LANA DEL NORTE INTERIOR CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD AT BARANGAY POBLACION, THROUGH BARANGAY LEMONCRET, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY, TO BARANGAY SAN MANUEL, MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, TO BARANGAYS PANSILAN AND KATIPUNAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAPAD, TO BARANGAYS MAHAYAHAY, BEL-IS, MALINAS, SITTIO DAO, BUTADON, BANSARVIL, AND TIPOLO, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN, TO BARANGAY CALUBE, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, TO BARANGAY LANTUNGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF AURORA, PROVINCE

OF LANA DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD TO BE KNOWN AS ILIGAN – AURORA BY-PASS ROAD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2155, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE KAPATAGAN VALLEY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2156, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAHAYAHAY, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAHAYAHAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2157, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SUSO, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SUSO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2158, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY REBE, MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE REBE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2159, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY UPPER STA. CRUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE UPPER STA. CRUZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2160, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAMPO 3, MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAMPO 3 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2161, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY INUDARAN I (ONE), MUNICIPALITY OF SAPAD, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE INUDARAN I (ONE) NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2162, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CRAB HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF MUD CRABS IN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY NAAWAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2163, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS SYSTEM”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Abdullah) and Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2164, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE OBSERVANCE OF 23 NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS DAY TO END IMPUNITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate and Gaité
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 2165, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE OBSERVANCE OF 29 NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS DAY”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate and Gaité
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 2166, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS BUY PINOY, BUILD PINOY MONTH TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO PRIORITIZE THE PURCHASE AND UTILIZATION OF FILIPINO PRODUCTS, LABOR AND SERVICES”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2167, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND OTHER PHOBIAS ON PERSONS WITH DIVERSE SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION (SOGIE)”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 2168, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL CAMPUS FREEDOM DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2169, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 7 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE FOUNDING OF THE KATIPUNAN”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2170, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION DAY IN COMMEMORATION OF NATIONAL ARTIST FOR FILM LINO BROCKA”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2171, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING ANDRES BONIFACIO AS THE NATIONAL HERO”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2172, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE ECONOMIC REGULATION OF WATER UTILITIES, CREATING THE WATER REGULATORY COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2173, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF DAY CARE WORKERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF
CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2174, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING POSITIVE AND NONVIOLENT DISCIPLINE, PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM PHYSICAL, HUMILIATING OR DEGRADING ACTS AS A FORM OF PUNISHMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF
CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2175, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abellanosa
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2176, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 THEREBY INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS BY ANOTHER TWO YEARS THEREBY MAKING FIVE (5) YEARS THEIR TERM OF OFFICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2177, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWANCES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, GRANTING HONORARIA AND OTHER BENEFITS TO BARANGAY TANODS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2178, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING AN INCREASE ON THE ALLOWANCE OF ALL BARANGAY LUPON, BSDO, AND BARANGAY STAFF WHO HAVE SERVED FOR ONE (1) TERM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2179, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE RISE EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PREDA), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING

FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2180, entitled:

“AN ACT INCORPORATING SCAM PREVENTION EDUCATION IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2181, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE SPORTS CURRICULUM OF THE GENERAL VITO BELARMINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Reyes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2182, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS, STRUCTURE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2183, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR URBAN AND COUNTRYSIDE GREENING IN THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH MANDATORY TREE PLANTING AND ADOPTION OF A FOREST SANCTUARY BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 2184, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE A LOW CARBON ECONOMY ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE EMISSION CAP-AND-TRADE SYSTEM IN THE INDUSTRY SECTOR TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND PROTECT THE CLIMATE”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Bill No. 2185, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INTEGRATION AND MAINSTREAMING OF CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY’S NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2186, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF REDISTRIBUTING AND RECYCLING FOOD WASTE TO PROMOTE FOOD SECURITY”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 2187, entitled:

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

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2188, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A ‘FREE-USE POLICY’ FOR ANCILLARY SERVICE LIKE TOILETS OR RESTROOMS IN MALLS, SHOPPING CENTERS, AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS AND PRESCRIBING FINES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2189, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND OTHER SIMILAR BUSINESSES TO DONATE TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS ANY AND ALL UNSOLD FOOD AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 2190, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION, RECONSTITUTION AND RECOVERY OF REAL PROPERTIES REFERRED TO UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9207 AT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER (NGC) LAND AND HOUSING PROJECT SITES IN BARANGAYS COMMONWEALTH, HOLY SPIRIT, BATASAN HILLS AND PAYATAS IN QUEZON CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING AND COMPLETING THE DISPOSITION OF HOMELOTS, SOCIALIZED HOUSING UNITS AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES THEREON IN FAVOR OF THE QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2191, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING LIBRARIES IN ALL YOUTH DETENTION FACILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2192, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THEREBY INSTITUTIONALIZING A COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION PLAN THROUGH A WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY APPROACH WITH PHIVOLCS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS LEAD AGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. SUAREZ (D.). I move that we suspend the consideration of the Reference of Business to acknowledge the presence of guests of our colleagues in the House of Representatives.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). May we acknowledge the presence of the guest of the honorable Cong. Enrico A. Pineda of 1-PACMAN Party-List, the world-renowned, multi-awarded composer and singer, and Board Member, Mr. Lito Camo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guest of Rep. Enrico Pineda of 1-PACMAN Party-List, welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, we have as guests of our Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano, the members of the League of Political Officers of the Philippines: Cyrill Aborde, President; Rico Sancap, EVP; Carlos Maceda, Secretary General; Romy Morelos, Treasurer; Bai Sandra Hayre, VP for Mindanao; Mayor Ferwin Mabulo; Bernard Reyes; Cliff Richard Rico; Arnel Pimentel; Niño Mercado; Renz Marcelo; Rolly Guiam; Jonjon Manongson; Donita Tapay; Rande Vega; Amrrodin Atar; Sorjel Aborde; Anselmo “Boy” Diwa; Ronie Orillosa; Edwin Murcia; John Marchan; and Liz Charan, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of the honorable Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano of the Republic of the Philippines, welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Last but not the least, Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of our dear Deputy Speaker from the province of Batangas: Brgy. Capt. Junar Cabrera, Brgy. Calumpang East, San Luis, Batangas; Brgy. Capt. Lovet Lacanlalay, Brgy. Tejero, San Luis, Batangas; and Brgy. Capt. Alfred Garcia, Brgy. San Antonio, San Luis, Batangas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Sa mga

panauhin po ng inyong lingkod na Kinatawan mula sa Ikalawang Distrito ng Lalawigan ng Batangas, mabuhay po kayo! Welcome sa House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of the Reference of Business for today.

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

The Secretary General will please continue reading the Reference of Business.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

House Bill No. 2193, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE BOUNDARY SYSTEM IN THE BUS AND JEEPNEY OPERATION, REGULATING INTO EIGHT (8) HOURS THEIR OPERATION PER DRIVER AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2194, entitled:

“AN ACT INCLUDING ACTS COMMITTED ON ACCOUNT OF ROAD RAGE IN THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2195, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE JOB AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING TO YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED JUVENILE DELINQUENTS OR JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2196, entitled:

“AN ACT DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN METHODS OF DETECTING THE USE OF PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING DRUGS BY ATHLETES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2197, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS, THEREBY CREATING A CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2198, 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. 2199, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE ACT OF MONEY LENDING WITH INTEREST BY SALARY DISBURSING OFFICERS IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR

VIOLATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2200, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2201, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, INTEGRATING MODERNIZATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2202, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CONFERMENT OF A DOCTORATE DEGREE AS EQUIVALENT TO ENTRY LEVEL CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE OFFICER (CESO VI) IN THE CIVIL SERVICE”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2203, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SPREAD OF ONLINE VIRAL CHALLENGE THAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE MORAL, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2204, entitled:

“AN ACT COMPILING THE TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES INTO AN OFFICIAL ‘RULES OF THE ROAD HANDBOOK’ ”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2205, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL OPERATORS, FRANCHISE HOLDERS, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS OF MASS TRANSPORT PASSENGER TRAINS AND LIGHT RAIL SERVICES TO ACQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE RIDING PUBLIC”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2206, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Aragones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2207, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2208, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CREATION OF A LOCAL POPULATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS”

By Representative Aragones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2209, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING AND RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF LILIW IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AS THE ‘TSINELAS CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Aragones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2210, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY RA 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’ ”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS

House Bill No. 2211, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION
ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION
OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION
(SOGIE) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
THEREFOR”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND
GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 2212, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING SENIOR CITIZEN
FROM VIOLENCE, DEFINING ELDER
ABUSE, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES
THEREFOR”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS

House Bill No. 2213, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE STANDARD
FOR THE PRACTICE OF REHABILITATION
MEDICINE AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2214, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS,
HOSPITALS, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS
AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS
TO PROVIDE FREE PARKING SPACES FOR
BICYCLES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Reyes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2215, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A SOCIALIZED
MICROFINANCING PROGRAM FOR
MICRO ENTERPRISES THEREBY
PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MICRO, SMALL AND
MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2216, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF

OVERSEAS WORKERS, RATIONALIZING
THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS
OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RELATED
TO OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE
ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2217, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD,
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2218, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 11 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS
NORTE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF FORMER
PRESIDENT FERDINAND EDRALIN
MARCOS, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘PRESIDENT
FERDINAND EDRALIN MARCOS DAY’ ”

By Representative Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2219, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING AND REGULATING
THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES AS PUBLIC
UTILITY VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR
THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2220, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL
ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN
THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE,
CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE
ILOCOS NORTE SPECIAL ECONOMIC
ZONE AND FREEPORT AUTHORITY,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Barba

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2221, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS REGULAR HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY FERDINAND MAGELLAN IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON APRIL 27, 1521 TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU DAY OR ADLAW NI LAPU-LAPU, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11040”

By Representative Radaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2222, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO LAPU-LAPU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT”

By Representative Radaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2223, entitled:

“AN ACT RECTIFYING THE DISHONORABLE USE OF A GREAT FILIPINO NAME LAPU-LAPU TO A FISH SPECIES ‘PLECTROPOMUS LEOPARDUS’”

By Representative Radaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2224, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) – FRIENDLY AND SAFE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL
SERVICES

House Bill No. 2225, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL TO QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 537 AND 6548”

By Representative Crisologo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2226, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SALARY GRADE OF TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO 19, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Crisologo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2227, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CRUSADERS BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8091”

By Representative Crisologo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 2228, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANPOWER LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, SIARGAO ISLAND, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO, SURIGAO DEL NORTE TESDA TRAINING CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2229, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SUYANGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY SUYANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. LUNA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SUYANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2230, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CONSUELO ANNEX IN BARANGAY CONSUELO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. LUNA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN

INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CONSUELO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2231, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION SONGKOY, TO BARANGAY SERING ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO ANATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2232, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION NUEVA ESTRELLA, BARANGAY NUEVA ESTRELLA TO BARANGAY SALUG ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO ANATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2233, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY CONSUELO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. LUNA TO BARANGAY SALVACION, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2234, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION BARANGAY CONSUELO TO BARANGAYS CORAZON, STA. CRUZ, STA. FE, LIBERTAD, CABITONAN AND CATANGNAN, ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. LUNA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2235, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION BARANGAY ROXAS, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO TO BARANGAYS MABINI, LIBERTAD, BAILAN AND T. ARLAN, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MONICA, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2236, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY ROXAS, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO TO BARANGAYS NUEVO CAMPO AND TALISAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN BENITO, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2237, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY TUBURAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN TO BARANGAY MAASIN, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2238, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO PREGNANT WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 2239, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION

OF WHISTLEBLOWERS ENSURING THEIR SECURITY AND PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR THEIR WELFARE”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2240, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF WORKERS IN INFORMAL ECONOMY INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2241, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL (PSHS) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DARAGA, PROVINCE OF ALBAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2242, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING THE MINIMUM HEIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICANTS TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP)”

By Representative Garcia (Pablo John)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2243, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL (IGACOS) AND CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, RESPECTIVELY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Dujali
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2244, entitled:

“AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE FACILITIES,

EQUIPMENT AND MANPOWER COMPLEMENT OF THE BICOL MEDICAL CENTER (BMC) IN NAGA CITY, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2245, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POLICIES FOR THE FORMULATION OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY FOR THE PHILIPPINES TO 2050, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2246, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE POSTURE PROGRAM REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 415 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2247, entitled:

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NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 352, AS
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1965, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabochan
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By Representative Cabochan
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House Bill No. 2251, entitled:

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EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS FOR MEMBERS
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THE RESERVED FORCE OF THE ARMED
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By Representative Vargas Alfonso
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House Bill No. 2257, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CULIPAPA
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SANGKE
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FROM THE CULIPAPA NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO
AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS VICENTE Z.
BADON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
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House Bill No. 2252, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION
FROM INCOME TAX TO PUBLIC SCHOOL
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By Representative Alvarez (Genaro)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
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By Representative Cabochan
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House Bill No. 2253, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PRE-
SCHOOL EDUCATION, INCREASING
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“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BULWANGAN
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TALACAGAY
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MUNICIPALITY OF HINOBA-AN,
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
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HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO
AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS JAMES R.
BILBAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
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By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
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House Bill No. 2254, entitled:

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By Representative Alvarez (Genaro)
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AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2259, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE FLORENTINO GALANG, SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ORONG ANNEX IN BARANGAY ORONG, CITY OF KABANKALAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM THE FLORENTINO GALANG, SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ORONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Alvarez (Genaro)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
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House Bill No. 2260, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE FLORENTINO GALANG, SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CAMINGAWAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY CAMINGAWAN, CITY OF KABANKALAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM THE FLORENTINO GALANG, SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CAMINGAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Alvarez (Genaro)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
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House Bill No. 2261, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GIL MONTILLA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CAMINDANGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY CAMINDANGAN, CITY OF SIPALAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM THE GIL MONTILLA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CAMINDANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Alvarez (Genaro)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
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House Bill No. 2262, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGIME OF COMPLETE SEPARATION OF PROPERTY

AS THE GOVERNING REGIME IN THE ABSENCE OF A MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT OR WHEN THE REGIME AGREED UPON IS VOID, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 75 AND 147 OF TITLE IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
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House Bill No. 2263, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING ABSOLUTE DIVORCE AND DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2264, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP OF COUPLES, PROVIDING FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS”

By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND
GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 2265, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF HYBRID NATIONAL, LOCAL AND ARMM ELECTIONS, THROUGH MANUAL VOTING AND COUNTING AT THE PRECINCT LEVEL, AND AUTOMATED TRANSMISSION AND CANVASSING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2266, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING ELECTRONIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9262, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN ACT OF 2004’ ”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND
GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 2267, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MT. MAYAPAY IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUENAVISTA, AGUSAN DEL NORTE, AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fortun

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2268, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PREVENT AND CONTROL POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, PROVIDE PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fortun

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2269, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE LAND AREA REQUIREMENT FOR THE CREATION OF A PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 461 (B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’ ”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2270, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TOURISM CARRYING CAPACITY STANDARDS IN THE COUNTRY, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF”

By Representative Tutor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2271, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS (LDCs) BY THREEFOLDING ITS REPRESENTATION, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tutor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2272, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT

OF WATER, IRRIGATION, SEWAGE AND SANITATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2273, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Guico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2274, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 10121, BY TRANSFERRING THE POWER TO DECLARE A STATE OF CALAMITY IN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT TO THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE”

By Representative Garcia (Pablo John)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2275, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 7166 TO MAKE ELECTION EXPENSE LIMITATIONS MORE REASONABLE BY PERIODICALLY ADJUSTING THEM FOR INFLATION”

By Representative Garcia (Pablo John)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2276, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (Aurelio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2277, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE,

IMPORTATION, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, USE, ADVERTISEMENT, PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (Jose Enrique)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2278, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING THE DISSEMINATION OF FALSE OR MANIPULATED INFORMATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (Jose Enrique)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2279, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM”

By Representative Acosta-Alba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2280, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WORKERS”

By Representative Acosta-Alba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2281, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING, PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES CONSERVED AREAS AND TERRITORIES, ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL ICCA REGISTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Acosta-Alba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 2282, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING AND STRENGTHENING ALTERNATIVE CARE

OF CHILDREN, PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO AGENCIES PROVIDING THE SAME”

By Representative Acosta-Alba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2283, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE LANA O DEL NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN ALL THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Khalid) and Dimaporo (Abdullah)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 2284, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA, CREATING THE LANA O DEL NORTE TOURISM COUNCIL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Khalid) and Dimaporo (Abdullah)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2285, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING CULTURAL SENSITIVITY TO FILIPINO MUSLIMS ESPECIALLY FOR THE TREATMENT OF MUSLIM WOMEN BY PROHIBITING RESTRICTIONS IN THE USE OF TRADITIONAL FORMS OF ATTIRE BY MUSLIM WOMEN IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Khalid) and Dimaporo (Abdullah)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2286, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE SEATS OF TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD AND CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA

BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION
ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Khalid) and
Dimaporo (Abdullah)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2287, entitled:

“AN ACT RECONSTITUTING THE LANA
DEL NORTE ENGINEERING DISTRICT
OFFICES IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA
DEL NORTE INTO TWO (2) REGULAR
DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES TO
BE KNOWN AS THE LANA DEL NORTE
FIRST ENGINEERING DISTRICT AND
THE LANA DEL NORTE SECOND
DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE TO
BE BASED IN THE FIRST AND SECOND
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF LANA
DEL NORTE, RESPECTIVELY, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Khalid) and
Dimaporo (Abdullah)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2288, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL
EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND
ACCREDITATION CENTER IN BRGY.
POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD,
PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE”

By Representatives Dimaporo (Khalid) and
Dimaporo (Abdullah)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2289, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LANA
DEL NORTE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL,
LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BAROY, LANA DEL NORTE INTO A
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TO BE
KNOWN AS THE LANA DEL NORTE
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2290, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR
OF THE LAND MANAGEMENT BUREAU
TO SUBDIVIDE THE LANDS WITHIN
MILITARY RESERVATIONS IN MARAWI

CITY BELONGING TO THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES WHICH ARE NO
LONGER NEEDED FOR MILITARY
PURPOSES, AND TO DISPOSE OF THE
SAME BY SALE OR TRANSFER, SUBJECT
TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2291, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING SUPERMARKETS,
MEAT SHOPS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
MARKETS IN METROPOLITAN AND
URBAN AREAS AND SUCH AREAS WITH
SIGNIFICANT MUSLIM POPULATION IN
THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, TO SEGREGATE
NON-PORK MEAT PRODUCTS FROM
PORK PRODUCTS AND ITS DERIVATIVES
OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING PORK
OR ANY OF ITS DERIVATIVES”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2292, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MAN-MADE
LAKE AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN
BALO-I, LANA DEL NORTE PROVINCE
AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2293, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PAGAYAWAN
FALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED
IN BACOLOD, LANA DEL NORTE
PROVINCE AS A TOURIST SPOT AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2294, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MIGHTY CAVE
PARK AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED
IN TAGOLOAN, LANA DEL NORTE
PROVINCE AS AN ECOTOURISM
ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2295, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TINAGO
FALLS AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED

IN LINAMON, LANA O DEL NORTE PROVINCE AS A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2296, entitled:

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

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2297, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY IN PREVENTING TEENAGE PREGNANCIES, INSTITUTIONALIZING SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR TEENAGE PARENTS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2298, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997, EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM TO COVER BARANGAY OFFICIALS”

By Representative Dy (Faustino Inno)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2299, entitled:

“AN ACT STRICTLY IMPLEMENTING A SET OF SIMPLE RULES TO PROPERLY PASS A CYCLIST CONSISTENT WITH ‘SHARE THE ROAD’ CAMPAIGN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2300, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS AS INTER-AGENCY STRUCTURE TO UNDERTAKE REGULATORY REVIEW AND TAKE CHARGE OF ALL REGULATORY AFFAIRS OF SMALL, MEDIUM, AND LARGE BUSINESS,

ENTERPRISE OR ACTIVITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2301, entitled:

“AN ACT CONSTITUTING THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA), OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AND COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF CONGRESS INTO A TRIPARTITE BODY TO BE KNOWN AS THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL TO PERFORM IDENTIFIED TASKS ENABLING GOVERNMENT TO EFFECTIVELY RUN AFTER CORRUPT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND HOLD THEM TO ACCOUNT FOR EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

House Bill No. 2302, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE-ONLINE LEARNING SYSTEM FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND FIRST TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2303, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD REQUIRING REAR UNDERRIDE PREVENTION GUARD FOR TRUCKS, TRAILERS, AND SIMILAR LARGE VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2304, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING LICENSE AND CLEARANCE FROM PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION FOR THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY AND OPERATION OF OPTICAL SHOPS, RESPECTIVELY AND THE SAME TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2305, entitled:

“AN ACT CRIMINALIZING RECKLESS
DRIVING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
FOR THE COMMISSION THEREOF AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
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House Bill No. 2306, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE QUEZON CITY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)
TRAINING CENTER AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2307, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTER IN
QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2308, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TERMINAL
FEES ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL
TEACHERS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2309, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING MALASAKIT
CENTERS TO COMPLEMENT THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 11223 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
‘UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT’ BY
REQUIRING PHILHEALTH TO ESTABLISH,
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN MALASAKIT
CENTERS IN ALL DOH, LGU, SUC AND
DND HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2310, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL

CANCER CONTROL COMMITTEE,
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE
CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL
PROGRAM, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2311, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING ALL PUBLIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES
AND INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY
PROVIDERS FROM IMPOSING
AN EXPIRATION PERIOD ON THE
VALIDITY OF PREPAID LOAD CREDITS
AND THEIR FORFEITURE”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2312, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ERADICATE MOBILE PHONE-
AIDED TERRORISM AND CRIMINAL
ACTIVITIES MANDATING FOR THIS
PURPOSE OWNERSHIP REGISTRATION
OF ALL PRE-PAID SIM CARDS FOR
CELLULAR PHONES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2313, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS
PERMIT AND LICENSING OFFICE IN
EVERY CITY OR MUNICIPALITY IN THE
COUNTRY”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2314, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SANTOS
ENCARNACION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AS A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2315, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING R.A. 7170, OR OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE ‘ORGAN DONATION ACT
OF 1991, AND IMPLEMENTING A SYSTEM
OF DEEMED CONSENT”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2316, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE WORDS ‘MUSLIM’ AND ‘CHRISTIAN’ IN MASS MEDIA TO DESCRIBE ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OF OR CONVICTED FOR HAVING COMMITTED CRIMINAL OR UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF”

By Representative Balindong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2317, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, RATIONALIZING THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RELATED TO MIGRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzalez (Carlo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2318, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzalez (Carlo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2319, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (DOFW), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Yap (Eric), Tulfo and Taturan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2320, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE TO BE MANAGED BY THE FILM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Torres-Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2321, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED SIX TWENTY-SEVEN (R. A. NO. 10627), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ANTI-BULLYING ACT OF 2013’”

By Representative Torres-Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2322, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10871, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT REQUIRING BASIC EDUCATION STUDENTS TO UNDERGO CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Torres-Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2323, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE AND MANAGEMENT POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Torres-Gomez
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 2324, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BICOL BROADCASTING SYSTEMS, INC. (UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8092 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE BICOL BROADCASTING SYSTEMS, INC. (BBSI) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN REGION V’) – FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Fortuno
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 2325, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5487, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2326, entitled:
“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PLUMBING ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2327, entitled:
“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION IN THE FORM OF SPECIAL ALLOWANCES FOR JUSTICES, JUDGES AND ALL OTHER POSITIONS IN THE JUDICIARY WITH THE EQUIVALENT RANK OF JUSTICES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS AND JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT”
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2328, entitled:
“AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CIVIL ACTION FOR A MINOR INJURED BY EXPOSURE TO AN ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCT CONTAINING MATERIAL THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS”
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2329, entitled:
“AN ACT PENALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A ‘NO PERMIT, NO EXAM POLICY’ OR ANY SUCH POLICY THAT PROHIBITS STUDENTS IN ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM TAKING THEIR PERIODIC, PRELIMS, MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAMINATIONS DUE TO UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES”
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2330, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2331, entitled:
“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF STALKING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE SAME”
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2332, entitled:
“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PUNONG BARANGAY AND THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL MAYOR TO REMOVE ILLEGAL DWELLING UNITS OR STRUCTURES FROM DANGER AREAS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THEIR LOCALITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 30 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992’ ”
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2333, entitled:
“AN ACT PROHIBITING TRICYCLES TO PLY ALONG THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2334, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE RAINFED AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE (PhilRAI) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2335, entitled:
“AN ACT ADDRESSING THE SYSTEM OF PROSTITUTION, IMPOSING PENALTIES ON ITS PERPETRATORS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ITS VICTIMS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 202 AND 341 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2336, entitled:
“AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC OFFICIALS

AND EMPLOYEES TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN PERMISSION OR WAIVER IN FAVOR OF THE OMBUDSMAN TO LOOK INTO ALL DEPOSITS OF WHATEVER NATURE WITH BANKS OR BANKING INSTITUTIONS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING INVESTMENT BONDS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 2337, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 544, AS AMENDED, OR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING LAW”

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

House Bill No. 2338, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING POLES, POLE ATTACHMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2339, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 47 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2340, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE VETERINARY QUARANTINE SERVICES OF THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2341, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUMMARY TITLING OF REAL PROPERTIES USED AS PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2342, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BROADCAST MEDIA TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PUBLIC SERVICE TIME TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO REACH THE POPULATION AND EDUCATE THE PEOPLE ON IMPORTANT PUBLIC ISSUES RELATIVE TO HEALTH, ROAD AND TRAFFIC DISCIPLINE, PUBLIC SAFETY, GOOD VALUES, WELFARE RIGHTS AND BENEFITS, AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2343, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS”

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

House Bill No. 2344, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING LONGEVITY SERVICE INCENTIVE (LSI) BENEFIT TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS EXCLUDING THOSE FROM STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2345, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING SECTION 24, ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION ON THE DISMANTLING OF PRIVATE ARMIES AND OTHER PRIVATE ARMED GROUPS NOT RECOGNIZED BY DULY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2346, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5921, THE PHARMACY LAW, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2347, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7309, ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT CREATING A BOARD OF CLAIMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF UNJUST IMPRISONMENT OR DETENTION AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2348, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION FOR LEASE ON REGISTERED LANDS”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2349, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING AND STRENGTHENING ALTERNATIVE CARE OF CHILDREN, PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO AGENCIES PROVIDING THE SAME”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2350, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING AND EXPEDITING THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT PROCESS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT’ ”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2351, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTY LOWER THAN THAT PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CRIMINAL CASES, WHERE THE CIVIL CASE IS SETTLED THROUGH OR BY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9285”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2352, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING AUTOMATIC PROMOTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES UPON RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2353, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE USE OF PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS FOR COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2354, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9298, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE ACCOUNTANCY ACT OF 2004”

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

House Bill No. 2355, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2356, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE USE OF COMMUNITY TAX CERTIFICATE AND THE POWER TO LEVY COMMUNITY TAX REPEALING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2357, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5180, AS AMENDED, ‘AN ACT PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION BY PROVINCIAL AND CITY FISCALS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS, AND BY STATE ATTORNEYS OR THEIR ASSISTANTS’ ”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2358, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING ALL ROADS LEADING TO TOURIST DESTINATIONS AND PORTS AS NATIONAL ROADS”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2359, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE STANDARD OF PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE WELFARE OF SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS AND CRAFTSMEN AND THE PROMOTION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8282 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2360, entitled:

“AN ACT GOVERNING THE SYSTEM OF PRESCHOOL EDUCATION BY PRESCRIBING STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS OF PRESCHOOL FACILITIES AND SERVICES”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2361, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO GOLD LABEL BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8087 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING TO THE GOLD LABEL BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN DUMAGUETE AND OTHER AREAS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO WHERE FREQUENCIES AND/OR CHANNELS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Sagarbarria
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 2362, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9287 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL NUMBERS GAMES, AMENDING

CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1602, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’, AND STRENGTHENING THE FINES AND PUNISHMENTS FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Lopez (Manuel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND
AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 2363, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE HOARDING, PRICE MANIPULATION OF RICE AND ENGAGING IN CARTEL OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE THE DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF RICE IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Lopez (Manuel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2364, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO DESIGNATE ONE CARPOOL LANE IN ALL ROADS OR THOROUGHFARES WITH AT LEAST FOUR VEHICULAR LANES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lopez (Manuel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2365, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1086, SERIES OF 1986, ENTITLED ‘FIXING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RECLAIMED AREA OF THE VITAS IN THE TONDO FORESHORE AND TRANSFERRING TO THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY THE TITLE AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF SAID AREA’ AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 221, SERIES OF 2000”

By Representative Lopez (Manuel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2366, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE NATIONAL ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL (NOH) SCHOOL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN TO PHILIPPINE ORTHOPEDIC CENTER (POC) SCHOOL FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED LEARNERS”

By Representative Crisologo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2367, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 2368, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2369, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING INCOME AND REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2370, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING HATE SPEECH AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 2371, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MT. TAPULAO IN ZAMBALES AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND FOREST RESERVE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2372, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MT. PINATUBO IN ZAMBALES AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2373, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SAGRADA FAMILIA CAVES IN ZAMBALES AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2374, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF CLEANING WORKERS SUCH AS STREET SWEEPERS AND GARBAGE COLLECTORS”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2375, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINUYAN-POBLACION PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2376, entitled:

“AN ACT COMMEMORATING THE PLEBISCITE VICTORY ON THE CITYHOOD OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE WITH THE TANGLAWAN FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ANNUALLY ON SEPTEMBER 10 ON THE OCCASION OF THE FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9750”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2377, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTER IN THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2378, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF SAN

JOSE DEL MONTE IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN AS HUMAN RESOURCE CAPITAL”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2379, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY MUZON IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO FOUR (4) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MUZON PROPER, BARANGAY MUZON EAST, BARANGAY MUZON WEST AND BARANGAY MUZON SOUTH”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2380, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A REEMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR RETIRED EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE AND PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2381, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2382, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT SERVICE CENTER HOUSING SATELLITE OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION, GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, AND SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2383, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2384, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES TO MITIGATE THE TRAFFIC CRISIS IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2385, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PASSPORT ISSUANCE OFFICE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO BE SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2386, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT 10923, AND REPUBLIC ACT 10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2387, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING AN ELDERLY EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 2388, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2389, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE FREIGHT SERVICES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF GOODS TO CALAMITY-STRIKEN AREAS”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 2390, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE RIGHTS OF ECO-WARRIORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2391, entitled:

“AN ACT SETTING THE STANDARD FOR THE DISTRIBUTION AND OPERATION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2392, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT IN EMPLOYMENT TO ALL PERSONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2393, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF R.A. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2394, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PARKING SPACE FROM MOTOR VEHICLE BUYERS IN METROPOLITAN AREAS AS PREREQUISITE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND REGISTRATION WITH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2395, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1445, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT AUDITING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO GRANT THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT WITH POWER TO AUDIT GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2396, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRODUCTION, IMPORTATION, SALE, PROVISION, AND USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2397, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 19 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN, IN CELEBRATION OF THE BALANGAY FESTIVAL”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2398, entitled:

“AN ACT RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2399, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 42, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 73, 108, 121, 122, 123, 174, 176, 179, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, AND 199; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 127, 175, 177, 178, 180, 192, AND 193; ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and Suansing (Horacio)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2400, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN REAL PROPERTY VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, REORGANIZING THE BUREAU OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and Suansing (Horacio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 2401, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS OF PASSENGERS OF TAXIS, TOURIST CAR TRANSPORT SERVICES (TCTS), AND OTHER SIMILAR VEHICLES FOR HIRE (VFH)”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and Suansing (Horacio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2402, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and Suansing (Horacio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2403, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE OF UNHEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and Suansing (Horacio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2404, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE AIRING OF ADVERTISEMENTS OF SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and Suansing (Horacio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2405, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE ONION RESEARCH INSTITUTE”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and Suansing (Horacio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2406, entitled:

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

By Representative Suansing (Estrellita)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2407, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AQUATIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL BREEDING STATION FOR LAKE, RIVER, AND OTHER INLAND FISHES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (Estrellita)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2408, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTIPURPOSE FISH AND SHRIMP HATCHERIES IN ALL SUITABLE AREAS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (Estrellita)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2409, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (DOWF), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Hernandez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2410, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) TO ADMIT PRESENTATION

OF SECONDARY AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE IF THE LOTTO TICKET CANNOT BE VALIDATED BY THE MACHINE WHILE MAINTAINING ITS INTEGRITY AND FREEDOM FROM ANY FRAUDULENT CLAIM”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 2411, entitled:
“AN ACT REQUIRING THE RECORDING OF THE IDENTITY OF ALL BUYERS OF PREPAID SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS FOR CELLULAR TELEPHONE UNITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2412, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2413, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL DULY-APPOINTED BARANGAY TANOD BRIGADES DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2414, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING FREE PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2415, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE SERVED FOR THREE (3) TERMS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2416, entitled:
“AN ACT MANDATING REGULAR REGULATORY AUDIT OF MERALCO BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT AS PRINCIPAL BASIS FOR VALIDATION OF RATES AS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION ON SUCH POWER UTILITIES AND DISTRIBUTORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2417, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RENTAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES (ISF) IN METRO MANILA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2418, entitled:
“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NEW SUBDIVISIONS, CONDOMINIUM COMMUNITIES, MALLS, GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PARKS IN METRO MANILA TO CONSTRUCT RAIN HARVESTING FACILITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2419, entitled:
“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8506 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT BANNING THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF VEHICLES WITH RIGHT-HAND STEERING WHEEL IN ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC STREET, ROAD OR HIGHWAY, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representatives Acosta, Abueg-Zaldivar and Alvarez (Franz)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2420, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING MUDLOM CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON,

PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg-Zaldivar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2421, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SANGARANARK CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg-Zaldivar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2422, entitled:

“AN ACT RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2423, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, WITH STATIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SINDANGAN AND THE CITY OF DIPOLOG, AND ONE (1) BRANCH OF MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES, WITH STATION IN THE CITY OF DIPOLOG, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Labadlabad
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2424, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF NOVEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS’ DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2425, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT

FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (DOFW), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2426, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE CONTINUING DRIVER’S EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2427, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2428, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A POLICY ON BLOODBORNE VIRAL HEPATITIS TESTING AND SCREENING”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2429, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR DIABETES AND ENDOCRINOLOGY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2430, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE MASSAGE PRACTICE”

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

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 56, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO CAUSE THE IMMEDIATE REVIVAL OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH THE REOPENING OF THE NATIONAL STEEL CORPORATION IN ILIGAN CITY AND ITS FEASIBILITY TO BE DESIGNATED AND OPERATE AS A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 57, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT COMPELLED ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) DIRECTOR FRANCISCO JOSE VILLA JR. TO COMMIT SUICIDE, INCLUDING ALLEGED PRESSURE FROM ERC CHAIR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER JOSE VICENTE B. SALAZAR TO APPROVE CONTRACTS WITHOUT PROPER BIDDING AND DUE ADHERENCE TO PROCEDURE, AS WELL AS ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION BEHIND ERC DEALS, IN ORDER TO EXACT ACCOUNT ACCOUNTABILITY AND FORMULATE REMEDIAL LEGISLATION IN THE NAME OF TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 58, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE TO JOINTLY PROBE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE SUSPENSION ORDER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) REGION XI AGAINST 55 LUMAD SCHOOLS OF SALUGPONGAN TA'TANU IGKANOGON COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER (SALUGPONGAN)”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaité, Castro (France) and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 59, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE

COMMITTEES ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps)”

By Representative Marcoleta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 60, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT A HEARING, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NECESSITY OF GRANTING A SUBSIDIZED PRICE OF LPG TO URBAN POOR HOUSEHOLDS AND ON THE PROPRIETY OF DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO ENCOURAGE THE REVIVAL OF THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS INSTITUTE OF THE PHILIPPINES (LPGIP) TO POLICE THE RANKS OF LPG DEALERS”

By Representative Marcoleta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 61, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO REVIEW THE HOUSE RULES GOVERNING INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO INTRODUCE APPROPRIATE AMENDMENTS THAT CAN FURTHER SAFEGUARD THE RIGHTS OF PERSON(S) CALLED TO TESTIFY IN CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS”

By Representative Marcoleta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 62, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT A HEARING, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NECESSITY OF RATIONALIZING THE EXISTING RULES OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT AS REGARDS THE PREVENTION AND DISALLOWANCE OF IRREGULAR, UNNECESSARY, EXCESSIVE, EXTRAVAGANT, OR UNCONSCIONABLE (IUEEU) EXPENDITURES, OR USES OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND PROPERTIES”

By Representative Marcoleta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 63, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE FAILURE OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) TO REMIT DIVIDENDS DUE TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, IN VIOLATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7656”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 64, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING REGULATORY STANDARDS AND POLICIES GOVERNING ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM (ENDS) IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE RIGHT TO HEALTH OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 65, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE INTELLIGENCE MONITORING OF MEMBERS OF THE ALL-UP ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES UNION BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE SAME”

By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 66, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING ACT TEACHERS PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE FRANCE CASTRO FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2019 ARTHUR SVENSSON INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR TRADE UNION RIGHTS”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat, Brosas and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Resolution No. 67, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE

COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON POSSIBLE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS COMMITTED AGAINST MR. PATRICIO M. TAGO, JR., A LABOR LEADER BASED IN CAPAS, TARLAC”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 68, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EN MASSE RESIGNATION OF NURSES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT-RUN HOSPITALS AND ALLEGED TRANSFER OF THESE NURSES TO THE NURSE DEPLOYMENT PROJECT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 69, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION INTO ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS, NEGOTIATIONS OR TRANSACTIONS SEEKING TO PRIVATIZE PUBLIC MARKETS IN THE CITY OF MANILA”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 70, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY INTO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL TREASURE ENTITLED FILIPINO STRUGGLES THROUGH HISTORY, THE PRICELESS MASTERPIECE BY NATIONAL ARTIST CARLOS ‘BOTONG’ FRANCISCO, FROM THE BULWAGANG ANTONIO J. VILLEGAS OF THE MANILA CITY HALL”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 71, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME (IMSAS) TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH
REGULAR PROGRESS REPORTS”

By Representative Gonzalez (Carlo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 72, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
CONCERNING THE FAILURE OF THE
SMOKEY MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT
AND RECLAMATION PROJECT”

By Representative Lopez (Manuel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Resolution of Both Houses No. 1, entitled:

“RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES
CONSTITUTING THE SENATE AND THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INTO A
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO PROPOSE
REVISIONS OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION
BY ADOPTING A FEDERAL FORM
OF GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

Resolution of Both Houses No. 2, entitled:

“RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES PROPOSING
AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC
PROVISIONS OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PARTICULARLY ON ARTICLES II, XIV &
XVI”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

House Joint Resolution No. 3, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE
AMENDMENT OF SECTION 16,
ARTICLE VII OF THE 1987 PHILIPPINE
CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO LIMIT
THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF THE
COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENT FOR
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES
OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) TO THE
POSITIONS OF CHIEF-OF-STAFF OF
THE AFP AND SERVICE COMMANDERS
OF THE ARMY, AIR FORCE, AND NAVY
ONLY”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

House Joint Resolution No. 4, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION CALLING UPON
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO CONVENE
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING
PROPOSALS TO AMEND OR REVISE
THE CONSTITUTION, UPON A VOTE OF
THREE-FOURTHS OF ALL MEMBERS”

By Representative Gonzales (Aurelio)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

House Joint Resolution No. 5, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONVENE BOTH
HOUSES OF CONGRESS IN JOINT
SESSION FOR THE REVOCATION OF
PROCLAMATION NO. 216, SERIES OF
2017 DECLARING A STATE OF MARTIAL
LAW AND SUSPENDING THE PRIVILEGE
OF THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
IN THE WHOLE OF MINDANAO IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ART. VII, SEC. 18
OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaite, Cullamat, Castro
(France), Brosas and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated July 23, 2019, informing the House of
Representatives that on July 22, 2019 the Senate
adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 2,
entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING
FOR THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO HOLD A JOINT
SESSION TO HEAR THE MESSAGE OF
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

*The Secretary General read the following House
Resolution, and the Deputy Speaker made the
corresponding reference:*

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 139, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE
PROFOUND SYMPATHIES AND DEEPEST
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO THOSE AFFECTED
BY THE TWIN EARTHQUAKES AND
AFTERSHOCKS THAT HIT ITBAYAT,
BATANES ON JULY 27, 2019; THANKING

THOSE WHO IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED TO THE DISASTER AND EXTENDED HELP; AND CALLING TO EXPEDITE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE AFFECTED AREAS”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Abante
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker, given that our Members have already received copies of Journal No. 2, I therefore move that we approve Journal No. 2, dated July 23, 2019.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; Journal No. 2, dated July 23, 2019, Tuesday, is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today being a Monday and following our rules, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on our list today are 15 Representatives who wish to deliver their respective speeches. Number one on the list, I move that we recognize the Representative from the First District of Compostela Valley, the Hon. Way Kurat Zamora.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Way Kurat Zamora from the First District of Compostela Valley is recognized. You may avail of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZAMORA (W.)

REP. ZAMORA (W.). Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, I rise today to deliver a privilege speech.

I have chosen to exercise my congressional license to stand and bring to your attention a concern which distressed many some weeks back, many of whom are my constituents and, I am certain, a number of

those you may represent as well. I speak here of the government’s concerted effort to go after the operators of the investment scam which sprouted and proliferated in Southern Mindanao and branched out to as far as Luzon.

By now, Mr. Speaker, you must have heard of the so-called “Kabus-Padatuon.” “Kabus-Padatuon” is a Visayan term and its shortened form is KaPa. “Ka” means Kabus, and “Pa” means Padatuon Community Ministry International, a religious organization collecting monetary donations from its members and giving back 30 percent of the same on a monthly basis as blessings. KaPa is but one investment scheme. There are other schemes which promise even a higher return of investment from a rate as low as 30 percent to as high as 400 or 500 percent every payout. As a result of these attractive money-making schemes, millions of our countrymen plunked down their hard-earned money on them. With their investments allegedly running into billions of pesos, they were hoping that they will be paid back handsomely as promised by the operators of these groups.

Doon sa amin sa Compostela Valley, marami ring ang naengganyo at namuhunan sa mga grupong ito. Sa katunayan, personal akong saksi sa naging operation nila, and this is why I have taken a very personal interest on this issue, considering the huge number of my constituents who got involved and were active participants in these schemes. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, I have a compilation of all the cases and related documents filed against the group. I am not a lawyer and so, I cannot fully grasp the legal issues involved in these cases, pero ang aking pangunahing interes ay ang praktikal na epekto at resulta ng mga investment groups na ito sa aking kinakatawan, lalo na sa kanilang kabuhayan. Nitong nakaraang lokal at pambansang eleksiyon, may natanggap kaming maaasahang impormasyon na umano ay limpak-limpak na salapi mula sa KaPa ang ginamit upang isulong ang kandidatura ng iba pang mga pulitiko, kasama na ang aming nasasakop na lugar.

In 2017, Mr. Speaker, the government, through the Securities and Exchange Commission, already alerted the public against these schemes for lack of proper registration and possible violations of the Securities Regulation Code. Earlier this year, the SEC issued a cease and desist order against KaPa, and subsequently, through a court order, it sought the help of the PNP, the NBI and the DILG in launching numerous raids and conducting a manhunt and freezing the assets of the said group and other groups. The latest government move has been the issuance of a hold order on the departure of those involved in these schemes. Subsequently, KaPa officers who were included in the cases filed, snubbed the preliminary investigation scheduled by the Department of Justice.

May mga naririnig po akong mga kuwento tungkol sa mga taong nagpapatiwakal dahil sa laki ng nawalang perang puhunan. Narinig ko din po ang nangyari sa Bukidnon, 11 ang nagpakamatay dahil isinangla ang kanilang lupa para lang mag-invest sila sa KaPa. Nakakalungkot na umabot sa punto na kahit ang Tagum City, at malapit po sa aking district ang Tagum City, ang tawag po sa Tagum City ngayon ay the capital city of the world when it comes to scam dahil sa dami ng investment scams. Naglipana sa siyudad ang ilang mga taong nag-pay-in. Mayroon ding balita na may mga patayan ng naganap o nagaganap kaugnay sa isyung ito at ang latest po dito, mayroon akong nabalitaan kaninang umaga lang na may nagbarilan dahil ni-ransack ng mga tao ang property ng mga kapitalista. Hindi man natin personal na mapapatotohanan ito sa ngayon, hindi malayong ito nga ang kasalukuyang mga kaganapan, lalo na sa ating mga kababayan na naapektuhan, maging sila man ay sa panig ng mga namumuhunan o sa panig ng mga nagpapatakbo ng negosyong ito.

Given the aforementioned facts, Mr. Speaker, my dear colleagues, this Representation, on the very first day of our term here in the Eighteenth Congress, filed House Resolution No. 18 purposely for the national legislature to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on these investment groups with the following aims:

1. Determine how and why these groups and their investment schemes successfully proliferated in the various areas where they operated;
2. Learn about the results and effects of the law enforcement and legal measures undertaken by the government to stop their operations;
3. Come up with remedial legislative measures to address the issues spawned by these investment schemes;
4. Provide the proper financial guidance for our citizens as regards these investment schemes; and
5. If warranted by law, assist similar investment enterprises for them to comply with government regulations and become legitimate businesses.

Alam natin, Mr. Speaker, my dear colleagues, na marami sa ating mga kababayan ang nawalan ng pinaghirapang pera dahil sa pagpapahinto ng operasyon ng mga investment groups na ito. Batid natin na dahil sa aksiyon ng pamahalaan, marami rin ang mga sumali at nawalan ng aasahang buwanang biyaya na makakatulong sa kanilang mga pamilya. Bagamat may mga tanong sa aspeto ng legalidad, hindi rin maitatwa na dating instrumento ang mga ito upang maiwasan ang pagkalam ng sikhura ng marami at bagkus, ay makakatulong ito sa kanilang kabuhayan sa pang-araw-araw na kakailanganin.

Ang tanong ko, bilang boses ng aking mga kinakatawan na apektado sa pangyayari, possible kayang mahanap natin, bilang mga Mambabatas, ang isang kompromiso o solusyon upang mapaloob ang investment schemes na

ganito sa ilalim ng batas, ligal at malaya silang mamuhunan at mapakinabangan ng marami nating kababayan? Umaasa ako na sa pulong na gagawin patungkol sa aking House Resolution, lilitaw ang mga bagay at isyu na dapat mailabas sa publiko at mabigyan ng kaukulang kasagutan. Pananagutan ito ng Kongreso at iba pang sangay ng pamahalaan, lalo na at sa usaping ito ay sumasagi sa kabuhayan ng ating mga kapwa Pilipino.

Maraming salamat at magandang hapon po, Mr. Speaker at mga kapwa ko Kinatawan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Maraming salamat po sa ating Kinatawan Way Kurat Zamora ng Unang Distrito ng Compostela Valley.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Inasmuch as no one has signified any intention to interpellate our dear colleague, I move that we refer the said speech to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker, at this point, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests in the gallery of Cong. Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano from the First District of Isabela. They are Jay Chy, Caroline Ruiz, Rhea Maridel Gaffud, Florenda Temanel, Menchie Claraval and Lorenza Eustaquio, all from the Isabela State University. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). To the guests of Rep. Antonio “Tonypet,” the better Albano, welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have another colleague who wishes to deliver his privilege speech today. I move that we recognize Cong. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr. from the Third District of Negros Oriental.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Representative from the Third District of Negros Oriental, the Hon. Arnie Teves, is recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TEVES (A.)

REP. TEVES (A.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to everybody.

I stand here again today to speak about fairness and courtesy. During the Seventeenth Congress, we deliberated on the budget intensively. Anong nangyari? We had the NEP, we had the GAB, we had the bicam. Pagkatapos ng bicam, iyong budget ng distrito ko ay nawalan ng P1.3 billion. From P1.6 billion, I had P300 million left for my district.

I am number two in performance in the whole country. Kaya ako nagsasalita ngayon, gusto kong malaman, ligal ba itong nangyaring ganito? Dapat pagkatapos noon ng bicam, kung may binago man doon, dapat nalalaman natin at dapat wala nang nababago pagkatapos o kapag pumasok na sa bicam. Parang hindi nirerespeto iyong Congressman kung tinanggalan ng budget ang distrito niya. Kung ganito lang, huwag na tayo mag-budget hearing. Bakit pa tayo nagba-budget hearing kung ganoon lang pala na binubura iyong budget ng isang Congressman. Hindi lang ako iyong tinamaan. I think there are 60 of us. By doing so, hindi naman kami iyong tinitira dito. Ang lugit dito ay ang taumbayan, iyong constituents ng distrito namin.

What do I ask of this House? I think it is best that we investigate, in aid of legislation, sino iyong mga na-involve dito, kung papaano nila ito ginawa, kung papaano ito nangyari, para huwag nang maulit ito at para magawan natin ng policies or batas na huwag na maulit ang mga ganitong pangyayari. Kumbaga, nasayang iyong lahat ng oras ko dito sa Kongreso. I was very active, I was always present. Parang nawalan pa ng representasyon ang distrito ko dahil nawala iyong budget namin

Another thing. In doing so, we are not supporting the Build, Build, Build Program of the President. Dapat sinusuportahan ang Presidente natin. Kaya nga tayo umabot sa usapan ng cash-based budgeting dahil mahina daw iyong absorptive capacity, hindi nagagastos iyong pera. Ako ang number two in absorptive capacity in the whole country, yet, tinanggalan ako ng gagastusin na pera. Ang magiging suma-total niyan, mas lalong lumiit iyong absorptive capacity ng buong Pilipinas or ng buong departamento dahil iyong mga distrito na gumagastos, ito pa ang nawalan ng budget. Sana maimbestigahan ito. I really want to know how it happened, how it was done and what are the remedies. I really believe that it was an illegal act kasi nasa NEP na, nasa GAB pa, at umabot pa sa bicam pero pagdating sa GAA ay nawala iyong budget. Sa tingin ko, bawal talaga iyon dahil kung hindi ito bawal, huwag na tayong mag-budget hearing ulit. Hindi po ba? Madyikin na lang natin, isulat na lang natin sa GAA kung sino ang bibigyan natin ng budget, at tanggalin natin sa GAA iyong hindi bibigyan ng budget. Bakit pa tayo nagba-budget hearing kung buburahin lang pala ang budget? Aside from being very discourteous towards your fellow Congressmen, I think it is really illegal and it should not happen ever again.

Again, I request the leadership of this House, and not only those affected but even our colleagues who were not affected, please, let us help each other find out who the culprits are and make them answer for their actions. Let us protect each and every one of us so that it will not happen again because, even if it did not happen to me, it happened to my colleagues. So, I will still ask for an investigation because it should not happen to any Member of Congress, much more to any district in the country.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, good afternoon to everybody.

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

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker, inasmuch that no one signified their interest to interpellate on the speech of our dear colleague, I move that we refer the said matter to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker, third on our list is none other than Party-List BUHAY Representative, Jose L. Atienza Jr., who wishes to be recognized to deliver his privilege speech.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Representative from the Party-List BUHAY, the Hon. Lito Atienza, is recognized to deliver his privilege speech.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, this is not my second time, this is my first time, just to correct the record. Ngayon lamang po ako magsasalita. I am just wondering why the Speaker said “for the second time.”

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Did I?

REP. ATIENZA. The Speaker said, “for the second time.”

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). No, I said, “the honorable Representative” or “the Hon. Jose “Lito” Atienza, Representative from the Party-List BUHAY is recognized to deliver his privilege speech.”

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ATIENZA

REP. ATIENZA. Nawala po iyong “for the second time,” which you mentioned. Anyway, that is beside the

point. If you would like to deny it, I am used to that. Anyway, my message today is much more important than the indiscretions of the presiding officer.

Mga minamahal kong mga kababayan, mayroon po tayo ngayong panahon na pagkakataon, sa local government units, na magpaunlad ng kani-kanilang lungsod at magbigay ng pagkakataon na magkaroon ng mas magandang buhay ang mga Pilipino. This is a provision of the Constitution and we must honor it, we must respect it at all times. But there is something that is happening in Manila that I have to bring to the attention of everybody. Manila owns—binayaran ng buwis ng mga taga-Maynila ang isang obra maestra ni Botong Francisco. Ito po ay nakatalaga sa Tanggapan ng Alkalde, nagbibigay inspirasyon sa bawat Manileño na nananawagan sa kanya at humihingi ng tulong. The painting has been declared a National Cultural Treasure. The painter has been declared a National Artist. Therefore, the vision of the creator of this painting and the Mayor of Manila then, Mayor Antonio J. Villegas—they collaborated on a very, very significant project which, according to them, they intend to use to inspire every Manileño to greatness. Just to give everybody an idea, that painting depicted the history of the Philippines as it was unfolding and happening, many of which happened in the City of Manila.

Noong dumating ang ating mga mananakop na mga Kastila, ang dinatnan nila rito ay gobyernong umiiral na at mga batas na ipinaiiral ng gobyernong nagtatrabaho. Sila ay nangako pero hindi naman tumupad. Iyan ay nakatalaga doon sa painting na iyon na nagpapaalala sa ating lahat na the subterfuge of the Spanish invasion was rooted on, definitely, insincere intentions promulgated by them and, of course, finding a legitimate government already existing in Manila under the rule of the first mayor of Manila recorded—Mayor Rajah Sulayman. They did not record this properly. In the books that we inherited, it was never mentioned that the Philippines, through the City of Manila, was already being ruled civilly with the Code of Kalantiaw, the Constitution prevailing then, and that the mayor was functioning.

Binibigyan ko lang po ng diin iyong bagay na iyon sapagkat doon, makikita at madarama ng bawat Manilenyo ang ating kakayahan bilang isang bansa, isang lahi, isang malayang minamahal nating Pilipinas, at ang Maynila po ang nasa pusod ng lahat ng ito. The focal point of our historical data most of them, if not all, focused on the City of Manila—depicted vividly, beautifully, inspiringly by the National Artist by the name of Botong Francisco.

Now, somewhere along the way, in 2013, if I am not mistaken, the painting was torn down and brought somewhere. The public did not realize where it was going and then, it was replaced by a replica printed on tarpaulin. We are all aware of what a tarpaulin is all about—it is the cheapest way to print anything. We

all use tarpaulin. So, iyon po ang ikinabit nila roon at pinalabas na iyon ang orihinal. Subalit dahil marami ang nagtatanong—ang aking tanggapan ay puntahan ng mga taga-lungsod ng Maynila bagamat ang inyong lingkod ay Representante ng BUHAY Party-List—ang tanong nila ay, “Bakit kayo pumapayag na ganiyan? Saan iyong ating painting? Nagpunta kami sa City Hall, wala na po roon.” Iyon ang kanilang reklamo. Nawala raw iyong kanilang inaasahang pag-aari ng lungsod na magbibigay ng patuloy na inspirasyon sa bawat batang lumalaki sa Maynila.

So, we went to work and tried to trace the whereabouts of this obra maestra. We were informed that it was in the hands of the National Museum no less. The Museum Director admitted to us that the painting was taken down in 2013 by them on the pretext that it was going to be restored, repaired and reinstalled in the halls of City Hall. Yet, they did not do that because, again, according to the records that we have and the admission of the National Museum Director himself, in 2016 or 2017, on August 22, the city government, then under the former Mayor Erap Estrada, loaned the property singularly, without the consent of the city government or the officials of Manila.

Ano po ang nangyari? Napunta po iyong painting sa National Museum. Dahil po roon sa impormasyon na iyon, pinuntahan po ng inyong lingkod at nakita ko po na nandoon nga at nakalulungkot ito sapagkat nawala po iyong sigla ng paghanga ng mga batang Maynila na pumupunta sa City Hall. Noong humingi po kami ng paliwanag mula sa National Museum, ang sagot po nila ay ito ay aprubado ng city government, wala po daw silang ginawang iligal. Ito daw ay aprubado ng mayor, aprubado ng lahat ng mga opisyal ng City Hall, aprubado raw ng lahat ng Congressmen ng Maynila during that time.

Two of our Congressmen then are still Members of Congress today. Mayor, or rather, Cong. Manny Lopez is here. Cong. Cristal Bagatsing is here. So, I would like to ask them this question: were they part of this agreement on giving away the property, the treasure of the people of the City of Manila, or were their names being unfairly and unjustly used by the management of the museum?

I would not like to believe that Congressman Lopez would have agreed to that. Isa pong halal ng bayan siya na makabayan ang puso at malinaw ang pag-iisip. Hindi po siya papayag na ang painting na ito ay ibigay sa National Museum for whatever double purpose. I stress that because I do not think any purpose of nobility will justify an illegal act, ever. The giving away of the painting was an illegal act. I do not believe Congresswoman Bagatsing agreed to give away this painting to them but she is here, she can qualify, she can correct me and she can say “No, I gave it away.”

My dear colleagues, I talked about the local

autonomy principle. This is one issue in particular where, repeatedly, Manila has been deprived of the jewels that could make this City of Manila recover from its quagmire of poverty and decay. Inalis po sa Maynila ang Intramuros. Iyong parke na nakapaligid sa Intramuros, inalis din sa Maynila at ginawang golf course ng mayayaman. Ang Luneta Park, this is a titled property of the City of Manila, was given to the national parks. Ang Rizal Memorial Complex, iyan po ay property ng City of Manila pero ngayon ay dinidiskartehan ng kung sinu-sino. Wala po tayong pupuntahan kapagka hindi ipinaglaban ng gobyernong lokal ang kanilang kapangyarihan na napapaloob sa ating Saligang Batas.

Local autonomy is the only principle that will bring all of us prosperity. Hindi kaya ng isang tao paunlarin ang isang daang milyong Pilipino, pero kung pagtutulung-tulungan natin sa Kongresong ito na pairalin ang layunin ng prinsipyo ng local autonomy, hayaan ang mga local communities and local mayors and governors to plan their own development, I am sure the Philippines will move faster. It will not happen if the national government flexes its muscles here and there, now and then, to keep a national treasure like the masterpiece of Botong Francisco for whatever good intentions that they have. Binasa ko po iyong Memorandum of Agreement na pinirmahan ng dating alkalde at nakalagay doon na hindi nila ibibigay iyong painting kung hindi mapatutunayan ng Lungsod ng Maynila na makakayanan nilang alagaan ang obra maestra. Saan ka nakakita ng ganito—kinuha iyong property mo, pagkatapos, nagbigay ng kondisyon: “Hindi ko ibibigay sa iyo ito kung hindi mo mapapatunayang maaalagaan mo.” So, I denounce this transaction vehemently and even violently, and I will not stop informing Congress on this issue. I will bring them to court and I will prosecute whoever has a hand in this travesty of ownership of a national treasure. We will make them answer properly in court.

Again, uulitin ko, hindi ako naniniwalang si Cong. Manny Lopez ay bahagi nito. Hindi ako naniniwala na si Congresswoman Bagatsing ay kasali sa pagpaplanong ito, pero kung kasali sila, ngayon pa lang ay akin na silang binabalaan sapagkat mapapasama sila sa demandang isasampa namin para patunayan na ang ginawa nila ay paglabag sa karapatan ng bawat Manilenyo. We have to defend ourselves; otherwise, nobody will defend the rights of our local communities. We have to inform this legislative Body if only to inspire everyone to do the same. Ipagtanggol ninyo ang inyong mga karapatan sa inyong mga probinsiya at ang inyong kapangyarihang lokal upang lahat ay tumakbo nang tama. Unless we do that, we will never prosper.

Up to now, the decision of the Supreme Court giving the share of the local government units from our taxes collected has not been implemented. Up to

now, local autonomy is a strange dream that people talk about but has never been implemented. This is a good example of local autonomy. Kami po ba ay may karapatang magtanggol ng aming sariling pinuhunanang mga obra maestra, o ito ay puwede na lang kunin ng national government at sila na raw ang mangangalaga sapagkat mas magaling silang mangalaga? That is not only an illegal statement, it is even insulting the people of Manila. Hindi puwedeng sabihin nino man na mas magaling sila, mas makabayan sila, samantalang lahat tayo ay magaling at makabayan. Kaya ipagtanggol natin ang lahat ng karapatan ng bawat isang Pilipino.

The purpose of this message is to inform everyone what is going on and what the city government is trying to accomplish. We have a new mayor; we wish him well, but this is a good challenge on his part. Will he move to protect the interest of the people who commissioned that painting? I believe he will because he said so on television already. He will not allow this particular illegal act to continue sapagkat ang nagbayad ng painting ay mga taga-Maynila. Ang nagmamay-ari ng painting ay ang Lungsod ng Maynila. Ang ginamit po diyan ay buwis na nakolekta noong panahon ni Mayor Villegas.

Si Mayor Villegas, sa kaniyang malinaw na panaginip ng isang maunlad at mayamang lungsod, ay gumawa ng paraan upang ang lahat na mag-aaral ay mabibigyan ng inspirasyon nitong obra maestra ni Botong Francisco. Nakikita roon sa painting na iyon ang kasaysayan ng buong Pilipinas, ang kasaysayan ng Maynila. Sinubukang sakupin ng maraming mga bansa subalit hindi nagtagumpay dahil mayroong paninindigan at handang makipaglaban ang mga taga-Lungsod ng Maynila, na ngayon ay gagamitin nating paraan upang ilagay muli sa City Hall ng Maynila ang obra maestra ni Botong Francisco at hindi sa National Museum. Gumawa sila ng sarili nila. Gumastos sila ng sarili nilang pera at gumawa sila ng sarili nilang panaginip. Huwag silang umangkin ng panaginip ng may panaginip. That piece of art belongs to the people of the City of Manila and we will defend that truth and that right to the end.

Maraming, maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker. (*Applause*) We hope we have enlightened you on the issue.

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

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, before we proceed with the interpellation, I move that we acknowledge the presence of a few guests.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Majority Leader will please proceed.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. SUAREZ (D.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed with the interpellation.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Mr. Speaker, what is the wish of the Gentleman from the Second District of Manila?

REP. LOPEZ (M.). If the good Gentleman from the Party-List BUHAY would allow me to interpellate him on his privilege speech.

REP. ATIENZA. Coming from a distinguished son of Tondo where our last mayor of the free Philippines comes from, with pleasure, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Manuel Luis “Manny” T. Lopez, you may proceed.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Magandang hapon po sa lahat ng ating mga kasamahan ngayong hapon. Una ho sa lahat, my motion comes in the form of a manifestation but before I make this manifestation, I would like to ask a few questions to the good Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List. He mentioned my name inadvertently, hopefully, because I believe that during the time when the sale or supposed sale that he mentioned ay wala pa po ako sa gobyerno, at lalong-lalo nang wala na po sa katungkulan sa Siyudad ng Maynila ang aking ama.

Ang aking ama ay nanungkulan noong taong 1986 hanggang 1992. Naalala ko po noong ako ay batang-bata pa, ay nagkaroon po ng matinding sunog sa City Hall. Nagagalak po ako, na tulad po ni Congressman Lito, ay pinangalagaan po niya ang yaman ng Siyudad ng Maynila. Noong nagkakasunog, ang una pong pinuntahan ng aking ama ay ang mural ni Botong Francisco at kung anuman ang kanyang inaatupag, siniguro po niya at bilang Punong Lungsod, pinagutusan ang mga bumper na pangalagaan ang obra ni Botong Francisco. Tulad po ni Mayor Lito Atienza, ang nais po ng aking ama ay pangalagaan lahat, at hindi lang pangalagaan, pero ang paramihin pa ang kayamanan ng Siyudad ng Maynila. Ako po ay naniniwala sa sinasabi po ng kagalang-galang na Rep. Lito Atienza na nararapat lamang po na malaman kung mayroon man pong nagbenta o nagsalisi at nilipat po.

Ang aking pagkakaintindi po, although it is unofficial, the mural that we are talking about, the priceless mural of Botong Francisco, is now in the National Historical Museum. What we understood then, like what the good Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List is mentioning is that, bakit po biglang nawala sa kamay at sa pag-aari ng Lungsod ng Maynila ang isang obra, which is very priceless. So, Mr. Speaker, I would like to manifest that I support the investigation in order that we may fully know who the guilty party is.

Mr. Speaker, yaman nga ho lamang at binanggit na ni Congressman Lito, at mukhang marami na po siyang legwork na nagawa dito po sa nawawalang obra, nais ko pong malaman mula sa kanya, kung sa kanyang paningin at sa kanyang buong pag-iisip ay talaga po bang kinuha ng sapilitan, or this was in connivance with the Mayor at that time, Mr. Speaker?

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, we are appreciative of the statement of the Gentleman from Tondo that that painting is priceless, wala pong presyo. Kung ibebenta iyan ay baka magkahalaga po ng P100 billion. Pagkalaki-laki po niyan e. That is the biggest mural that this national artist created, not to mention that the value of a piece of art cannot be measured in economic monetary terms. So, napakahalaga po talaga ng painting na ito na pinuhunan ng mga tiga-Maynila. I am glad that he mentioned his father whose dedication and patriotic sense we rewarded through the public recognition of his life and dedication to God and country by renaming a big portion of the R 10 Boulevard as the Mel Lopez Boulevard.

Kaya tama po iyong sinabi niya, “Hindi gagawin ng dating alkalde iyan at hindi pag-iisipan gawin kailanman.” Mapalad po ang inyong lingkod, ako ay nabahiran, maski kaunti, ng pagkatao at kabayanihan ng kanyang ama. I am proud to say that Mel Lopez and I worked together for the liberation of the country, eventually, from the hands of the dictatorship. He risked

his life as we risked our lives. I do not believe that your father, the father of Congressman Lopez, would have agreed to any agreement. The documents showed that the transaction was done long way before Congressman or rather, Mayor Lopez was running City Hall. It was way after, on August 22, 2017, and for the information of the Congressman, he was already a Congressman then and we were already together in this Congress, in the Seventeenth Congress, because the Memorandum of Agreement was signed on August 22, 2017. Hindi po ba Congressman na kayo noon?

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Opo.

REP. ATIENZA. Congressman na po rin ako noon.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Opo.

REP. ATIENZA. Ang niloloob po noong Memorandum of Agreement ay mayroon daw kayong concurrence. Totoo po ba iyon o hindi?

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Mayroon pong ano ho? Pakiulit po.

REP. ATIENZA. Hindi po ninyo gagawin iyon, na mayroon daw kayong pagsang-ayon?

REP. LOPEZ (M.). (Laughter) Tama po ang sinasabi ninyo, bagamat ako po ay Kongresista na sa una kong termino, walang-wala po akong kinalaman sa ganyang pong transaksyon, kaya nga po ninanais kong mailahad po ninyo ito dito, in our august Body. Who do you think is the person or aggrupation that was guilty in transferring this national treasure of our city that we both love so dearly?

So, iyon lang po, that is my...

REP. ATIENZA. Hindi, pero liwanagin po natin iyon. I mentioned your name simply because you were mentioned in the document. I did not intend to cast any aspersion on your character. Sinabi rito na all congressional leaders of the city were in concurrence. I do not believe this and that is the reason I brought it out. You say you could never have done such an act and I believe you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Iba ang pagkatao ni Congressman Lopez (M.) sa pagkatao noong mga pumayag na ibigay iyong painting sa kung saan.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Evelina G. Escudero.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Isa pong malaking karangalan at malaking pagkakataon na ito po ay isinamulat ng Kongresista ng BUHAY Party-List dahil nararapat pong malaman at maparusahan kung sino talaga ang gumawa niyan. In front of my colleagues here, I would daresay that whoever is there should be punished according to our laws. I would also like to manifest, Mme. Speaker, that I support the investigation that the good Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List, Congressman Lito Atienza, is suggesting. I will support that so we can get to the bottom of this, dahil ito po ay kahihiyang malaki, hindi lang po sa Lungsod ng Maynila kung hindi po sa buong bayan ng Pilipinas na ang isa pong obra na pag-aari ay mawala sa ilalim ng dilim.

Kaya po Mme. Speaker, I therefore, manifest that I support the move and efforts of our good friend, Congressman Lito Atienza of BUHAY Party-List to get to the bottom of this and I will personally join his crusade to find out who the true culprit is, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, may kasabihan tayo, “The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Kung masarap, at sabihin man ng iba na hindi ito masarap— ito po ay naririnig ko mula kay Congressman Lopez na ang kanyang damdamin ay kakaisa sa amin kaya pagtutulungan po namin na ma-pinpoint kung sino talaga ang namigay nito sa pagkakataong ito. Sino ang dumiskarte dito sa obra maestrang ito? Sino ang pumirma na nagbigay laya?

Isipin ninyo, sa isang dokumento na nagsasabing kung gugustuhin ng Maynila na kunin muli ito ay kailangang patunayan daw ng lungsod na kaya nilang gawin o kaya daw nilang alagaan. To me, that is the most insulting portion of this agreement. Para bang itinali na ang kamay ng gobyerno ng Maynila. Kaya ako ay naniniwala, at pati na ang ating bagong alkalde ngayon ay interesado rito sa isyung ito, na matutunton natin. Sino ang nagkulang? Sino ang nagpabaya? Sino ang dapat managot sapagkat iyan ay ilegal? And we will prove that in court after we give them a chance to appear before Congress to explain their good intentions. Kasama na po itong National Museum Director, ang pangalan pala nito ay Jeremy R. Barns. Amerikano po kaya ito? Barns, B-A-R-N-S, at sa palagay ko ay anak ito ng isang Amerikano. Siya ang nangangalaga ng ating National Museum.

Again, we appreciate the issues raised by the Congressman from Tondo, but let me reiterate and we never ever doubted, even once—he is not part of the whole effort. This is a comedy of errors that could have been done only by comedians.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Mme. Speaker, ...

REP. ATIENZA. Congressman Lopez (M.) is not one of them.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Mme. Speaker, I would like to reiterate that I am perplexed, I am aghast, and I vehemently deny whatever is written in this report that the good Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List is mentioning right now. I assure this august Body that, like him, I will support and if needed, lead in the investigation of the so-called missing masterpiece of National Artist Carlos “Botong” Francisco, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you.

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we extend Privilege Hour for another hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Privilege Hour is extended for another hour.

REP. DE VENECIA. Another hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Yes, Majority Leader.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, to continue the interpellation, I move that we recognize the honorable Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Bienvenido M Abante Jr. is now recognized.

REP. ABANTE. Mme. Speaker, ako po ay nagpapasalamat sapagkat the Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List raised this issue of the City of Manila. I would like to ask the Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List if he is willing to yield to some questions from this Representation.

REP. ATIENZA. We will be honored to answer any questions to enlighten the mind of a new Congressman coming back to Congress, realizing Manila has already been raped.

REP. ABANTE. Mme. Speaker, sino ba iyong Pangulo ng Pilipinas at that time noong nawala ang ating painting doon sa Maynila?

REP. ATIENZA. According to records, noong 2013, doon inilabas ang obra maestra. May permiso ng dating Mayor Alfredo Lim at nagkakaintindihan sila na dapat ibalik ang painting pagkatapos retokihin. It was due for retouching and improvement, to be

done by professionals and after that, it was understood that it would be reinstalled in the halls of Bulwagang Katipunan. Then, the Mayor who signed that agreement, of course, we know that he was replaced by another mayor, Mayor Erap Estrada, who came to the City Hall at siya po naman ang pumayag na, “Sige, kayo na muna ang humawak dahil hindi namin kayang alagaan iyan.” Kung hindi niya kayang alagaan, hindi naman natin siya pipilitin pero huwag niyang sabihing hindi natin kaya iyang alagaan.

REP. ABANTE. Therefore ...

REP. ATIENZA. Aalagaan iyan ng mga taga-Maynila.

REP. ABANTE. The President during that time, Mme. Speaker, was President Noynoy Aquino.

REP. ATIENZA. Right.

REP. ABANTE. Okay. Was there any executive order, for that matter, for the transfer of that precious painting from the City of Manila to the National Museum?

REP. ATIENZA. Wala po akong alam na nakialam ang Malacañang, subalit sina-cite noong National Museum ang kanilang kapangyarihang nasyonal sa kanilang pakikialam. In fact, gumamit sila ng pondo ng prehSEA, P20 million, to repair and retouch the masterpiece.

Ang talagang hawak na kapangyarihan noong mga nakialam ay galing sa local government unit ng Maynila kung saan sinasabi nila, at dito po nasali ang pangalan ng mga Congressmen, at ito ay may permiso ng mayor at vice mayor. Ang vice mayor po noon ay si Vice Mayor Lacuna. Tinanong ko siya, “Mayroon ka bang alam dito?” Ang sabi niya, “Wala akong alam diyan.” She totally denied any knowledge, but she was also mentioned very prominently that they concurred—the mayor, the vice mayor and the councilors. Can you imagine that the councilors agreed? The congressmen of the City of Manila, and that is where the names of Congressman Lopez and Congresswoman Bagatsing who were Congressmen already at that time, were included. Hindi po naman nangangahulugang sila ang may kasalanan. Ang sinasabi lang natin, nasa dokumento na sinasabing alam daw ng mga Congressmen. They can deny that. In fact, in the investigation, they should issue a statement of denial because I do not believe that they were part of it. Somebody more irresponsible did that and not the Members of Congress.

REP. ABANTE. Ang ibig sabihin po, Mme. Speaker, that then Mayor of Manila, Mayor Joseph

Estrada, had full knowledge of what happened to the painting of Botong Francisco?

REP. ATIENZA. I suppose.

REP. ABANTE. He not only had full knowledge, but he also allowed...

REP. ATIENZA. And concurred and signed the agreement na hindi makukuha ng Maynila ito kung hindi mapapatunayang kaya nating alagaan. Saan ka nakakita ng...

REP. ABANTE. Mayroon pong ...

REP. ATIENZA. Saan ka nakakita ng agreement na agrabyado iyong nagbibigay ng paraan?

REP. ABANTE. Mayroon po ba kayong hawak na communication o document na ito ay pinirmahan ng dating Mayor ng Maynila?

REP. ATIENZA. Ito po ang hawak po natin at iyon po ang pinagbabasehan ng ating conclusion.

REP. ABANTE. Therefore, naniniwala po kayo, Mme. Speaker, Congressman Lito, na ito pong pag-aari ng Maynila na isang napakamahal na treasure na painting ni Botong Francisco ay literally ninakaw ng National Museum.

REP. ATIENZA. Iyon po ang aking unang nasabi, may pagnanakaw na ginawa dito sapagkat walang permiso. Tinanong ko ang Mayor at ang Vice Mayor, wala silang alam. Tinanong ko ang mga konsehal, wala rin silang alam. Tinanong ko ang ilang Congressmen na wala na rito ngayon at ang sabi nila, hindi rin nila alam. Ngayon, dini-deny nga ito ng ating magiting na Congressman from Tondo, na wala siyang alam sa pangyayari at iyon ay aking tinatanggap at pinaniniwalaan. So, only one man knew about the transaction. I hope that he will appear in the Committee hearing that we will hold so that he can defend himself and explain to us the good effect or the intention of his decision to give away the painting owned by the people of the City of Manila.

REP. ABANTE. Kayo po ba ay nakipag-communicate na by letter sa ating bagong alkalde tungkol po sa nawawalang painting?

REP. ATIENZA. Sa bagong alkalde, opo. Nabanggit ko sa kaniya, siyempre ikinagalit niya, napamura nga siya e. "Tuntunin natin kung sino ang mga nag-abuso diyan at kasali ako diyan"—iyan ang binitiwang niyang mga salita. Narinig ko sa telebisyon noong ini-interview siya, sabi niya, "I join the efforts of Congressman Atienza to trace the responsibility—to pinpoint who are

the people who made the mistake, an error of judgment, in giving away the painting of Botong Francisco."

REP. ABANTE. Inyo pong nabanggit, Mme. Speaker, na kayo po ay magsasampa ng kaso, doon po ba mismo sa National Museum ang sasampahan po ninyo o sa mga tao na siyang allegedly kumuha po ng painting sa Lungsod ng Maynila?

REP. ATIENZA. Gagawin po natin ang pagsasampa ng kaso pagkatapos po nating gawin ang ating imbestigasyon para lahat ng mayroong kinalaman doon, lahat ng kasali sa usapin ay maisama na at maidemanda para magkaroon po ng mas malawak na aral dito sa pangyayaring ito. No one should use good intentions as a reason to deprive anyone of his property.

REP. ABANTE. Ano po kayang kaso, Mme. Speaker, ang maaari ninyong isampa laban sa kanila?

REP. ATIENZA. Ang tawag po diyan ay graft. Graft because you abused your power. Every mayor has powers, and we know that, but when you exceed that power, when you give away what is not yours, then, that is graft. It may not be corruption but it is graft and so, that is against the law.

REP. ABANTE. Mme. Speaker, Cong. Lito Atienza, you mentioned in your speech about the crown jewels of Manila like Intramuros, Rizal Park and many others and so, do you believe, Mme. Speaker, that those crown jewels should be returned by the national government to the City of Manila?

REP. ATIENZA. Tama po. Kaya inaanyayahan ko po ang magiting na Kongresista ng Ika-anim na Purok to join me in all of these resolutions and bills that we have filed to restore the ownership of these jewels to Manila which had been gotten by the national government during martial law.

REP. ABANTE. Maraming salamat po sapagkat gusto ko rin po kayong anyayahan sana, pero naunahan ninyo lamang ako, that we will be filing a bill or whatever to be able to regain the lost jewels of the City of Manila. In fact, I have already talked to the Congressman of the City of Manila and together, we will file a bill or resolution to be able to repeal the Presidential decree that was signed by then President Marcos so that the crown jewels of Manila should be returned to the rightful owner, Mme. Speaker.

I would also like to manifest right now that I am in full support of the decision of the Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List in order that the treasures owned by the City of Manila will be returned properly to the City of Manila.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you to the Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List, Cong. Lito Atienza.

REP. ATIENZA. Mabuhay kayo at salamat po.

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

REP. FARIÑAS, RIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Cristal L. Bagatsing from the City of Manila for her manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Cristal Bagatsing is now recognized.

REP. BAGATSING. Mme. Speaker, may I make a manifestation in relation to the privilege speech of the good Gentleman from the BUHAY Party-List.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Please proceed.

REP. BAGATSING. First, I would like to thank Cong. Lito Atienza for bringing this to our attention. I share the same love for culture and its preservation as our distinguished Congressman from the BUHAY Party-List. To my understanding, the said mural was only pulled out for the purpose of restoring, after which it will be returned. How could such a makasaysayang mural fall into deterioration? Ang aking pagkakaalam, and please correct me if I am wrong, wala po sigurong experts ang City Hall para ayusin or alagaan ang napaka-makasaysayang painting na ito.

Being that it is in the National Museum, I believe that it is in a good place—a place where they have art experts and a place where the public can view it for their consumption. But I yield to the wisdom of the distinguished Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List. Siguro po, noong panahon ng aking Lolo, when my Lolo Ramon Bagatsing was the Mayor, mas nakakaalam po kayo kung ito po ay naka paskil doon sa City Hall. Tama po ba? Siguro din, dapat nating ibalik ito kung saan ito nanggaling. I am also not privy to the sale of the said mural, but I would like to manifest that I will join Cong. Lito Atienza and Cong. Manny Lopez in calling for the investigation to know what happened to the said mural.

That is all, Mme. Speaker. Thank you very much.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, the Lady did not ask any question. Let me ask the question to clarify matters since her name was taken in vain and her position as a Member of Congress was used in this document.

May I ask the Lady, Congresswoman Bagatsing, does she agree that this painting had been torn down ostensibly for repairs? Or, does she know that obra maestras even in the Saint Peter's Cathedral, in the basilicas of Europe, paintings are retouched and

improved in their place of installation? Hindi tinatastas iyan. Kapag tinastas mo, lalong manganganib iyan. Does she agree that what was done was really: 1) not within her knowledge, although she was a Congresswoman then and that her name was taken in vain; and 2) it could have been done better if we had better thinking executives?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Congressman Atienza, I think ...

REP. ATIENZA. Ang tanong ko po ay simple, kailangan po ito e. Pumapayag ba siya na iyong painting ay inalis na maganda ang intensiyon, na magkakaroon ng improvement o hindi. Ako ay naniniwala na hindi kayo pumayag. Naniniwala nga ako na hindi ninyo alam, pero ang sabi sa dokumento, alam ng mga Miyembro ng Kongreso representing the City of Manila.

So, you are denying that or you are admitting it? Dalawa lang po iyan.

REP. BAGATSING. Yes, I am denying that.

REP. ATIENZA. You are denying. Thank you.

REP. BAGATSING. Also, wala na ho ako doon noong wala na iyong painting. So, dumating ako na wala na ho iyong painting.

REP. ATIENZA. Hindi naiintindihan ng ating Congresswoman. This document was dated August 22, 2017. Kayo po ba ay Congresswoman na noon o hindi?

REP. BAGATSING. Congresswoman na po.

REP. ATIENZA. Opo, sinasabi rito na alam ninyo ang nilalaman o niloloob at intensiyon ng dokumentong ito. Kaya dine-deny ninyo iyon.

REP. BAGATSING. I vehemently deny being privy to any sale of any painting or mural, lalo na po iyong Botong mural. Ang alam ko lang po, kung ire-restrore natin ang mga...

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

REP. BAGATSING. ... painting na luma,...

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

REP. BAGATSING. ... ang National Museum po ...

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

REP. BAGATSING. ... ang mayroon pong karapatan doon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Excuse me, there is a point of order from Deputy Speaker Ranie Abu. The Gentleman, yes, is recognized.

REP. ABU. Point of order, Mme. Speaker, could I ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Yes, Cong. Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu is recognized.

REP. ABU. Mme. Speaker, is it right that the man who has the floor during the Privilege Hour, can interpellate the one who is interpellating him?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Congressman Abu, I was telling Congressman Atienza awhile ago that he should not be questioning the interpellator.

REP. ABU. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). So, can we proceed with the interpellation, Congresswoman Bagatsing?

REP. ATIENZA. Anyway, Mme. Speaker, this Representation is happy with the denial of the Congresswoman, that she settled it. She was not part of it and therefore, we accept the denial and we will consider her out of the responsibility of having given away the property.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Thank you.

REP. ATIENZA. Salamat, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mme. Speaker, with respect to the honorable Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List, I move that we refer his speech and the interpellations thereafter to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS, RIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Antonio "Tonypet" T. Albano from the First District of Isabela for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Antonio Albano from the First District of Isabela is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ALBANO (A.)

REP. ALBANO (A.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

A pleasant godly afternoon to all my colleagues in this august Chamber.

Mme. Speaker, 65 years ago, my grandfather, Rodolfo "Delfin" Albano Sr., was elected Representative of the Lone District of the Province of Isabela in the Third Congress of the Philippines and served three terms. He served three terms from the Third to the Fifth Congress as Representative. In 1969-70, after serving as the youngest Vice Governor of Isabela, my father, another Rodolfo, "Rudy" Albano took his turn as the duly elected Representative of the then Lone District of Isabela. His distinguished career as a legislator spanned eight terms and now, he is currently serving the Eighteenth Congress as his ninth term. In 1998, my older brother, Rodolfo "Rodito" Albano III, whom we fondly call "Pappy" because he thinks and acts like our father at times, took his turn to serve as Representative of our district. Rodito served for a total of five terms capped by his leadership of the House panel in the Commission on Appointments in the Seventeenth Congress. He now serves as the Governor of the Province of Isabela.

In this Eighteenth Congress, it is a privilege for me to take my turn in the line of Albanos elected to represent our district in Congress. This time, however, it is an Antonio Albano that stands in this Chamber, not a Rodolfo Albano like the three previous Albanos whose first names are all Rodolfo. The first name of this Albano may be different, but the will to serve is as strong as my kinsmen whose lifeworks were defined by their outstanding careers in this House of the People. I am also extremely privileged to serve in this Congress shoulder to shoulder with my father, Rudy Albano, who represents the Party-List LPGMA in this Congress. He is the best mentor I could ever have as a neophyte legislator. Three generations of Albanos have served this Congress across a span of 65 years. We are deeply grateful to the people of Isabela who blessed us with the privilege to serve and we are immensely proud to be the voice of Isabela in Congress. To be honored with the trust of our constituents for so long is a very rare privilege. I hope that like my grandfather, my father and my elder brother, I will be able to honor the trust given to me by our constituents fully and well.

Mme. Speaker, the Albanos and other political families were freely elected through democratic elections, and we render meaningless the very idea of what they term as a political dynasty. My colleagues, dynastic succession transmits power based on lineage and through inheritance. This is done in monarchies where power is passed on to direct heirs at the top of the royal bloodline. In contrast, we were and are elected democratically. Power entrusted freely by the people to political leaders of their choice through their votes

in democratic, free elections, these political leaders do not fit the mold of dynastic succession. In this light, I am proud to belong to a family elected democratically by our people and to continue our family's tradition of service to the people of Isabela and our Republic of the Philippines.

Now, to go to the meat of my speech, as an Albano, it is also my pride and honor to propose that collectively, all the Members of this Chamber congratulate and extend the highest commendation to a former Member of this House and now a sitting Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, my *compadre* and esteemed friend, the Pambansang Kamao and the People's Champ, Senator Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao, for his remarkable triumph over Keith Thurman on July 21, 2019, bringing honor and glory, once again, to our beloved country and to all Filipinos. Senator Pacquiao decisively humbled the brash and cocky Thurman, a stronger and bigger fighter who is a decade younger than him, to win the WBA Welterweight World title at the MGM Grand Garden Arena on July 21, 2019. Through his victory, Senator Pacquiao proved to all Filipinos that age is never an obstacle to achieving the impossible as long as we put in hard work, focus our attention on the prize, and humble ourselves to one God to whom we offer all our labors and plans. Senator Pacquiao continues to inspire us that, with perseverance, hard work, an indomitable will to succeed and prayers, we can be the best that we aim to be.

His achievements are, indeed, sterling. He is the only professional boxer who has won eight division world titles. No boxer has come close to his record in title wins. In fact, he still fights and wins. While he conscientiously and diligently performs his duties as a Senator of the Republic. His most remarkable achievement, Mme. Speaker, away from the ring and the arena of politics, however, is his victory in his personal war against poverty. From the humblest of beginnings, Senator Manny Pacquiao has risen to great wealth and privilege. I recall Senator Manny intimately telling me his story about their "milk can days," living in a hut not bigger than a bathroom. His mother, Mommy Dionesia, used to put rice in an empty can of milk, add lots of water and cook it in the early mornings and that would be their food not only for breakfast, but for lunch and dinner as well, and this went on day after day.

Today, Senator Manny Pacquiao is among the wealthiest in the country but he has not forgotten those who, like him and his family during their "milk can days," suffer the oppressions of grinding poverty. He gives away hundreds of millions to help the poor, the sick and the needy in true fidelity to the Christian values of compassion and charity or love for one's fellowmen. The greatest Filipino fighter of all time is also an outstanding servant of the people and of God. By his example, he inspires us all to be better and to

dedicate ourselves to the higher causes of service to God, country and our people.

In this spirit, Mme. Speaker, I wish to congratulate and extend the highest salutations to our Pambansang Kamao, Senator Manny Pacquiao, for his recent victory that won him the Welterweight Championship Title of the World. May the future bring Senator Manny, and his family, more triumphs not only as a world class fighter but as a public servant and political leader.

God bless Senator Manny Pacquiao, God bless all our athletes that bring honor to our country, and God bless the Filipino people.

Maraming salamat po.

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

REP. FARIÑAS, RIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Albano to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS, RIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate from Bayan Muna Party-List for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Carlos Isagani Zarate from the Party-List Bayan Muna is now recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker, at mga kapwa ko Mambabatas. Isang magandang hapon po sa ating lahat.

Mme. Speaker, noong nakaraang Lunes, may limampung libong mga mamamayan ang nagmartsa sa kahabaan ng Commonwealth Avenue at nagdaos ng tinatawag na Peoples' SONA. Hindi nila inalintana ang malakas na buhos ng ulan. Hindi rin nila ininda ang ilang kilometrong haba ng lakaran mula sa tanggapan ng Commission on Human Rights hanggang sa Batasan Road. Bitbit pa ng mga nagmartsa ang mga pinaghandaan nilang makukulay na mga placards at magagarang streamers. May mga nagbuhat ng mga iskultura na pinagtulung-tulungang gawin ng mga artista ng bayan, at meron ding mga nagpinta ng mga mukha, gumawa ng costume at nagpalabas ng mga awit at sayaw.

Mme. Speaker, sa bayang tunay na malaya, ang mga martsang ganito ay parada, pista o pagdiriwang.

Ang mga nagmamartsang mga mamamayan ay tila nga parang dagat na asul, at ang mga iskultura ng isda, pugita, balyena, siyokoy, sirena at iba pang mga mito ng laman-dagat ay paggunita sa ating malawak na katubigan at karagatan na nag-uugnay sa ating mga kapuluan. Ngunit sa bansang kagaya natin, Mme. Speaker, na saklot sa pananamantala ng mga dayuhan, katulong ang mga lokal nilang kasabwat, malaking protesta ang maganda at makulay na martsang nangyari noong nakaraang Lunes. Marahil ang pinakamaningning na mensahe ng protestang ito ay ang marubdob na pagmamahal sa kalayaan at bansa ng nakakarami nating mga kababayan. Sinuong at dinaig ng taumbayan ang ulan, ang takot, ang pangamba, ang pagod at gutom upang maipakita lamang ang malakas na panawagang: Atin ang Pinas! China Layas!

Makatarungang galit ang nadarama ng bawat isang makabayang Pilipino sa pagyurak sa ating soberenya at teritoryo. Hindi katanggap-tanggap, Mme. Speaker, para sa mga Pilipino ang pagpasok at pag-okupa ng Tsina sa ating mga katubigan at isla, ang kanilang pag-militarize sa West Philippine Sea o South China Sea, ang reklamasyong ginawa sa ating mga isla, at ang pagsira at pagkamkam nila sa ating mga likas na yaman. Lalong tumingkad ang poot ng taumbayan nang banggain ang isang maliit na bangka ng ating mga mangingisda ng isang malaking sasakyang pandagat ng mga Tsino. Pumasok na nga ang bangkang dayuhan sa ating exclusive economic zone, hinayaan pang magpalutang-lutang ang mga lumubog na mga mangingisda ng walang pag-alala. Kaya, Mme. Speaker, malakas man ang buhos ng ulan at dumadagundong man ang kulog noong Lunes, tinapatan ito ng nangangalit na pagbubuhos ng mamamayan sa lansangan at ang matutunog na sigaw nila para sa katarungan at kalayaan, na aking uulitin: Atin ang Pinas! China Layas!

Kaya naman napakalaking pagkadismaya—at sa katunayan ay galit para sa nakararaming iba—ang naramdaman ng mga mamamayan sa mga nasambit ni Pangulong Duterte sa kanyang State of the Nation Address ukol sa West Philippine Sea. Sinalungguhan ng Pangulo ang posibilidad daw na pag-atake ng Tsina kung tayo ay maggigiit ng ating karapatan sa ating teritoryo. Ikulong na lamang daw ang usaping ito sa pribadong mga hangganan ng isang conference room, ang sabi niya.

Ngunit, Mme. Speaker at mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, ang usapin ng pananakop sa ating mga katubigan ay lantaran at walang kahihiyang ginagawa ng bansang Tsina sa atin. Ang mga karatig nating bayan ay hayagang kinukondena ang panghihimasok ng Tsina sa kanilang teritoryo, katulad ng mga bansang Vietnam at Indonesia. Mariin ang kanilang pagtutol at pagtuligsa sa mga ginagawa ng Tsina sa kanilang katubigan, pero hindi naman ito humantong sa giyera ang kanilang makatuwirang pagtatanggol sa kanilang teritoryo at

karagatan. Kung gayon, bakit tila naduduwag ang ating pamahalaan sa paglapastangan sa ating teritoryo. Nasaan na ang ipinakitang tapang ni Pangulong Duterte sa mga pagkakataong tinutuligsa niya ang kanyang mga kritiko, ang mga pari at obispo, at mga ahensiya na katulad ng United Nations? Laan lang ba ito sa mga hindi kayang lumaban at walang kalaban-laban?

Para sa amin sa Bayan Muna, Mme. Speaker, hindi lamang simpleng pagkabahag ng buntot ang dahilan kung bakit hindi ipinagtanggol ng kasalukuyang administrasyon ang ating teritoryo at ang ating mga mamamayan. Sa katunayan, ang dahilan nito ay nagkukumahog ang ating pamahalaan sa mga pautang ng Tsina kahit pa man ito ang maglulubog sa atin sa mas grabe pang utang sa mga darating na araw. Tinatayang umaabot na sa P887.9 billion ang tinatangkang utangin pa ng Pilipinas mula sa Tsina upang i-finance ang 75 flagship projects ng pamahalaan at iba pang imprastruktura.

Ang mga kontratang ito ay lubhang malaking kawalan at maanomalya sa ating bayan. Halimbawa, sa mga proyektong ito, nakasaad sa mga kasunduang pinasok para dito na ang puwede lamang gamitin ay ang mga kagamitang mula sa Tsina, mga manggagawang Tsino lang ang puwedeng magtrabaho, at ang termino ng pagbabayad sa mga utang ay istrikto at triple ang interes. Batas din ng Tsina ang iiral sa loob ng kontrata at kapag hindi nakapagbayad ang ating bansa, ang ibabayad natin sa mga pagkakautang na ito ay ang mismong mga bahagi ng ating bansa. Hindi pa natin alam ang iba pang pinipirmahang kontrata ng pamahalaan at Tsina dahil inililihim nila ang mga ito sa publiko. Kaya hindi ang takot sa giyera, kundi ang paglalaway sa kapital ng Tsina at sa baryang maglalaglag sa mga masugid nitong taga-suporta ang dahilan kung bakit nakatali ang paa at kamay at nakabusal ang bibig ng pamahalaan laban sa Tsina anuman ang gawing pambubusabos nito sa atin.

Sinabi ng Pangulo sa kanyang SONA na ipinagmamalaki niya ang pagkakaibigan niya sa Tsina. Ngunit ating maitanong at ating sasabihin na mali ang terminong “kaibigan” sa kalagayang ito. Kaibigan nga ba ang tawag kapag inaangkin niya ang iyong bakuran? Kaibigan nga ba ang itatawag natin sa kumakamkam sa ating kabuhayan, sumisira sa ating bahay, nagbabawal kung papasok tayo sa sarili nating mga pag-aari? Kaibigan ba ang tawag kung ang nais niya ay kamalin ang limpak-limpak na tubo sa iyong pagkakasalat?

Mme. Speaker, ang relasyon ng Tsina at Pilipinas ay hindi pagkakaibigan kung hindi relasyon ng isang amo at isang alipin. Hamon sa ating lahat na nasa loob ng bulwagang ito, Mme. Speaker, na tumbasan ang tapang at paninindigan ng ating mga mamamayan na hindi magpapagapi sa takot at hirap upang ipaglaban ang ating bayan at ang ating kasarinlan. Tayo ay hinahamon ng panahon at pagkakataon upang ipakita ang ating diwang makabayan at ipagtanggol ang kalayaan at

soberenya na kinamit ng ating mga ninuno laban sa mga mananakop.

Mme. Speaker, ngayon ang panahon upang ipakita natin sa taumbayan na tayo ang kanilang Kinatawan at kaya nating ipagtanggol ang ating bansa. Ako po ay tumatayo ngayon sa ngalan ng mamamayang makabayan, sa mamamayang naninindigan para sa kalayaang pinagbuwisan ng buhay ng ating mga bayani, upang himukin ang bawat isa sa atin na tumindig laban sa dayuhang panghihimasok at pananamantala sa ating bayan.

Muli, Mme. Speaker, ang ating panawagan—Atin ang Pinas! China Layas!

Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker. (*Applause*)

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

REP. FARIÑAS, RIA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Zarate to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS, RIA. Mme. Speaker, at this point, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat. We have with us the leaders and members of the Philippine Task Force for Indigenous Peoples Rights, Save Our Schools, Bai-IP Women and KATRIBU. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The guests of Rep. Eufemia Cullamat will please stand up to be recognized. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS, RIA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Hon. Eufemia C. Cullamat from Bayan Muna Party-List for her privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Eufemia C. Cullamat from the Party-List Bayan Muna is now recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CULLAMAT

REP. CULLAMAT. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, minamahal na mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, magduw nu eydow, maayong adlaw kanatong tanan. Magandang araw sa ating lahat.

Una sa lahat, gusto kong itala sa records na wala sa aking hinagap o imahinasyon na makita ang aking

sarili, na isang simpleng magsasakang Manobo mula sa komunidad ng mga Lumad sa kabundukan ng Diatagon, Lianga, Surigao del Sur, ang makapasok sa prestiyosong bulwagang ito, lalo na ang tumayo sa inyong harapan ngayon bilang isa sa inyong mga kasamahan.

Naalala ko noong 2017, noong kaming mga biktima ng paglabag ng karapatang pantao ay pumasok at umupo sa gallery upang makinig sa privilege speech ng Kinatawan ng ANAKPAWIS Party-List, si Ariel “Ka Ayik” Casilao, patungkol sa aming mga kalagayan. Kami ay kinausap noon para lumabas, Mme. Speaker. Kahit ngayon, bilang nahalal na Kinatawan ng BAYAN MUNA Party-List, ako pa rin ay nangangamba na ako ay muling paalisin.

Mme. Speaker, ang presensya ko dito ngayon, kasama ang lima pang Kinatawan ng Makabayan bloc, ay isang katibayan ng katapangan at katatagan ng aming mga miyembro at taga-suporta. Sila, na naggiit at napangibabawan ang malupit at malawakang panunupil, ay nakakuha ng 2,236,155 boto para sa mga party-list sa ilamin ng Makabayan Coalition at naghatid ng boses ng mga masang Pilipino sa Kongreso. Ang tagumpay ng mga taga party-list ng Makabayan sa nakaraang eleksiyon ay nakamit sa dugo at pawis ng mga ordinaryong Lumad at iba pang pambansang minoritya—magsasaka, mangingisda, manggagawa, kabataan, propesyunal, simpleng kawani, relihiyoso at iba pang mga maralitang sektor.

Mahaning no mgo kadumahanoy no pigpanhimatadan to sii no tog pagpanunoy paduyog kani to sii no matikang no ugpaan.

Marami sa aming mga kasamahan, mga taga-suporta at volunteers ang pinaslang sa aming paglalakbay patungo sa kagalang-galang na bulwagang ito. Dahil dito, gusto ko silang parangalan ngayon, ang aking mga kasamahan na nag-alay ng buhay para sa paghahanap at pakikipaglaban sa makatuwirang panlipunang pagbabago. Ang mataas na parangal ay para kina Randy Malayao, Councilor Toto Patigas, Atty. Ben Ramos, Neptali Morada, James Vinas, peasant leaders Larry Suganob at Nonoy Palma, at human rights advocate Romano Baldoza. Kasama natin sila habang nagpapatuloy tayo sa pakikipaglaban para sa karapatan ng mga mamamayang Pilipino. Mulí, taas-kamao po akong nagpapasalamat sa mga mamamayang Pilipino sa tiwala at karangalang ito na maging Kinatawan nila dito sa Kongreso.

Nandito ako ngayon nakatindig sa inyong harapan bilang Kinatawan ng mahihirap, inaapi at tinatangalan ng karapatan ng nakikibakang mamamayan. Nandito ako ngayon upang ilahad ang tunay na kalagayan ng mamamayang sadlak pa rin sa kahirapan, lalo na sa mga katutubo at pambansang minoritya. Mme. Speaker, humingi kami ng katarungan para sa mga biktima at kanilang pamilya sa pinakamasahol na paglabag sa karapatang pantao ng pambansang minoritya, ng mga katutubo at mga magsasaka. Mula July 2016 hanggang

Marso 2019, 250 mga lider at miyembro ng mga progresibong organisasyon ang marahas na pinaslang at 392 ang mga biktima ng frustrated extrajudicial killings. Sa mga biktima ito, 207 ang mga magsasaka at Lumad na tutol sa mapinsalang operasyon ng kanilang mga lupaing sinasaka at lupaing ninuno.

Balik tanawin natin ang pagpaslang sa tatlong miyembro ng Nagkahiusang Maguuma sa Laak noong March 2017, dalawang miyembro ng Farmers Association in Davao City noong 2017, tatlong miyembro ng Compostela Farmers Association noong August 2018, at walong miyembro ng Tamasco (T'boli-Manubo Sdaf Claimants Organization) sa Lake Sebu noong December 2017. Noong January naman, dalawang Lumad na magsasaka ang pinatay sa Lianga, Surigao del Sur—isang Lumad sa Bukidnon at isang Lumad na lider sa Pigyayunga-an sa Bukidnon—noong July 8, 2019. Ang lahat ng ito ay nangyayari sa ilalim ng martial law sa Mindanao.

Kamakailan, Mme. Speaker, ang mga masaker ng Negros, una sa Sagay kung saan siyam ang pinatay na magsasaka, kabilang ang dalawang menor de edad, at ikalawa, sa Kanlaon kung saan 14 magsasaka ang pinatay. Noong isang linggo naman sa Guihulngan, kung saan apat ang magkahiwalay na pinaslang, kabilang ang isang principal ng paaralan—ito ay mga pagpatay sa ilalim ng counterinsurgency na kampanyang Oplan Kapayapaan. Noong 2017 hanggang sa kasalukuyan ay naitatag ang Oplan Sauron ng rehimeng Duterte kung saan mayroon nang 36 ang pinatay ng walang kalaban-laban sa kanilang military operations. Sa kabuuan, 83 ang pinatay sa isla ng Negros.

Maging ako man, Mme. Speaker, ay naging biktima na rin sa paglabag sa karapatang pantao ng Armed Forces of the Philippines at mga paramilitary elements. Saksi ako, kasama ang 200 Lumad na katulad ko, kasa-kasama ang mga bata, sa marahas na pagpaslang sa aking pinsan na si Dionel Campos, lider ng aming organisasyon MaPaSu (Malahutayong Pakigbisog Alang sa Sumusunod) at ang aking tiyuhin, si Datu Jovillo Sinzo at si Emerito Samarca na isang executive director ng aming Lumad na paaralang ALCADDEV noong September 1, 2015 sa Surigao del Sur.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Escudero relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Johnny Ty Pimentel.

Nanginginig akong nakadapa sa lupa habang walang habas na nagpapaputok ng mga barrel ang mga sundalo at mga paramilitar. Kitang-kita ko kung paano ipinadapa si Dionel Campos ng isang paramilitar sa lupa. Nakita ko noong sumabog ang kanyang utak matapos siyang barilin sa ulo, na inangat pa para tingnan ito. Niyakap ko ang mga anak ni Dionel habang umiiyak sila sa walang buhay at nilapastangang katawan ng kanilang ama.

Nakita ko ang aking tiyuhin na ilang beses hinampas ng kahoy na naging dahilan sa pagkabali ng kanyang binti at braso, at sa pagbagsak niya ay binaril siya ng ilang ulit ng mga paramilitar habang ang mga sundalo ay nasa paligid lang. Nakita ko ang pag-torture sa walang buhay na katawan ng aming minamahal na principal ng paaralan, si Sir Emok Samarca, na nakahandusay sa loob ng isang silid ng aming paaralang ALCADDEV. Ang kanyang katawan ay tadtad ng bala at paso ng sigarilyo at may mga hiwa ang kanyang leeg. Ang masaker na iyon ay malinaw na naglalayong takutin kami upang payagan ang pagpasok ng minahan ng coal sa aming lupang ninuno.

Sa pananalita ng isang paramilitar, "Ug sugot kow pa no ug sid kan mga dudugi no mgo kompaniya to mina, kuna kow podom ug ka angod to sie. Dili unta ni mahitabo sa inyo kung mosugot pamo nga mosulod ang mina. Hindi sana ito mangyayari sa inyo kung pumayag kayong pumasok ang mga minahan."

Hanggang ngayon ay wala pa ring hustisya. Malaya pa rin ang pumatay sa aming dalawang lider at sa ang aming minamahal na executive director. Ang larawan na ito ay mananatili sa aking isipan habang ako ay nabubuhay. Lalo ko silang maaalala tuwing may magsasaka o isa pang katutubo, abogado, teacher, human rights worker o relihiyoso ang pinaslang dahil lamang sa paggigiit at pagtatanggol sa kanilang karapatan. Ang mas masakit, Mr. Speaker, ay ang mga karumal-dumal na atakeng ito ay ginagawa din sa mga paaralang Lumad, sa aming mga guro, sa aming mga anak. Hindi lamang nila winawasak ang aming paaralan, sinasampahan pa ng gawa-gawang kaso ang mga guro at taga suporta nila at kinukulung sila. Sa ngayon, nandiyan pa si Datu Jomorito Goaynon sa kulungan. Nilalapastangan nila, winawasak, sinusunog ang mga paaralang pinagsakripisuhan at pinaghirapan naming itayo. Sa loob ng maraming dekada, ang pambansang minority ay pinagkaitan ng batayang serbisyo kasama ang edukasyon. Kami ay ilang ulit na naging biktima: una, ang kakulangan ng edukasyon; at ikalawa, ang kahirapan sa pagkamit nito sa kapatagan.

Masasabi ko at aaminin ko na ako ay isa sa kaunti o iilan na nakatapos lamang ng elementarya na nakatuntong sa Bulwagang ito bilang isang Mambabatas. Hirap ako makaintindi ng salitang Ingles o kaya ang bumasa nito. Ako ay produkto ng kakulangan ng gobyerno na magbigay ng nararapat na edukasyon dahil ang pinakamalapit na paaralan sa amin ay mahigit 20 kilometro ang layo. Gayunpaman, nagsikap kami, nagbuhos ng dugo, pawis at luha, at sa tulong ng simbahan, nongovernment organizations, at sa mga indibidwal na pulitiko, naitayo ang mga paaralan sa aming mga komunidad at kami ay natutong magbasa, magsulat at magbilang. Dahil sa mga paaralang ito, ang aming mga anak ay nakakakuha ng edukasyon na akma sa aming tradisyon, kultura at pangangailangan na

kailangang paunlarin, lalo na ang agrikultura, para kami ay mabuhay sa aming lupa habang pinoprotektahan ang lupang ninuno para sa susunod na henerasyon. Marami sa mga mag-aaral sa mga paaralang ito, ang iilan ay nakatuntong at nakapagtapos ng kolehiyo at bumalik sa mga komunidad at naglingkod sa mga kapwa naming Lumad bilang mga guro, agriculturist, health worker at civic organizer. Sila ang napagkakatiwalaang mga lider ng aming mga komunidad at epektibong tinutulungan ang mga hindi nakapag-aral na mga datu ng mga Lumad para mapamunuan ang aming tribu. Si Hon. Johnny Pimentel, dating Gobernador sa Surigao del Sur at ngayon ay kagalang-galang na Deputy Speaker at kasama ko dito sa Kongreso, ay makakapagpatunay sa pag-unlad ng aming mga komunidad dahil sa mga paaralang Lumad. Napuntahan niya ang aming komunidad at paaralan noong siya ay Gobernador pa at tinulungan kami sa mga panahon ng kagipitan at kahirapan.

Mga minamahal kong kasamahan, nakakapagsalita ako ngayon ng Pilipino o Tagalog sa inyong harapan dahil sa mga paaralang ito ng Lumad. Ipagpaumanhin mo, Mme. Speaker, kung may hindi tama akong nabibigkas sa aking pagbasa at pananalita sa inyong harapan. Ang mga guro ng TRIFPSS o Tribal Filipino Program of Surigao de Sur at ng ALCADDEV o Alternative Learning Center for Agricultural and Livelihood Development, at ang aking mga anak na doon nag-aral, ang nagturo sa akin at sa marami pang magulang o matatanda sa aming komunidad na bumasa, umunawa at magsalita ng pambansang wika. Ang iba pang mga katutubo sa mga komunidad na may kaparehong paaralan ay natuto rin magbasa, magsulat at magbilang.

Mr. Speaker, sa kabila o dahil marahil na ang mga Lumad ay nakapag-aral o literate na ngayon, kung kaya tumitindi ang mga atake sa mga paaralang Lumad. Ngayong July 2019 lamang, 55 Lumad schools na pinatakbo ng Salugpongan Ta'tanu Igkanugon Learning Center sa Probinsiya ng Davao ang sinuspinde ng DepEd sa ilalim ni Secretary Briones dahil sa sulsol ng National Security Adviser na si General Esperon. Inakusahan ni General Esperon ang Salugpongan school, katulad ng pag-akusa niya sa mga paaralang pinatakbo ng CLANS, MISFI, TRIFPSS at ALCADDEV, na nagtuturo daw sa mga bata na lumaban sa gobyerno, hinahasa daw sila maging mandirigmang NPA at kung paano bumaril at mag-dismantle ng armas. Ang lahat ng ito ay puro kasinungalingan na naglalayong isara ang aming mga paaralan at durugin ang aming organisasyon ng mga Lumad.

Bago pa man ang whole-of-nation approach ng administrasyong Duterte, kung saan ginagamit ang mga ahensiya ng gobyerno sa kanyang programang counterinsurgency, ang ilan sa mga paaralang ito ay tumatanggap na ng mga pagkilala at mga award na ginagawad mismo ng Department of Education.

Lubos ang sakit na nararamdaman ko, Mr. Speaker, na si Pangulong Duterte, na nanawagan ng hustisya para sa mga atake sa mga Lumad ng Mindanao at ang aming mga paaralan noong 2015, ay nagpataw ng martial law, pinaigting ang militarisasyon at inutusan ang AFP na ipagpatuloy ang hindi makataong trato sa mga magsasaka at pambansang minority. Malinaw sa amin ang mga dahilan ng lahat ng pagpaslang na ito, Mr. Speaker. Ito ay para patahimikin kami, tanggalin ang lahat ng may pagtutol sa walang habas na pandarambong at pagsira ng aming lupang ninuno at mga sakahan ng mga malalaking minahan, plantasyon at dam. Ang Presidente mismo ang nagsabi sa aming mga Lumad ng Mindanao na siya daw ang pipili at magdedesisyon sa mga proyektong papasok sa aming lupang ninuno, na bobombahin niya kami, kabilang ang aming mga paaralan. Lahat kami ay naghanda na lumisan sa aming mga komunidad. At ginawa nga niya ang mga ito, at ipinagpatuloy at pinalawig ang martial law sa Mindanao.

Sa kasalukuyan, isa sa pinakamatinding apektado ng mga pag-atake na ito ang mga komunidad na nasa kabundukan ng Pantaron. Ang mga komunidad ng Lumad na Manobo ng Talaingod, kasama ang mga Bagobo, Mansaka at Mandaya na naninirahan sa Pantaron Mountain Range ay inatake dahil sa kanilang likas na yaman sa loob ng lupang ninuno. Ang Pantaron ay sumasaklaw ng mga area ng Bukidnon, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Misamis Oriental, Agusan del Norte at Agusan del Sur. Ito ay tahanan ng natitirang 1.8 million na ektarya na virgin forest na nagsu-supply ng tubig sa malaking ilog ng Mindanao. Ang mga Lumad sa lugar na ito ay tutol sa mining operation ng Apex Mining Co., Crew Gold Corporation at Mapula Creek Gold.

Ang mga komunidad naman ng Manobo sa Andap Valley Complex sa Surigao del Sur, kabilang ang kabundukan ng Lianga, San Agustin, Marihatag, Tandag, Tago at San Miguel, ay militarizado. Ang mga Lumad sa mga lugar na ito ay tumututol sa operation ng 15 coal mining companies. Ang mga Lumad sa Agusan del Sur sa loob ng 200,000 ektarya na target ng expansion ng plantasyon ng palm oil ay inatake din. Subalit, Mr. Speaker, ang mga pag-atakeng ito sa mga komunidad ng mga katutubo ay hindi lang nangyayari sa Mindanao. May pag-atake din sa mga komunidad ng pambansang minority na tumututol sa mga proyekto sa ibang bahagi ng bansa. May mga Dumagat ng Quezon na tutol sa itatayong Kaliwa Dam, mga Igorot ng Kalinga, ang mga karatig na probinsiya na tutol sa Chico River Irrigation Pump Project. Ang mga proyektong ito ay magpapalayas sa mga katutubo sa kanilang lupang ninuno.

Sa kabila ng lahat ng ito, kami, ang mga pambansang minority, ay magpapatuloy sa pagdependa sa aming lupang ninuno, ang pinagmumulan ng aming buhay

at kabuhayan. Magpapatuloy kami sa pagsisikap na depensahan ang aming mga paaralan para sa edukasyon ng aming mga anak. Magpapatuloy kami sa paghanap ng hustisya para sa mga biktima ng paglabag sa karapatang pantao. Hinihingi namin, Mr. Speaker, na pangunahan ng Kongresong ito ang imbestigasyon sa mga atake sa mga paaralang Lumad at mga samahan at organisasyon ng Lumad na ginagawa ng mga ahensiya ng gobyerno tulad ng DepEd, DSWD, DILG, PNP at AFP. Partikular na hinihingi ng Kinatawang ito ang kagyat na imbestigasyon sa sapilitang pagpapasara ng DepEd sa 55 na Salugpongan schools sa Davao Region.

Nananawagan kami na, una, imbestigahan ang malalaking operasyon ng pagmimina at plantasyong, lalo na sa Mindanao, na nagpapalayas sa mga pambansang minorya at sumisira sa aming lupang ninuno na nagdudulot ng mga pagguho ng lupa at pagbabaha. Pangalawa, itigil ang martial law sa Mindanao dahil kaming mga pambansang minorya, mga progresibong grupo at mga magsasaka ang direktang biktima. Pangatlo, ihinto ang mga proyekto na Kaliwa Dam at Chico River Pump Project at mga proyektong magpapaalis sa mga katutubong mamamayan at mga magsasaka sa kanilang lupain, sumisira sa ating Inang Kalikasan at magbabaon sa mamamayang Pilipino sa mas malaking utang.

Mr. Speaker, masasabi ko na nasa balikatin ang malayang kinabukasan ng ating bayan at ng ating mga mamamayan. Ito lang po, Mr. Speaker.

Daghang salamat. Isang mapagpalayang hapon sa ating lahat. (*Applause*)

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable “Ka Femia” to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we extend the Privilege Hour for another hour.

I so move.

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, next to avail

of the Privilege Hour is the honorable Lady from the GABRIELA Party-List. I move that we recognize Rep. Arlene D. Brosas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Pimentel). Rep. Arlene Brosas is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BROSAS

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, fellow Members of the House of Representatives, guests and chapter leaders and members of the Gabriela Women’s Party who are with us today, good afternoon to all of you.

I rise today to make a very important point about the state of Filipino women. As the Representative from the Gabriela Women’s Party, the sole women’s party-list, I would like to use my first privilege speech in the Eighteenth Congress to train the spotlight on various issues affecting women, and the diminishing political space accorded us in the midst of such crisis. President Duterte, in his fourth State of the Nation Address, placed the spotlight on Filipino women on but two lamentable instances: One was when he tackled the Boracay rehabilitation, and the other was when he brought up the water crisis. But “sunbathing girls” and “smelly girlfriend” hardly capture the state of Filipino women. For starters, Filipino women bear the heaviest burden of spiraling prices, low wages, poor and privatized water services, contractual labor, forced migration and sexual violence amidst a political climate that is increasingly hostile to women human rights defenders.

Women are more than just anecdote fillers and figures of speech. In the grand scheme of things, Filipino women fulfill a very important role in the Philippine economy, comprising half of the entire labor force. It is important to note, however, that the labor participation rate of women has been declining through the years since 2014, falling from 49.3 percent in 2016 to 46.2 percent in 2017, based on the latest available data. The number of employed women also decreased by almost one million during the same period. The economic opportunities for women for gainful employment have drastically worsened. Outside this figure, millions of Filipino women survive on odd jobs that expose them to different forms of abuse. Among those employed, women stand out as the face of contractual labor, especially in low value-added economic activities.

Kababaihan ang mukha ng kontraktwal na paggawa sa fast food chains, malls, call center companies, at maraming pagawaan ng electronics at sabon. Kababaihan ang mukha ng mga biktima ng kontraktwalisasyon, halimbawa, sa mga plantasyon ng saging ng Sumifru Corporation sa Mindanao at sa PEPMACO na pagawaan ng sabong panlaba kung

saan nakatirik ang welga. Women are a huge part of the contractual workers betrayed by the President when he vetoed the already watered-down Security of Tenure Bill at the pleasure of big businesses and foreign investors. Despite the signing of the Expanded Maternity Leave Law, which Gabriela Women's Party championed here at the Lower House, many women still suffer from abusive employers who refuse to implement the law. May mga kuwento pa rin ng mga manggagawang nakukunan sa pagawaan o hindi kaya ay tinanggal matapos na magsilang ng anak, katulad ng kalagayan sa PEPMACO sa Cabuyao, Laguna.

Women are also the face of the victims of the Rice Liberalization Law, which opened the floodgates for imported rice and phased out NFA rice in the local markets. Papaano na ngayon ang 10 milyong ilaw ng tahanan na nakaasa sa murang NFA rice? Paano na ang mga kababaihang magsasaka na gutom ang inabot dahil sa napakababang bentahan ng palay, sa pinakamababa ay P11 o P12 kada kilo, samantala, nananatiling mahal pa rin ang presyo ng imported commercial rice sa mga pamilihan sa kabila ng pangako ng mga nagtulak ng batas? Women are bearing the brunt of this policy that only fortified the liberalization of agriculture in line with the neo-liberal template of the World Trade Organization.

Kababaihan ang mukha ng mahahabang pila ng mga balde nang pumutok ang krisis sa tubig noong Marso at nagpapatuloy hanggang sa ngayon sa ilan pang bahagi ng Metro Manila. Women and their families suffer heavily from water interruptions and brownish, dirty water supply flowing from their taps, illustrating the failure of water privatization.

Sa kabila ng perwisyong ito, patuloy ang paniningil ng Maynilad at Manila Water, at nakaamba pa ang taas-singil sa susunod na taon.

Sa harap ng mga pasakit na ito, pasan-pasan din ng mga kababaihan ang kulturang bulok na naglalagay sa kanila sa kuko ng abuso. Data from the PNP revealed that every 72 minutes, a Filipino woman or child is raped. Thus, there should be no tolerance for top government officials who trivialize rape and the trauma of victims by merely using sexual violence as a device for perverted humor. Lubog sa kahirapan, dinarahas, at kung ituring ay walang dangal—ang larawang ito ng kababaihan ay pinadidilim pa ng bawat gabi at araw na may nabibiyuda, nawawalan ng anak at nauulila. Dumadanak ang dugo sa mga maralitang komunidad sa bawat maakusahan, kahit hindi pa man mapatunayang nasasangkot sa iligal na droga. Dumadanak ang dugo sa kanayunan, sa komunidad ng mga Lumad, katutubo at magsasaka mula sa Mindanao, sa Gitnang Luzon at Kabikulan, at sa isla ng Negros.

Women fight in so many arenas, ways, forms and areas. Women fight, just as the party-list organization representing the most marginalized of women in the

House of Representatives fight. In the midst of being the target of calibrated attacks on virtually every front, we fight. Babae kami, lumalaban. Noong nakaraang mga buwan, kinaharap ng aming mga lider at mga kasapi ang lantaran at ibayong panliligalig. Kinakatok sa mga bahay, tulad ng pagkatok ng mga pulis sa tokhang, at binabalaan laban sa kanilang pagiging bahagi ng Gabriela Women's Party. Naglipana ang mga tarpaulin, mga polyeto at maging ang opisyal na diyaryo ng PNP na pinopondohan ng pera ng taumbayan—lahat ito ay pawang inaakusahan na kami ay mga miyembro ng NPA, na para bang kaming mga nasa Gabriela Women's Party ay mga armado, na para bang kami ay hindi lumalahok sa parliyamto, gayong kami ay tumatakbo, nangangampanya at nananawagan na kami ay iboto.

Let me say it again so that it is clear, and put on record not just for Gabriela Women's Party, but for ANAKPAWIS, BAYAN MUNA, ACT TEACHERS Party-List and KABATAAN Party-List: "Hindi kami armado!" Tulad ng marami naming mga miyembro at kasapi, mga magsasaka, abogado, aktibista at kababaihang galit sa kabastusan at karahasan, mga kababaihang nasa maralitang komunidad at lumalaban para sa karapatan namin sa paninirahan, hindi kami armado.

Paulit-ulit, ano po? Kaya lang, may ilang sadyang hindi nakakaunawa o marahil ay hindi nakikinig, o marahil ay walang ibang layon sa buhay kung hindi ang puksain ang mga taong naghahangad ng pagbabago, hustisya, kapayapaan at ang pagtamasa natin ng ating mga batayang karapatan. Tulad na lamang ng NTF-ELCAC o National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, a task force created by Executive Order No. 70, composed of no less than the President, the National Security Adviser and representatives from 18 departments and two more from the private sector. Practically, the entire bureaucracy and funded by peoples' taxes as represented by this task force, filed a petition to cancel the registration of Gabriela Women's Party in the Commission on Elections. We have been part of the House of Representatives since 2004. Our first Representative, the Hon. Liza Maza, was a Member of the House of Representatives since 2001. Gabriela Women's Party-List Representatives have, since then, pushed for a significant number of laws including the Magna Carta of Women, the Anti-Violence Against Women and Children Act, the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, Occupational Safety and Health Law, to name a few. We continue to push for legislation that will help alleviate the plight of women and our families such as security of tenure, national minimum wage, progressive taxation, the Magna Carta of Day Care Workers, additional benefits for solo parents, and the repeal of the Rice Trade Liberalization Law.

Ang nais kong bigyan pansin ng Mababang Kapulungan, sa puntong ito ng aking talumpati, sa gitna

ng nabanggit na kaninang kadusta-dustang kalagayan ng kababaihan at mga bata, hindi po ba lalong kailangan at makabuluhan ngayon ang mga reporma at panukalang batas na isinusulong natin para makabigay alwan sa abang kalagayan ng bayan? Pero ang maraming mga hakbang, maging ang mga prayoridad na hakbang na gustong isulong sa Kongreso, ay tumutungo sa pagpapatahimik ng tinig ng mahihirap at maliliit na mamamayan. Mula sa pagpapababa ng edad ng mga batang maaaring ituring na kriminal, sa pagpapatuloy ng martial law hanggang sa pagpapataw ng parusang kamatayan, at dagdag pa ito sa mga nagaganap ng pagsampa ng gawa-gawang kaso, iligal na pag-aresto, red-tagging, hanggang sa mga walang habas na pagpaslang at pagpapatuloy at bantang pagpapalawak pa ng martial law. Hindi po ba higit na kailangan ngayon ang mas malakas na tinig at ang pagbibigay tinig pa sa mas marami para makaalpas sa kahirapan, sa karahasan, at sa kalagayan ng kawalang dangal ng mga mamamayan?

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa ko Kinatawan, akin pong itinatala ngayong hapon ang tinig ng mga kababaihang maralita, kababaihang manggagawa at magsasaka sa Kapulungang ito. Walang lupa, walang sapat na kabuhayan, walang katiyakan sa paninirahan, pinatatahimik, binubusalan at pinapatay, pero narito kami at inaangkin ang aming tinig at karapatan. Narito kami, ang kababaihang lumalaban. Ito ang kalagayan ng nakararaming kababaihan. Ito ang tunay na state of Filipino women.

Magandang hapon. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Arlene D. Brosas to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

I so move.

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, may we be allowed to acknowledge the presence of some guests in

the gallery. They are the guests of the Hon. Sonny "SL" L. Lagon from AKO BISAYA Party-List: the barangay captains from Tuburan, Cebu who are accompanied by his wife, our congressional spouse, Ms. Daphne Lagon. Allow me to read their names: Rosana Esmero, Honorato Amancio, Jundro Alcantara, Josefina Cuesta, Ronel Sayson, Madonna Sayson, Teogenes Malinao, Candelario Ibo, Phoebe Potencioso, Aileen Garcia, Epifania Peligrino, Anselmo Montebon Sr., Renato Jopia and Rodito Jopia.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Pimentel). To the visitors and guests of Representative Lagon, welcome to the House of Representatives. We hope that your stay is an enjoyable and productive one. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, we would also like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the honorable Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and the honorable Lady from TINGOG SINIRANGAN Party-List, Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez. They are from the Department of Agriculture Region 8: Dir. Milo Delos Reyes, Dir. Juan Albaladejo, Engr. Fernando Conde, Ms. Arsenia Canillas and Mr. Rodel G. Macapañas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Pimentel). May we request the guests of Majority Floor Leader Martin Romualdez and Rep. Yedda Romualdez to please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, we would also like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Josefina B. Tallado from the First District of Camarines Norte. They are the Hon. Rezel Octa, Barangay Captain, Barangay Moncayo; the Hon. Dolores Balane, Barangay Captain, Barangay Napilihan; the Hon. Christopher Ilan, Kagawad, Barangay Napilihan; the Hon. Relyn Valencia, Kagawad, Barangay Napilihan; the Hon. Arnulfo Guzman, Kagawad, Barangay Napilihan; the Hon. Aida Balane, Kagawad, Barangay Napilihan; the Hon. Crismarie Villafranca, Kagawad, Barangay Napilihan; the Hon. Allan Odi, Kagawad, Barangay Napilihan; and the Hon. Ellen Balon, Barangay Secretary also of the same barangay, as well as SK Chairperson Romabel N. Abad.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Pimentel). May we request the guests of Rep. Josefina Tallado to please rise. *(Applause)* You are very much welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF H.B. NO. 563

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of House Bill No. 563, creating the Department of Disaster Resilience, from the Committees on Government Reorganization and National Defense and Security, to the Committees on Government Reorganization and Disaster Management.

I so move.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER CAYETANO
AND DEPUTY SPEAKER HERNANDEZ
AS CARETAKERS OF
CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, a manifestation, since a basic principle of Congress is “No taxation without representation,” and in the interest of the constituents of the following legislative districts which remained unrepresented since the opening of the Eighteenth Congress, may we hereby manifest that effective immediately: First, the Speaker, the Hon. Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano, shall act as the legislative caretaker for the First and Second Districts of Southern Leyte, and the Lone Legislative District of General Santos City. Second, Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez shall be designated as the legislative caretaker for the First District of South Cotabato.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Pimentel). The manifestation is hereby noted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 139

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 139, as introduced by Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano, Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.

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

I so move.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 139, entitled: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHIES AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TWIN EARTHQUAKES AND AFTERSHOCKS THAT HIT ITBAYAT, BATANES, ON JULY 27, 2019; THANKING THOSE WHO IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED TO THE DISASTER AND EXTENDED HELP; AND CALLING TO EXPEDITE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE AFFECTED AREAS.

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

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 139

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the said Resolution.

I so move.

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

House Resolution No. 139 is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, in connection with the said Resolution, we have a manifesto that we will be passing here on the floor this evening. It is an authority to deduct contributions from the Members for the relief operations in the recent earthquakes in Batanes. We encourage everyone to please support by writing the amount beside your name as well as affixing your signature on the said manifesto.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Pimentel). The Chair hereby directs the Secretariat to please pass around the manifesto for the Congressmen or Representatives to sign the said manifesto.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

It was 6:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:56 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Pimentel). The session is hereby adjourned.

It was 6:57 p.m.