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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Paolo Z. Duterte called the session to order.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Duterte). Everybody will please stand for the Invocation to be led by Hon. Esmael G. Mangudadatu from the Second District of Maguindanao and Cotabato City.

*Everybody rose for the Invocation.*

### INVOCATION

REP. MANGUDADATU. Let us pray.

*A'ounu billahi mina saitani rejimin Bismillahi rahmani rahiem.*

*Rabbana atina fid dunya hazzana was fil akhirati hazzana waquina Zabanaar, Subhanna rabpi ka rabpi izati mayasifun wasalamun alar mursaliin walhamdulillah hir rabpi Allameen.*

*Amen.*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

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

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, today is Monday and many of our colleagues are still flying in from their respective districts and provinces, and have indicated that they will be here shortly. Because of that, Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Duterte). There is a motion for the deferment of the calling of the roll.

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

### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of Journal No. 5, dated Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Duterte). There is a motion for the approval of Journal No. 5. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Duterte). 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 the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:*

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 2952, entitled:

“AN ACT TERMINATING THE COLLECTION OF TOLL FEES ALONG THE PORTION OF THE BENGUET ROAD (KENNON ROAD) FROM KLONDYKE’S SPRING TO CAMP SIX, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 34, SERIES OF 1954, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Fongwan and Dalog

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N  
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2953, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RONDA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE RONDA TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2954, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF MOALBOAL, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE CEBU IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’ AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2955, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS ACADEMY AS AN ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and Suansing (Horacio)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2956, 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 Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2957, 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 Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2958, 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 Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2959, entitled:

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

By Representative Macapagal Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2960, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE COLLATERAL ENTITLEMENT OF UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES WHO DIRECTLY ENGAGE IN ACTUAL COMBAT AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE DIFFERENT NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT GROUPS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2961, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING PIO MODEL COMMUNITY IN BARANGAY PIO, MUNICIPALITY OF PORAC, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A BARANGAY, NAMING IT AS BARANGAY ADELINA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Matugas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2962, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Macapagal Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2967, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING THE IMPORTATION OF WASTE”

By Representative Teves (Jose)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2968, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO EGOR DMITRIEV”

By Representative Teves (Jose)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2963, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING TRICYCLE DRIVERS’ TRAINING AND MOTORISTS’ AWARENESS PROGRAMS”

By Representative Espino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2969, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF PLASTICS, OTHER NON-BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS, AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IN ADVERTISING GOODS, SERVICES, OR EVENTS, INCLUDING ELECTION PROPAGANDA, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Defensor (Lorenz)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2964, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HUNDRED-BED EXTENSION OF THE LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL – IFUGAO EXTENSION HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chungalao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2970, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9297, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING LAW OF 2004’ ”

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

House Bill No. 2965, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER PROVINCIAL JAILS FROM THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990’ ”

By Representative Matugas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2971, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 11 OF R.A. 10659 OR THE SUGAR DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2015”

By Representative Sagarbarria  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2966, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE SIARGAO

House Bill No. 2972, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 99, 121, AND 122 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Sagarbarria  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2973, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE HUMAN RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT OFFICE IN THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND DEFINING  
ITS FUNCTIONS”

By Representative Sagarbarria  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2974, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL  
ROAD WHICH TRAVERSES FROM THE  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN TANJAY CITY TO  
BARANGAY NOVALLAS PROCEEDING  
TO BARANGAY PAL-EW AND PASSING  
THROUGH BARANGAY STO. NIÑO  
UNTIL THE NATIONAL ROAD GOING TO  
MABINAY, KALUMBOYAN TO BAYAWAN  
CITY, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Sagarbarria  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2975, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG  
REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF AMLAN, PROVINCE  
OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, TO BE  
KNOWN AS THE NEGROS ORIENTAL  
REHABILITATION CENTER AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sagarbarria  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS  
DRUGS

House Bill No. 2976, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MANDATORY  
PRE-AUDIT SYSTEM OF LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT UNITS DISBURSEMENTS  
AND USE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
FIFTY MILLION PESOS (PHP 50,000,000)  
AND ABOVE”

By Representative Sagarbarria  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2977, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING MEMBERS’  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL  
HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM  
(PHILHEALTH) THROUGH THEIR  
INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT”

By Representative Torres-Gomez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2978, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROVISIONS  
OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED  
8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998, BY  
INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF BAIL FOR  
VIOLATION OF SECTION 87 AND 97”

By Representative Torres-Gomez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE  
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2979, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PROVIDING  
FOR MORE SEVERE PENALTIES FOR  
LARGE SCALE EXPLORATION AND  
EXPLOITATION OF CORALS AND CORAL  
REEFS, AND FISHING OR TAKING  
OF THREATENED OR ENDANGERED  
SPECIES, AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTS  
OF DESTRUCTION OF OUR MARINE  
AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, FURTHER  
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN  
PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE  
FISHERIES CODE OF 1998, AS AMENDED  
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10654”

By Representative Torres-Gomez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE  
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2980, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MONGGAYANG,  
MUNICIPALITY OF AGUINALDO,  
PROVINCE OF IFUGAO ROAD TO THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, PROVINCE  
OF ISABELA ROAD INTO A NATIONAL  
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUND  
THEREOF”

By Representative Chungalao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2981, 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 Gonzales (Aurelio)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE  
ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2982, entitled:

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

By Representative Tan (Alyssa)

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

DISTRIBUTION, SALE, IMPORTATION, USE, AND ADVERTISEMENT OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS (ENDS) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2983, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES NATIONWIDE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2988, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BASIC SALARY OF GOVERNMENT NURSES TO THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP30,000.00)”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2984, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING PROPER CONDUCT IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES THEREBY PROHIBITING DRINKING OF LIQUOR OR SIMILAR INTOXICATING BEVERAGE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2989, entitled:

“AN ACT UPHOLDING THE SANCTITY OF FAMILY LIFE”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Duterte relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez.*

House Bill No. 2985, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CURRICULA FOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL THE INSTRUCTION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AS AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2990, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, REQUIRING THEREBY TEN HOURS OF WORK DAILY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

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

House Bill No. 2991, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE VILLASIS BYPASS ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Guico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2986, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO INCLUDE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CURRICULA THE INSTRUCTION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AS AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2992, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE URDANETA BYPASS ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Guico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2987, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE,

House Bill No. 2993, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL AID PROGRAM, RATIONALIZING STANDARDS FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND

UNDERSERVED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nograles (Juan)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2994, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY GRADE OF GOVERNMENT NURSES, PHARMACISTS, SPEECH THERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, RADIOLOGY TECHNICIANS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL, GRANTING OF ALLOWANCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gonzales (Aurelio)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2995, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING JOURNALISTS FROM ACTING AS ANTI-DRUG OPERATIONS WITNESSES AND AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10640, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN OF THE GOVERNMENT,’ AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002’ ”

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

House Bill No. 2996, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MAGBALLO – PINGGOT – BAYAWAN LOCAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representatives Alvarez (Genaro) and Teves (Arnolfo)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2997, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER, 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 PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2998, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE CAPITAL AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL FROM THE CITY OF PASIG, METRO MANILA TO THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL”

By Representative Puno  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2999, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CITY ROAD STRETCHING FROM C.A. FERNANDEZ ROAD (BALIWASAN CHICO ROAD) IN BARANGAY BALIWASAN IN ZAMBOANGA CITY CONNECTING JUNCTION ZAMBOANGA CITY LABUAN TO LIMPAPA NATIONAL HIGHWAY BALIWASAN SECTION AND JUCTION R.T. LIM BOULEVARD IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jimenez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3000, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CITY ROAD STRETCHING FROM T. TAUPAN ROAD IN SUTTERVILLE BARANGAY CAMPO ISLAM ZAMBOANGA CITY CONNECTING JUNCTION ZAMBOANGA CITY LABUAN TO LIMPAPA NATIONAL HIGHWAY SAN JOSE GUSU SECTION TO JUNCTION R.T. LIM BOULEVARD IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jimenez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3001, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION ZAMBOANGA CITY LABUAN LIMPAPA NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN BARANGAY AYALA TO BARANGAY LA PAZ (NANCY FALLS) ALL IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jimenez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3002, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CITY ROAD

STRETCHING FROM DR. VARELA STREET ZAMBOANGA CITY CONNECTING JUNCTION ZAMBOANGA CITY LABUAN TO LIMPAPA NATIONAL HIGHWAY SAN JOSE SECTION TO JUNCTION R.T. LIM BOULEVARD IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jimenez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3003, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CITY ROAD STRETCHING FROM ALEJO ALVAREZ STREET IN ZAMBOANGA CITY CONNECTING JUNCTION ZAMBOANGA CITY LABUAN TO LIMPAPA NATIONAL HIGHWAY SAN JOSE TO JUNCTION R.T. LIM BOULEVARD IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jimenez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3004, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION ZAMBOANGA CITY LABUAN LIMPAPA NATIONAL HIGHWAY SINUBONG SECTION TO BARANGAYS PAMUCUTAN, LAPAZ, TULUNGATUNG, CAWIT, MAASIN, SINUNUC, MALAGUTAY, CABATANGAN, PASONANCA, TUMAGA, LUNZURAN, LUMBANGAN, BOALAN, PASOBOLONG AND CULIANAN UPTO JUNCTION MARIA CLARA LOBREGAT NATIONAL HIGHWAY, ALL IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jimenez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3005, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO GOLDEN BROADCAST PROFESSIONAL, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8025, ENTITLED ‘A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A STATION FOR FM RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’, AND EXPANDING

ITS COVERAGE TO THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Jimenez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 3006, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 8794 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3007, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION FROM INCOME TAX TO MILITARY UNIFORMED PERSONNEL, AMENDING FURTHER SECTION 24 (A) (2) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9504 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Defensor (Lorenz)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3008, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CONGRESSIONAL AVENUE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL MARIANO ALVAREZ (GMA), PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Loyola  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3009, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SOUTHWOODS AVENUE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Loyola  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3010, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND COASTAL RESOURCES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tupas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3011, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LILOAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – POBLACION ANNEX IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF LILOAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE ARCELO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LILOAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Frasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3012, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING LOCAL LANGUAGE AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOWARDS PEOPLE'S GREATER PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE”

By Representative Plaza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3013, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ADDITIONAL THREE (3) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT NAVOTAS CITY, METRO MANILA AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH D OF BP 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tiangco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3014, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MANAGEMENT, PROVISION AND REGULATION OF OVER THE TOP AND OTHER DIGITAL BROADCASTING SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL VIRTUAL MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PLATFORM DISTRIBUTOR (NATIONAL VIRTUAL MVPD), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gonzales (Neptali)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3015, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATORS AND OTHER PERSONNEL IN BASIC EDUCATION”

By Representative Tan (Alyssa)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3016, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FIXED COMPENSATION TO ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7160 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3017, entitled:

“AN ACT SEEKING TO INCLUDE BARANGAY OFFICIALS IN THE COMPULSORY MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE RA 8291 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3018, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM JUNCTION LUTIMAN TO OLUTANGA ROAD OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLUTANGA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3019, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DIPLAHAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE



House Bill No. 3020, entitled:

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

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 3021, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTOMATICALLY CONVERTING THE CAPITAL TOWN OF PROVINCES WITH NO COMPONENT CITIES, INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITIES OF HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, INTO A COMPONENT CITY”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3022, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY OF ALL DOH HOSPITALS”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3023, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 3024, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVES OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’ ”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3025, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE MIDWIFE FOR EACH BARANGAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3026, entitled:

“AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3027, entitled:

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

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 3028, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL BY ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3029, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE CONVERSION OR CAUSING THE CONVERSION OF IRRIGATED AND IRRIGABLE LANDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1998”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 3030, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT (BIDANI) OF THE RURAL POOR AS A LINKAGE PROGRAM FOR ALL STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND COMMUNITY

COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3031, entitled:

“AN ACT ORDAINING THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE DOWNSTREAM NATURAL GAS  
INDUSTRY, CONSOLIDATING FOR THE  
PURPOSE ALL LAWS RELATING TO THE  
TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND  
SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS”

By Representatives Velasco and Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 3032, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY  
OF TENURE OF WORKERS IN THE  
PRIVATE SECTOR, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE ARTICLES 248, 279, 280, 281 AND  
288, AND INTRODUCING NEW ARTICLES  
106-A, 106-B, 106-C, 106-D, 106-E, 280-A  
AND 280-B TO PRESIDENTIAL DECREE  
NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE  
PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Belmonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3033, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF  
ALL USERS OF SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY  
MODULE (SIM) CARDS”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3034, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL  
BLOOD TYPING PROGRAM UNDER  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
PROVIDING FUNDS, THEREFOR”

By Representative Lim  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3035, 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 Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3036, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 141, 142,  
AND 143 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424,  
AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
‘THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE  
CODE OF 1997’ ”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan,  
Martinez and Valeriano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 3037, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020  
BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG  
KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO OCTOBER  
2022, 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”

By Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3038, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY  
SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS  
AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE  
THEREOF”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and  
Suansing (Horacio)  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR  
CITIZENS

House Bill No. 3039, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY  
OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY  
TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, A LUMP  
SUM GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO  
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS AND  
OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,  
AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and  
Suansing (Horacio)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3040, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 (C) OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE

KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS' ACT OF 2010”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and Suansing (Horacio)  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 3041, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992’ ”

By Representative Bainto-Aguinaldo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3042, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE TAX EXEMPTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS OPERATING IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Cuaresma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3043, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING BREASTFEEDING PRACTICES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3044, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF ALL GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES AND SUBDIVISIONS TO WEAR BODY-WORN CAMERAS IN THEIR OPERATIONS TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY, TO AID ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND TO PROTECT CITIZENS AND OFFICERS ALIKE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3045, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF GPS TRACKING

DEVICE IN ALL GOVERNMENT-OWNED VEHICLES IN THE COUNTRY TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY, TO AID ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND TO PROTECT CITIZENS AND PUBLIC OFFICERS ALIKE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 3046, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING EVACUATION CENTERS IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 3047, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3048, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY APPOINTMENT OF A NUTRITION OFFICER IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTRY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE XXI, SECTION 491 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3049, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING REGULATIONS IN THE PACKAGING, USE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND ADVERTISEMENTS OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND ELECTRONIC NON-NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS (ENDS/ENNDS) AND HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS (HTPs)”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3050, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAYS”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3051, entitled:

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

By Representative Tan (Angelina)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3052, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING PUBLIC DISTURBANCE NOISE AND THE USE OF VIDEOKE OR SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES THAT UNREASONABLY ENDANGERS THE HEALTH, PEACE, OR SAFETY OF PERSONS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 3053, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MEASUREMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM (NMIS) AMENDING RA 9236 ALSO KNOWN AS ‘THE NATIONAL METROLOGY ACT OF 2003,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3054, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF J.H. CERILLES STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR STATE COLLEGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9159”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3055, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MINDANAO RAILWAYS CORPORATION PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3056, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE POSITION OF THE PROVINCIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICER INTO THE PROVINCIAL SCIENCE DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6959, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3057, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3058, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL BIOSAFETY FRAMEWORK AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON BIOSAFETY OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3059, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF MINING ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR (R.A. NO. 4274), AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MINING ENGINEERING LAW OF THE PHILIPPINES’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3060, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST), DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 128 SERIES OF 1987, AS AMENDED APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3061, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION, REHABILITATION, AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FOREST ECOSYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3062, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE AND MANAGEMENT POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Nograles (Jericho)

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 3063, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Nograles (Jericho)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 3064, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MULTI-MEDIA TELEPHONY, INC (PRESENTLY KNOWN AS ABS-CBN CONVERGENCE, INC.) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7908, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE MULTI-MEDIA TELEPHONY INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO PAGING SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,’ AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8332”

By Representative Nograles (Jericho)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 3065, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS SERVICE (IAS) OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998’ ”

By Representative Nograles (Jericho)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3066, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ROXAS DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO FROM FIFTY (50) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7857”

By Representative Umali (Alfonso)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3067, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ORIENTAL MINDORO CENTRAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN PINAMALAYAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO TO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS ORIENTAL MINDORO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND TO INCREASE THE BED CAPACITY TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Umali (Alfonso)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3068, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BULALACAO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO FROM TEN (10) TO FIFTY (50) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Umali (Alfonso)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3069, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ORIENTAL MINDORO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN

CALAPAN CITY, ORIENTAL MINDORO TO A REGIONAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS ORIENTAL MINDORO REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND TO INCREASE ITS BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Umali (Alfonso)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3070, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE AS MARINE PROTECTED AREA AND AN ECOTOURISM ZONE”

By Representative Umali (Alfonso)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 3071, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANSALAY, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ORIENTAL MINDORO SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Umali (Alfonso)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3072, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOL IN EVERY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 3073, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE MARINE CORPS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 3074, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AND THE

SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO”

By Representative Baronda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3075, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO JOSEPH SIGELMAN”

By Representative Vergara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3076, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MANGATAREM DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANGATAREM, PANGASINAN FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Espino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3077, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 5 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BASISTA, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘BASISTA FOUNDATION DAY’ ”

By Representative Espino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3078, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10152, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MANDATORY INFANTS AND CHILDREN HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ACT OF 2011’ ”

By Representative Saulog  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3079, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL AS THE NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION WEEK”

By Representative Saulog  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3080, entitled:

“AN ACT MODIFYING THE PENALTIES IN THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 32 (B) OF REPUBLIC

ACT NO. 9211, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003' ”

By Representative Saulog  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 3081, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND CRISIS ASSISTANCE CENTERS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY OF THE COUNTRY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8505, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'RAPE VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION ACT OF 1998' ”

By Representative Saulog  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 3082, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SCHOLARSHIP TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Saulog  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3083, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, SALE, IMPORTATION AND USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3084, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 3085, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER DEVELOP CAPABILITY AND ESTABLISH EXPEDITIOUS TRANSFORMATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND ITS BUREAUS, APPROPRIATING

FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3086, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE CONCEPCION DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF TARLAC, FROM FIFTY (50) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villanueva (Noel)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3087, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CALULUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY PANDO, MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF TARLAC FROM THE CALULUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANDO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villanueva (Noel)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3088, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000', PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Villaraza-Suarez and Suarez (David)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3089, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COCONUT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATANAUAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Villaraza-Suarez and Suarez (David)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3090, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING 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. 3091, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Alvarez (Pantaleon), Dujali and Gonzaga  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3092, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – VILLA MARIA ANNEX IN BARANGAY MOLINO II, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE FROM BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MOLINO, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BACOR NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3093, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SPRINGVILLE ANNEX IN BARANGAY MOLINO 3, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE FROM THE BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MOLINO, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SPRINGVILLE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla  
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House Bill No. 3094, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SALINAS ANNEX IN BARANGAY SALINAS 2, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE FROM THE BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MOLINO, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SALINAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3095, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TABING DAGAT ANNEX IN BARANGAY TABING DAGAT, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE FROM THE BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MOLINO, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TABING DAGAT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3096, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY GRADE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO 15 AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3097, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS' ACT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Revilla  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 3098, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS



House Bill No. 3099, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS AS AN ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3100, 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 Revilla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3101, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY THE RESPECTIVE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF ALL MUNICIPALITIES, CITIES AND PROVINCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Zamora (Way Kurat)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3102, entitled:

“AN ACT TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE FIRE PROTECTION MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, TO PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR FIRE SAFETY, TO FOSTER FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3103, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9372, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘HUMAN SECURITY ACT OF 2007’ PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

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

House Bill No. 3104, entitled:

“AN ACT FINANCING THE ‘EDUCATION FOR ALL INITIATIVES’ FROM THE ANNUAL VALUE-ADDED TAX COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Guico  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3105, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10775 AND DECLARING JUNE 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN TAGAYTAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING DAY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘CHARTER DAY OF TAGAYTAY CITY’ OR ‘ARAW NG LUNGSOD NG TAGAYTAY’”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3106, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND BARANGAY EMPLOYEES”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3107, entitled:

“AN ACT ASSIGNING ONE (1) MEDICAL DOCTOR FOR EVERY BARANGAY HEALTH CENTER IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Crisologo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3108, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING INTO THE CURRICULUM IN ALL LEVELS OF THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC, A MANDATORY SUBJECT OR COURSE ON DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION, BOTH THEORETICAL AND WITH PRACTICAL COMPONENT AS AN EFFECTIVE PROACTIVE RESPONSE TO

NATURALDISASTERS,CALAMITIES,AND HAZARDS LIKE FLOODS, TYPHOONS, FIRES, TSUNAMIS, EARTHQUAKES, AND STRONG WINDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 3109, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING PROFANITY IN SONGS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 3110, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING TO FOURTEEN (14) DAYS THE PATERNITY LEAVE AND REMOVING THE LIMITATION ON DELIVERY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8187, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PATERNITY LEAVE ACT OF 1996’ ”

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

House Bill No. 3111, entitled:

“ANACTESTABLISHINGA25-BEDCAPACITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN PANABO CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANABO CITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dujali  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3112, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL HOUSING PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3113, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A BILL OF RIGHTS OF COMMUTERS, PROMOTING EFFICIENT, SAFE, CONVENIENT, ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION”

By Representative Benitez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3114, entitled:

“ANACTINSTITUTIONALIZINGMALASAKIT CENTERS TO COMPLEMENT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT’ BY REQUIRINGPHILHEALTHTOESTABLISH, 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 Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3115, entitled:

“ANACTSTREAMLININGTHEPROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS, CLEARANCES AND PERMITS IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, CREATING A NATIONAL INFORMATION COORDINATING OFFICE TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3116, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SENIOR CITIZENS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE OF FREE MOVIE-ACCESS IN ALL OPERATING MOVIE THEATERS OR CINEMAS NATIONWIDE”

By Representative Bascug  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 3117, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE THIRD DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3118, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATIONANDSKILLSDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHERN MINDANAO (USM), LOCATED IN THE

MUNICIPALITY OF KABACAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE USM-KABACAN, COTABATO TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3119, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO A MINING FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3120, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADE, MODERNIZATION AND CONVERSION OF THE COTABATO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO INTO THE NORTH COTABATO REGIONAL HOSPITAL UNDER THE CONTROL, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3121, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SKY CABLE CORPORATION (FORMERLY CENTRAL CATV, INC.) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7969 OR ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE CENTRAL CATV, INC. A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES CABLE/COMMUNITY ANTENNAE TELEVISION SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 3122, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY POBLACION B IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MLANG, PROVINCE OF COTABATO”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3123, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE MALAPAG, CARMEN-TINIMBACAN, BANISILAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3124, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION `TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF MLANG, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3125, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A MAGNA CARTA OF COMMUTERS”

By Representative Reyes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3126, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3127, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE REFORMATION AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW AND STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9344, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN

AS THE ‘JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE ACT OF 2006’ ”

By Representative Leachon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3128, 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’, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7080, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING THE CRIME OF PLUNDER’, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002’ ”

By Representative Leachon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3129, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING AND DECLARING A. DE JESUS AVENUE IN CALOOCAN CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Erice  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3130, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING GRACE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CALOOCAN TO DON TORIBIO TEODORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Erice  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3131, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING DAGAT-DAGATAN AVENUE IN CALOOCAN CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, DECLARING IT TO BE UNDER THE PRIMARY JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Erice  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3132, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING FOURTH AVENUE IN CALOOCAN CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, DECLARING IT TO BE UNDER THE PRIMARY JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Erice  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3133, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE IN MANOLO FORTICH, BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta-Alba  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3134, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING VOLUNTEERISM AS A STRATEGY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AS A DOMAIN OF PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9418 OR ‘THE VOLUNTEER ACT OF 2019’ ”

By Representative Acosta-Alba  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 3135, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEVELOPMENT, PROTECTION AND REGULATORY FUNCTIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR A LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 3136, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING INTEGRATED COASTAL ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT AS A NATIONAL STRATEGY TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES, ESTABLISHING SUPPORTING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta-Alba  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Bill No. 3137, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF CANLAON IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’ AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Limkaichong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3138, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, SPECIFICALLY LOTS NUMBERED 247, 248 AND 948, PLS-6, N-299, LOCATED IN BARANGAY KIPIT, MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AS AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVED FOR SCHOOL SITE OF THE KIPIT AGRO-FISHERY HIGH SCHOOL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Amatong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3139, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY TANOD MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Espino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3140, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFACTURING, IMPORTATION AND USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES, LEVIES AND AN INCENTIVES SYSTEM FOR INDUSTRIES, BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND CONSUMERS THEREOF”

By Representative Espino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 3141, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE LEGAL

ASSISTANCE TO ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES OR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE FACING CHARGES BEFORE THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, COURT, OR ANY COMPETENT ADMINISTRATIVE OR QUASI-JUDICIAL BODY, ARISING FROM AN INCIDENT RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTY”

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

House Bill No. 3142, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 3143, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE JOSE R. REYES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (JRRMMC) INTO A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRAUMA, CANCER AND DERMATOLOGY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bagatsing  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3144, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISION OF BATAS PAMBANSA 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE’, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bagatsing  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3145, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LA MEDALLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIODURAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY”

By Representative Cabredo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3146, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN PASIG CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘ANNIVERSARY DAY OF PASIG CITY’ ”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3147, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL BARANGAYS TO CREATE A REGISTRY OF SKILLED WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3148, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM THE POPULATION AND LAND AREA REQUIREMENTS THE CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY INTO A COMPONENT CITY IF IT HAS A LOCALLY GENERATED AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P250,000,000.00) AND ADOPTING IRA PORTABILITY FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY INTO A CITY, AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3149, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3150, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RANK CLASSIFICATION IN THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 58 AND 64 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990’ ”

By Representative Romulo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3151, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE ACADEMY (PAFA) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3152, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE OF PREPAID SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3153, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY TANOD MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3154, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARANGAY CHAIRMEN, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3155, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING BUDGET REFORM THAT WILL ENSURE THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR BOTH THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING VILLAGE EMPOWERMENT, ENABLING THEM TO BE AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT IN ATTAINING INCLUSIVE GROWTH, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3156, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PARENT SUPPORT,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND  
FAMILY RELATIONS

OF ALL PRIVATE NURSES IN ALL  
PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND HEALTH  
INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3157, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER DEVELOP CAPABILITY  
AND ESTABLISH EXPEDITIOUS  
TRANSFORMATION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE  
AND ITS BUREAUS, APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE  
AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3161, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL  
ROAD CONNECTING THE BALINGOAN  
ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
BALINGOAN AND THE CLAVERIA ROAD  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA,  
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL,  
ALSO KNOWN AS THE CLAVERIA -  
BALINGOAN BYPASS ROAD INTO A  
NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Unabia  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3158, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE RATES OF  
COMBAT DUTY PAY AND COMBAT  
INCENTIVE PAY OF THE ARMED  
FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP)  
AND THE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL  
OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE  
(PNP) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representatives Tan-Tambut and Tan (Samier)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE  
AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE  
ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3162, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PRICE  
SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7607, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA CARTA OF  
SMALL FARMERS’ AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Unabia  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3159, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BARANGAY HEALTH  
WORKERS (BHWs) A MONTHLY  
HONORARIUM, IN ADDITION TO  
INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883 OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH  
WORKERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES  
ACT OF 1995”

By Representatives Tan-Tambut and Tan (Samier)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3163, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE 22<sup>ND</sup> OF JUNE OF  
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF SUGBONGCOGON, PROVINCE OF  
MISAMIS ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE SUGBONGCOGON CHARTER DAY  
IN CELEBRATION OF ITS CHARTER  
DAY”

By Representative Unabia  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3160, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NURSES TO BE  
ALLOCATED WITH RAISED SALARIES  
(NARS) BY UPGRADING THE MINIMUM  
SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF ALL PUBLIC  
NURSES FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO  
15 IN ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND  
OTHER GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS,  
AND INCREASING THE SALARY RATE

House Bill No. 3164, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PINAMUNGAHAN  
AND SAN FERNANDO ROAD IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF PINAMUNGAHAN,  
PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM A  
PROVINCIAL TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia (Pablo John)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3165, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SPEEDY AND EFFECTIVE PERPETUATION OF THE TESTIMONY OF A VITAL WITNESS IN THE PROSECUTION FOR A CRIMINAL OFFENSE SO AS TO PREVENT ITS SUBSEQUENT RECANTATION OR SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION”

By Representative Garcia (Pablo John)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3166, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 152 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE REVISED PENAL CODE’, BY INCLUDING SECURITY GUARDS OF DULY ACCREDITED SECURITY AGENCIES WHILE ON OFFICIAL DUTY AS AGENTS OF PERSONS IN AUTHORITY”

By Representative Garcia (Pablo John)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3167, entitled:

“AN ACT TO EXCLUDE CANNABIS AND ANY FORM OR DERIVATIVE THEREOF CULTIVATED, CULTURED, USED, SOLD, DISTRIBUTED OR DISPENSED EXCLUSIVELY FOR MEDICINAL AND MEDICAL RESEARCH PURPOSES FROM THE LIST OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES UNDER EXISTING LAWS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 1972 AS AMENDED”

By Representative Albano (Antonio)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3168, 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 Arenas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3169, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MANILA BAY AS HERITAGE ASSET FREE FROM ANY AND ALL FORMS OF FURTHER

RECLAMATION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Arenas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3170, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE FARMER'S BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Geron  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3171, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING FARMER'S REGISTRATION AND PRESERVATION OF THEIR RIGHTS”

By Representative Geron  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3172, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3173, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013, FOR THE INTEGRATION OF AN AGRICULTURAL STRAND IN THE ACADEMIC TRACK OF THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3174, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE USE OF WASTE TO ENERGY TECHNOLOGY IN ELECTRICITY, FUEL AND HEAT GENERATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 3175, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT,



FOR A LIMITED PERIOD AND SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS, TO EXERCISE EMERGENCY POWERS TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION CRISIS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3176, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDIES IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND NUCLEAR ENGINEERING”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3177, entitled:

“AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3178, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL FOR TEACHERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, CONVERTING THE EAST AVENUE MEDICAL CENTER IN DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY, INTO THE NATIONAL TEACHERS MEDICAL CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3179, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES AND REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RECOVERY AND COLLECTION FACILITIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 3180, entitled:

“AN ACT COMMISSIONING A RESEARCH ON CLIMATE CHANGE DRINKING WATER ADAPTATION”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Bill No. 3181, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MANDATORY BASIC MILITARY AND POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM IN ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Tolentino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3182, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 3183, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING AN URGENT, COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED LAND-BASED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CRISIS IN METRO MANILA, METROPOLITAN CEBU AND METROPOLITAN DAVAO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Velasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3184, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF TENURE OF WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Fortun  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3185, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL LOCAL HEALTH FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Romualdez (Yedda) and Romualdez (Ferdinand)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3186, entitled:

“AN ACT RE-ESTABLISHING THE SAN

MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAYSANMARTIN, MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF TARLAC AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villanueva (Noel)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3187, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 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 Chatto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3188, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALILIHAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3189, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF SAN ROQUE INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN ROQUE, MUNICIPALITY OF BALILIHAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN ROQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3190, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS COMMISSION (PRC) IN TAGBILARAN CITY, PROVINCE OF

BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 3191, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BOYSCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES AS AN INDEPENDENT, VOLUNTARY, AUTONOMOUS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTING ITS NEW CHARTER, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 111, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Chatto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3192, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS AS THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO DISPOSE THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Suarez (Aleta)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3193, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAYS”

By Representative Suarez (Aleta)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3194, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE AGUSAN DEL SUR STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (ASSCAT) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUNAWAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SATELLITE CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TRENTO, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE AGUSAN DEL SUR STATE UNIVERSITY (ADSSU), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Plaza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3195, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MALINAO HIGH SCHOOL–PINAMULAAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY PINAMULAAN, BANILISAN COTABATO, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PINAMULAAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3196, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY RE-EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS ONCE EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS”

By Representative Defensor (Lorenz)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3197, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN”

By Representatives Villaraza-Suarez and Suarez (David)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 3198, entitled:

“AN ACT TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT PHILIPPINE PUBLIC FORESTS, MANGROVES AND WILDLIFE THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM OF RENEWAL, REPLANTING AND REFORESTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Villaraza-Suarez and Suarez (David)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3199, entitled:

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

By Representative Marquez  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 3200, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING EARTH HOUR”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 3201, entitled:

“AN ACT SHIFTING THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FROM JUNE TO AUGUST”

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

House Bill No. 3202, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL NEWLY LICENSED MEDICINE GRADUATES OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND/OR OTHER PUBLIC COLLEGES TO PRACTICE THEIR PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR FIVE YEARS FROM THE TIME OF THEIR OATH TAKING AS DOCTORS OR TO CONDUCT AT LEAST 20 MEDICAL MISSIONS IN DIFFERENT MISSION/DEPRESSED AREAS AND/OR FAR FLUNG BARANGAYS IN THE COUNTRY BEFORE THEY CAN OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT OR ENGAGE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE OVERSEAS”

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

House Bill No. 3203, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO ADMINISTER, SUPERVISE, AND REGULATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OFFERING TERTIARY EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3204, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3205, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING MOBILE PHONE

NETWORK SERVICE PROVIDERS TO  
OFFER INSURANCE FOR MOBILE  
PHONES”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3206, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL TOLLWAY  
OPERATORS TO USE UNIFIED  
ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION  
ACCESS PASS”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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

ROLL CALL

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

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. 7, dated August 5, 2019.\**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is  
present.

Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 243 Members  
responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With  
243 Members present, the Chair declares the presence  
of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. Mr. Speaker, the  
Majority would like to acknowledge the presence of the  
guests today in the House of Representatives.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. The first set of  
guests are the following: from the Samar Electric  
Cooperative 1 or Samelco 1, they are Rafael Payod,  
Placida Balios, Leonardo Piczon, Joy Pallones, Rogeto

Julaton, Arcadio Olaje, Editha Serrato, Peachy Indino,  
Nathaniel Balios, Noel Delator, Sandy Montero, Mark  
Diaz, Arlyn Pagunsan, Imelda Serrato, Rubencio  
Portugaliza, John Kim Briones, Sarah Jane Custodio,  
Arturo Mahinay, and Joselito Sauro.

These are the guests, Mr. Speaker, of Cong. Edgar  
Mary S. Sarmiento of Samar.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May  
the guests of Honorable Sarmiento please stand. Welcome  
to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. May we also  
acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon.  
Adolph Edward G. Plaza of Agusan del Sur from  
the Agusan del Sur Electric Cooperative or Aselco:  
Engr. Emmanuel Galarse, Hilario R. Turla, Corazon  
Cullantes, Leah Fe Estillore and Joy Dioxane Bulleler.  
They are the General Manager, Board of Directors,  
Board President and Corporate Affairs Manager, and  
also of Amreco.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May  
the guests of Hon. Adolph Plaza, please stand. Welcome  
to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. May we also  
acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon.  
Sandra Y. Eriguel M.D., from La Union. They are from  
the La Union Electric Cooperative or Luelco, headed by  
their General Manager, Dr. Ramon Posadas, and Board  
of Directors, Benjamin Dy, Rolando Acosta, Marilou  
C. Gapuz, Max Ordoño, and staff.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May  
the guests of Honorable Eriguel please stand. Welcome  
to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. May we also  
acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon.  
Way Kurat Zamora, the Hon. Pantaleon D. Alvarez,  
the Hon. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga and the Hon.  
Alan “Aldu” R. Dujali. The following are officers  
and employees of the Davao del Norte Electric  
Cooperative, Incorporated or Daneco: Mr. Jong  
Villarica, James Philip Saludaes, Benedicto Ongking,  
Glenn Dennis Mondero, Dario Maghamil, Jay Codog,  
Mr. Nielo Japay, Ms. Elvera Alngog, Rogelio Doydura,  
Mr. David Lagunzad, Ms. Juliet Senario, Ms. Dima  
Abaquita, Ms. Marilou Impuesto, Mr. Alejandro  
Rodriguez, Mr. Ernido Malone, Mr. Mario Angelo  
Sotto, Mr. Neiljun Esdreton, Mr. Rafael Miguel, and  
Ms. Maria Teresa David.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May the guests of Honorable Zamora, Alvarez, Gonzaga and Dujali please stand. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. The next group are the guests of the Hon. Edgar M. Chatto: the Boheco I Board of Directors and officers headed by Director Marcial Degamo and General Manager, Engineer Dino Roxas, and company.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May the guests of Hon. Edgar Chatto please stand. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. They are also accompanied by more of his, referring to the Honorable Chatto, guests, from the Bohol Electric Cooperative II, headed by Board President, Ruel Mabaquiao, and General Manager, Engineer Eugene Tan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Please stand to be recognized. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to ask that the presence of my own guests from my district, from Lubao, be acknowledged. They are Barangay Captain Marvin Kabling, Barangay Captain Ocampo of Sta. Rita, and Barangay Captain Laxa of Sasman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May the guests of Hon. Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo please stand. *(Applause)* Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BARONDA. Hon. Lorenz R. Defensor would also like to acknowledge the presence of GM Edmund Roquios, Chairman Agustin Andong of Ileco 2, and honorable Cong. Michael B. Gorriceta would like to acknowledge the presence of General Manager Miguel A. Paguntalan Jr. of Ileco I, and its officers.

May we also move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Raul “Boboy” C. Tupas: General Manager Peñaranda of Ileco 3, and the Board of Directors and officers of the Iloilo Electric Cooperative.

Welcome to the House of Congress. *(Applause)*

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

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. We also have the guests of the Hon. Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano, from the Philippine Cannabis Compassion Society Group, namely: Lui Manansala, Toks Ballesteros, Reynaldo Villarin, Virgmarie Cinco, Daguipit Muassad, Lea Fullon, Girlie Cleofas, Julia Cleofas, Lincoln Lagandaon, Ciels Sampayo, Yollu de Leon, Ginny Mata, Cynthia Algas, Agnes Buico, Romeo Ballesteros, Sachi Ballesteros, Jake Lanting, Jake Maripaz Torres, Maritess Nonato, Rush Rosell, Liza Legaspi, Apple Torres, Sharon Rosenfeld, Matt Rosales, Jeremy Allen, and Dr. Lorgene Mata.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May the guests of Hon. Tonypet Albano please stand. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. May we also acknowledge the guests of my godmother, Deputy Speaker Legarda, from the Antique Electric Cooperative.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May the guests of Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda please stand. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MACAPAGAL ARROYO. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of my colleague in the Committee on Energy, my co-Vice Chair, the Hon. Presley C. De Jesus. His guests are the National Electrification Administrator and Officers; National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Officers, namely, special mention, Mr. Chris Christensen and Ms. Rajeena Shakya; AKO PADAYON Party-List Officers, APEC Party-List Officers, RECOBODA Party-List Officers, PHILRECA Party-List Officers, PHILRECA 92 West Officers and Staffs, Electric Cooperatives Allied Organizations Presidents, *(Applause)* all the cooperative officers. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)* Special greetings to the guests from Socoteco I, my district. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, today being a Monday, and pursuant to the rules of the House, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

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. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, the first of our colleagues to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Gentleman who represents the PHILRECA Party-List. I move for the recognition of Hon. Presley De Jesus.

I so move, Mr. Speaker. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. Presley De Jesus from the Party-List PHILRECA is hereby recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DE JESUS

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, my distinguished colleagues, and members of the gallery, a pleasant afternoon.

I speak today on behalf of the members-consumers-owners or MCOs of the 121 strong electric cooperatives in the Philippines, who have entrusted our party-list with their votes and with whom we share a common advocacy. (*Applause*)

I rise today to advocate for the need for total electrification in the country, particularly for those in the rural communities, whose location is so remote and unviable that electricity, to this day, is still an absent commodity. I stand today to move for the strengthened government support to the Rural Electrification Program.

Let me start by saying that while electricity was introduced in the Philippines in the 1890s, it was not until the late 1960s that the government took serious notice of rural electrification. It took 70 years before the government recognized the slow-moving pace of rural development that was basically caused by the absence of electricity—70 long years.

Before the Rural Electrification Program planted its roots in the 1960s, power generation and distribution were largely controlled by private companies, which were observed to be profit-oriented, resulting in electrification being limited to high-density urban areas where electric utility operations were considered viable. Rural areas were avoided as business capitalists see no return of investment from them.

The electric cooperatives' major steps were taken to reorganize and depoliticize the ECs. Some rural electric cooperatives merged to become a more viable organization, and in 1990, a new tariff formula was introduced to make rural electrification more financially viable.

Since then, the Rural Electrification Program, through the NEA or the National Electrification Administration, has been geared towards promoting

sustainable development through nationwide electrification. In 2009, the NEA achieved 100 percent electrification of barangays within the area of ECs. (*Applause*)

Today presents a new mission. The success of the NEA enabled the Rural Electrification Program to shift its focus to new programs through the Expanded Rural Electrification Program, aimed at improving the economic condition of rural communities. This program includes: 1. Sitio Electrification Program, or as we call it, "SEP," which seeks to energize sitios through on-grid electrification; 2. Barangay Line Enhancement Program or BLEP which intends to connect barangays to the grid through the construction of electric distribution systems; and 3. Consumer Connections to connect the consumer's residence or business establishment to the transmission or distribution work.

Sadly, as of 2018, approximately 16 percent of households in remote and unviable areas are still not connected to the grid. These households are mostly in Mindanao. Private electric corporations, just like in the 1960s, refuse to reach out to the rural communities and far-flung areas because there is no income to be derived from providing such service. The construction of transmission lines to serve a few households is not seen as a strategic move as losses are sure to be acquired from such practice. Based on the 2015 national census, with adjustments and annual percent increase, around 2.4 million households as of December 2018 are still without power. To fully connect them to the grid, considering most of these households fall on the last mile of energization, a considerable amount of funding is needed to ensure safe, reliable, and sufficient power.

This Representation had a series of consultation and extensive deliberations with the 121-strong electric cooperatives. To electrify the remaining 2.4 million households, a substantial funding requirement is necessary to cover the periods from 2020 to 2022. This electrification may be carried out in the following strategies: the Sitio Electrification Program at P20 billion; the Photo Voltaic Mainstreaming/Solar Home System Programs at P1.3 billion; the Micro-grid or Hybrid Systems at P.5 billion; and Enhanced NIHE at P17 billion. The total funding of P40 billion is necessary in order to reach and electrify the 2.4 million households in far-flung areas, up to the last sitio, up to the last mile.

Further to the above requirements of the SEP, a funding for distribution line enhancement programs to install three-phase power systems is also necessary. With such upgrade in the power systems, we hope to accommodate more rural investors and bring post-harvest activities closer to the households. This entails a funding requirement of P15 billion.

On top of these, a funding for renewable energy projects of all 121 electric cooperatives is likewise needed, amounting to P58 billion. A mix of solar hybrid, biomass, and hydro, among others, these renewable energy projects will not only bring down the cost of electricity, but will make the supply more reliable and sustainable.

Electric Transmission and Distribution Capital Expenses Projects must also be undertaken to enhance the distribution system and to ensure sustained network efficiency, reliability and power quality.

Electric distribution utility or CapEx Projects serve to maintain existing assets so as not to degrade its network performance and customer service performance by maintaining an adequate, safe, efficient and viable distribution network while providing the needed capacity to address the forecasted load growth within the electric distribution area. Necessarily, these too need a budget funding to build adequate infrastructure to meet growth in peak demand and customer connections inasmuch as these capital projects may weigh their cost too much if these are all passed on to the consuming populace.

My colleagues in this august Body, just as the government subsidizes the creation and maintenance of roads and highways, the funding for electric transmission and distribution capital expenses must also be subsidized by the government. In this way, the cost of electricity is likewise lowered, such that more investors will be encouraged to come and take entry in the rural enterprises and rural tourism, thereby, meeting the 10-point socioeconomic agenda of the President, or as we call PRRD, specifically no. 5 which states:

Promote rural and value chain development toward increasing agricultural and rural enterprise productivity and rural tourism.

Obtaining total rural electrification and provision of adequate infrastructure will encourage the development of economic zones in the rural areas as a measure of ensuring the equitable distribution of resources, and development across the whole country.

This Representation believes in the total electrification of the country, particularly for households living in the rural areas. Rural electrification is the key to rural development. By energizing these areas, there will be an opportunity for the creation of more and greater economic activities that can provide or increase in employment opportunities and income of the concerned households, enhance learning with better educational environment, and improve the convenience and increase in recreational activities that can collectively raise the quality of life of our brothers and sisters in the countryside, especially in the far-flung areas of the country.

The Philippine Development Plan 2017 to 2022 lays out very clear targets by 2022. While it envisions the Philippines to be an upper-middle-income country by 2022, it aims as well to be inclusive in character by obtaining economic growth where a lower poverty incidence in the rural areas is manifested, where there is decline in the overall poverty rate, where our poor brethren are lifted out of poverty, where the underprivileged will, in one way or the other, keep pace with the progress of the country.

While in the past, the poor were forgotten, under this Eighteenth Congress, we will make sure that the next generation will have a greater opportunity for a better and comfortable life for all Filipinos.

Mr. Speaker, my distinguished colleagues, imagine living your lives today but without the access to accessible, sustainable and sufficient power supply. Imagine a community struggling in darkness, deprived of the chance to economic development and opportunities for progress, wanting in access to modern information technology and communication facilities, and devoid of convenient and comfortable living. Imagine your lives without electricity. The good news is that you only have to imagine this scenario. The bad news is that this is the reality of the Filipino people who live in sitios and far-flung barangays.

There is no question that we have come a long way in terms of total electrification, but the fact remains that we still have a long way to go.

My fellow colleagues, I implore your support to the now Expanded Rural Electrification Program. I plead for your support for rural electric cooperatives and their members-consumers-owners.

Maraming salamat po at mabuhay po ang rural electrification. *(Applause)*

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Presley C. De Jesus to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, the next colleague who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Gentleman from the Party-List AGAP. I move for the recognition of the Hon. Rico B. Geron.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Rep. Rico Geron of AGAP Party-List is hereby recognized.

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. GERON

REP. GERON. Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen, magandang hapon po sa inyong lahat.

On behalf of more than a million hog raisers and their families, 65 percent of whom are backyard hog farmers who are dependent on this industry for their livelihood and survival, I stand in behalf of food security, safety, availability and affordability for Filipinos.

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues of this august Body, Ladies and Gentleman, we are confronted with a formidable virus that threatens to cripple, if not to wipe out the swine industry as it did to 18 countries which were affected since last year.

Originating from Africa, the ASF or African swine fever virus quickly spread to Europe and to our neighbors in Asia, Russia, Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Moldova, South Africa, Zambia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Belgium, Latvia, Poland, Romania, China, Mongolia, Vietnam, Hong Kong and the North Korea area, which is already affected. The Philippines is highly vulnerable considering its proximity to our neighbors and our archipelagic landmass. We have several border entrances, ports and terminals where the ASF virus can slip in if we are not vigilant. This virus is deadly. There is no known drug to its cure. There is no vaccine for its prevention. It is highly contagious and the mortality is 100 percent within 2 to 10 days.

In China, more than 33 percent of their hog population succumbed to the virus and it had to be buried and disposed of even when it was still alive.

Let us watch this video clip.

*(Audio video presentation)*

Although humans are not susceptible, we can be carriers and transmit the virus to our farms. Inanimate objects such as equipment, feed ingredients, et cetera could harbor the virus and transmit the same through contact. The virus can survive high temperature and can live up to 1,000 days especially in frozen meat as per the scientific opinion released by the European Food Safety Authority.

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, according to the Bureau of Animal Industry as of June 2019, 34 out of 386 samples of processed meat submitted for testing were found positive in the African swine fever coordination meeting updates presentation at the STIARC Lipa City, Batangas on July 26, 2019. This means that there is a high probability that the processed meats, which are being sold in grocery stores, are and can possibly be passed to live pigs through swill-feeding. There are reports that these processed meats are still being sold at stores; hence, the very high risk is still there. Avoidance of swill-feeding along with the banning of pork imports, kasama po ryan at ang very famous ang Maling na nanggagaling sa China.

Blocking of entry at international ports and the continuous education of our people are the major strategies being implemented by multisectoral stakeholders of the swine industry. It is of utmost importance that we are aware and supportive of these prevention strategies to help the industry. Preventive measures and the need to synchronize the plans and strategies for the control and the eradication plan between our national and local government units are equally important. The execution of plans are for: 1.) early detection of infection; 2.) enabling legislation for declaring national emergency measures; 3.) zoning; 4.) inspection and quarantine procedures; 5.) epidemiological surveillance; 6.) immediate slaughter of infected and potentially infected pigs; 7.) safe burial or burning of carcasses; 8.) clearing and disinfection of infected premises; and 9.) keeping infected premises without pigs within a safe period will require communication and resources for it to be effective.

I call on our LGUs with commercial and backyard hog raisers and other national government agencies to assist and align with these plans. I call on the LGUs, as well, to assist in monitoring the stores through their business licensing offices and to coordinate with the FDA in implementing the ban of selling of processed pork meat coming from the ASF virus-affected countries.

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, we cannot therefore be complacent in dealing with this impending disaster. We must remember that the livestock and poultry industry is the next to rise in terms of the total value of more or less 200 billion of agricultural production. This industry is private, private-sector led and private-sector driven, and despite the fact that it receives miniscule subsidy from the government and shares only 2 percent of the entire agricultural budget, it does not fail to deliver modest growth through the years.

The Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation provides basic insurance coverage for livestock, specifically, the PCIC has issued a guideline in terms of covering risks caused by ASF virus.

Unfortunately, however, the indemnification rate is only 60 percent and the cost for the premium has an additional premium loading of 50 percent. In addition, should the government order emergency slaughter of the flock, it will not be covered by the insurance. This will not be sufficient in providing a safety net for the industry. As a backyard hog farmer myself, I dread the possible entry of the ASF virus.

To this, as a Legislator and Representative of Agricultural Sector Alliance of the Philippines, I deem it my solemn obligation to protect this vital agricultural sector from annihilation that would undoubtedly derail the attainment of our national food security goal of the Philippines.

To this, I am appealing to our government and to attached agencies: to the Philippine Information



Agency, to help out disseminate the information about the African swine fever virus for public awareness and as to how it can be prevented; to the Bureau of Customs and other authorities, to tighten security measures and implementation of prohibitions against importations of meat products from infected sources; to the Bureau of Quarantine, to impose and strengthen stricter quarantine protocols; and also, to the Department of Agriculture, to intensify monitoring of the importation of pork and pork-based products. I urge the Department of Agriculture to create a multisectoral task force to address this problem.

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, I am asking for your help to strongly support initiatives to prevent the hostile demise of the 200 billion swine industry in our country that may imperil the livelihood of one million hog farmers and derail our goal for food security.

I am filing a resolution to investigate and to determine the readiness and preparedness of the government and the private sector to prevent the serious threat to the Filipino farmers, and I hope, dear colleagues, that you will support me in finding out the true status and how we can prevent this disaster to our livestock sector.

Maraming salamat po at magandang hapon sa inyong lahat. *(Applause)*

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, as none of our colleagues have risen to interpellate the Honorable Geron, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Rico Geron to the Committee on Rules.

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. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, before our next colleague avails of the Privilege Hour, may we be allowed to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Carl Nicolas C. Cari of the Fifth District of Leyte. They are the delegates from Leyeco IV, led by Atty. Joseph Carnel Bandalan. They are the guests of the Hon. Carl Nicolas Cari. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May the guests of the Hon. Carl Cari please stand. Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, the next colleague of ours who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour is the

Gentleman from the Party-List APEC. I move that we recognize the Hon. Sergio C. Dagooc.

I so move, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc of Party-List APEC is hereby recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DAGOOC

REP. DAGOOC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, fellow Members of this august Chamber.

This humble Representation, being a neophyte Congressman from the Association of Philippine Electric Cooperatives or APEC, implores the gentle indulgence of this august Chamber to take heed as I deliver the privilege speech that seeks to acknowledge the unfaltering relevance of the National Electrification Administration. *(Applause)*

Before I proceed with my speech, I would like to express my utmost gratitude to all the sturdy and strong people that fought with me tooth and nail to bring our cause before the confines of this hallowed Hall. To our Board of Directors, please stand *(Applause)*; to our electric cooperatives' management officers *(Applause)*; to our members-consumers-owners who are here present today *(Applause)*; to our laymen and warriors of light *(Applause)*; and our valiant advocates for rural electrification, in all humble gratitude, I thank you for all your unwavering support and I thank you for having faith in our cause. *(Applause)*

While we savor our victories and accomplishments, we need to be cognizant of the reality that there is still a lot of work to be done. Our fight is far from over and we are yet to realize the fullness of our noble cause.

Our cause to bring electricity to every home in our country, especially in the countryside, to the missionary or economically unviable areas through electrification programs would, without a shade of doubt, bring about a most welcome development in this and all parts of our country. Our cause to raise the quality of life of our members-consumers-owners through the provision of quality, reliable and safe electricity service will propel economic activities, improve their way of living and empower them as catalyst for change and development. Our cause to protect and strengthen the rights of our members-consumers-owners in such a way that their collective ideas, apprehensions and welfare will now be heard, as piercing as ever, in legislation. All these causes, Mr. Speaker, and a myriad of others, we, the warriors of light who are here present today and the vanguards of rural electrification, fight for, with the hope of the brave and the courage of the masses.

In this journey, we were and will never be alone. The National Electrification Administration or the NEA has been with us in the journey called the Rural Electrification Program. Since its establishment in

1969, the National Electrification Administration has remained true to the mandate of bringing power to remote and rural areas, paving the way for a better life for many Filipinos across our country. The NEA has been spearheading the task of rural electrification in a greater bid to improve the socioeconomic status of our people, particularly in our countryside.

Section 58 of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 or the EPIRA mandates the NEA to strengthen the technical capability and financial viability of rural electric cooperatives as electric utilities, and prepare it to operate and compete in the deregulated electricity market, particularly in an environment of open access and retail wheeling. Cognizant of this role, the NEA has extended financial, institutional and technical assistance to the electric cooperatives that it may undertake efficient and safe electric power distribution and provide reliable services in the rural areas.

My fellow Members of this august Chamber, this Representation, in a humble fashion, would like to reckon a few milestones of the National Electrification Administration. Just to give you a quick glance at its achievements, now forever emblazoned in the pages of history.

In 2008, it was conferred a five-star rating for garnering 95 percent in energy conservation under the GEMP on April 15, and at the same time reaching its eight millionth consumer connection from the Municipality of Calbiga, in the Province of Western Samar.

In 2011, it received the first Environmental Excellence Award, and in the same year, it connected its nine millionth consumer connection from the municipality of Sta. Ana in the province of Cagayan.

In 2013, the National Electrification Administration has been nominated as a front-runner in the 2013 United Nations Public Service Awards under the category of improving service delivery, having energized its 10 millionth consumer connection residing in Barangay Domagocdoc, Leyte.

In 2015, it reached to bring electricity to manifold of 11 million consumer connections. The NEA also joined the roster of “Island of Good Governance” by the Institute of Solidarity in Asia, Institute of Corporate Directors and the National Competitiveness Council, making it the first government-owned and -controlled corporation to be in such list.

In 2016, the NEA brought to a 100 percent accomplishments of its 32,441 target projects under the Sitio Electrification Program or SEP, implemented through its partner, the people there in the gallery, the rural electric cooperatives. *(Applause)*

In 2017, Mr. Speaker, it reached its 12 millionth consumer connection mark. Just this year, at the dawn of its golden anniversary, the National Electrification Administration, under the helm of a former legislator

and former General Manager of an electric cooperative, and now Administrator Edgardo Rama Masongsong, *(Applause)* in partnership with all the electric cooperatives present here today, has reached yet another significant milestone, that of reaching its 13 millionth consumer connection. *(Applause)*

Records would bare, Mr. Speaker, that as of May 31 of this year, the NEA and each electric cooperative accomplishment posted an energization of 100 percent to all our provinces, cities and municipalities. Ninety-nine percent of all barangays within its franchise areas, except for the eight barangays whose inhabitants are illegal settlers, declared permanent danger zones or with peace and order problems. On the sitio level, Mr. Speaker, 123,361 out of 147,690 or 84 percent are already energized. *(Applause)*

Based on the 2015 PSA census, with consideration of the growth rate as adjusted, out of the 15.4 million potential households, 85 percent or 13,107 million are served with electric service. This translates to more than 61 million Filipinos in the countryside enjoying the benefits of electricity under the Rural Electrification Program of the government, in partnership with the National Electrification Administration and the 121 strong electric cooperatives. *(Applause)*

All these would not have been possible without the men and women of the National Electrification Administration and the men and women of the electric cooperatives present here today. *(Applause)*

The NEA has envisioned to be a government corporation, standing dynamic and responsive, and to be a vanguard of sustainable rural development, in partnership with globally competitive electric cooperatives and, most importantly, empowered electricity consumers.

Its mandated mission is to promote sustainable development in the rural areas, to pursue the electrification program through the electric cooperatives even in missionary or economically unviable areas, and to empower and enable electric cooperatives to cope with the changes in the electric power industry.

In furtherance of, and in order to realize its vision and mission, the National Electrification Administration undertakes programs, projects and activities embodied in its 7-point electrification agenda, which are as follows: first, complete the Rural Electrification Program *(Applause)*; second, intensify the electric cooperatives capacity building *(Applause)*; third, empower electric consumers who are the owners of their respective electric cooperatives *(Applause)*; and fourth, encourage rural development because as of now, we are almost totally electrified, but we failed to maximize electricity, we failed to maximize the availability of electricity in order to develop the rural areas or the countryside. *(Applause)*

In order to do that, we need to enhance our corporate governance, ensure cognizance of legislative agenda, and finally prepare for federalism. *(Applause)*

Admittedly, Mr. Speaker, while the NEA took positive strides in the past years, there are still much to do. This includes working to improve the quality of our services and to endeavor to empower and push for sustainable programs for our members-consumers-owners. But for as long as there are houses to light up and communities to electrify, for as long as there are households left in poverty, for as long as we have not achieved sustainable development in the rural areas, the journey of the Rural Electrification Program, the National Electrification Administration and the electric cooperatives should and must continue, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

In one of our discourses, former legislator and the present NEA Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong said:

Rural electrification is not just about construction of lines reaching to the last households in our franchise area. It is all about social and economic development in the countryside; it is about sustainable rural development through rural electrification.

He further explained that rural electrification plays an important role towards rural development as envisioned by President Rodrigo Duterte in realizing the Ambisyon Natin 2040, the government's 25-year roadmap to end poverty in our country. At the outset, completing the Rural Electrification Program is within reach, but there is still a long way to go to achieve sustainable rural development. Therefore, it becomes imperative, Mr. Speaker, that the NEA must continue to regulate our electric cooperatives and more persuasively strive to pursue rural development in the countryside.

The goals of the present administration on rural electrification include genuine inclusive growth, equality and equity, leveled playing field, poverty alleviation, access to electricity for all, wealth creation, and sustainable rural development. The matter of converting the National Electrification Administration from an administration to an authority will definitely work towards this end. *(Applause)*

At the outset, Mr. Speaker, completing the Rural Electrification Program is within reach. The goals of the present administration should continue for equality and equity, leveled playing field, and we need to pass the Bill converting the National Electrification Administration into a National Electrification Authority. *(Applause)* Therefore, raising a National Electrification Authority is worth to legislate, as the new NEA can be an agency that the electric cooperatives can turn to for much needed government support. Hence, I have submitted this as a proposed Bill in the Eighteenth Congress.

Mr. Speaker, fellow Members of this august Chamber, converting the NEA from administration to an authority will revolutionize the NEA into an agency that will be at the helm of the challenges of time by expediting the electrification of the countryside to meet and sustain the country's dire need for economic development, and lead our rural folks purposely towards freedom from the shackles of poverty.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the NEA is now celebrating its golden anniversary. This Representation congratulates the NEA for a successful implementation of the Rural Electrification Program, with wishes of good luck as we, the NEA and all of us electric cooperatives present today, embark on the next challenge of fully realizing the sustainable rural development through rural electrification. The NEA, together with the members-consumers-owners and the 121 electric cooperatives, will not fail this government, our countrymen, and the Filipino people.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and mabuhay! *(Applause)*

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

REP. CASTELO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Hon. Sergio C. Dagooc to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTELO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Before we move on to the next privilege speech, may we please acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Josefina B. Tallado, the Representative from the First District of Camarines Norte. They are the Hon. Jona Pimentel, Provincial Vice Governor; Hon. Joseph Christopher Panotes, Board Member; Hon. Ramon Baning, Board Member; Hon. Artemio Serdon, Board Member; Hon. Bong Quibrall, Board Member; Hon. Aida Dasco, Board Member; Hon. Renato Moreno, Board Member; Hon. Muriel Pandi, Board Member; and Hon. Renee Herrera, Board Member.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May the guests of Honorable Tallado please stand to be acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTELO. Mr. Speaker, may we please recognize the Gentleman representing the Party-List

RECOBODA, Rep. Godofredo N. Guya, to deliver his privilege speech. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. Godofredo N. Guya, Representative of Party-List RECOBODA, is hereby recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. GUYA

REP. GUYA. Please play the NEA-AVP.  
(*Video presentation*)

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues of this august Chamber, it is nothing short or supernatural to share this piece of myself with you this afternoon.

I owe this finest hour to the fiercest people who endured with our movement, come hell or high water—to our Board of Directors, all of the 121 electric cooperatives or ECs situated in every corner of our country, our warriors of lights, our bold advocates of rural electrification, and of course, the catalysts behind this movement, our electric cooperatives' members-consumers-owners or MCOs. Thank you for all your unwavering support, and thank you for not succumbing to this uphill battle.

Ang One EC-MCO movement ay tulung-tulong, sama-sama, at nagkakaisa para sa kapakanan at proteksyon ng ating mga members-consumers-owners. Kung hindi po dahil sa inyo at para sa inyo, wala po kami ngayon dito.

Mr. Speaker, this humble Representation wishes to introduce the why's and wherefore's of our movement, principally comprised by our electric cooperatives' members-consumers-owners.

Allow me to beat repeatedly on the handiwork of the National Electrification Administration or the NEA, shoulder to shoulder with the electric cooperatives, we have brought electricity to over 13 million households or to over 60 million Filipinos across the country. Every kilowatt of electricity that surge through the wires or powerlines, every single light bulb we light and every single appliance we powered, which made more comfortable a lot of Filipinos residing in far-flung areas, were for the benefit of our members-consumers-owners. This is no rocket science. When we deliver electricity in the missionary or economically unviable areas, surely, there is no one to reap the benefits but the consumers residing in those areas.

Now, there is not a shade of truth in the hostile impression surrounding the relationship between the electric cooperatives and the members-consumers-owners. There is no dichotomy. The reason behind our delight and misery is one and the same, our way with things should be built upon the foundation of that premise. As the wisdom of God had put it in Matthew 12:22-28, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself cannot stand."

The impression that resorting to privatization is the remedy for our predicaments is thoughtless folly. To all of you, our electric cooperative members-consumers-owners, the MCOs, you must bear in mind that you are not only consumers, but you are likewise the owners. Resorting to privatization requires you to give up your ownership to persons whose priority is not your welfare, but their insatiable thirst for profit. So long as the men are prisoners of greed and sympathy is sarcasm, you will never be the jewel in the crown of rural electrification.

I reiterate, privatization is never an option. It would be as if giving it all up. We have been addressing the most pressing challenge—there was with collective wisdom, and we will continue to be strong amidst more to come.

If anything, it is you, the members-consumers-owners, who are and should continue to be at the platform of defending your electric cooperatives, not only the very ones to denounce and give up on them.

You were with us from the epoch of this movement. From the emergence of the need to electrify the countryside, to the creation of electric cooperatives, to the implementation of the rural electrification program, to the installation of lines and energization of substations, to the technical and management operationalization, to the introduction of the rural development, to the yearning of sustainability and empowerment of every constituency in the Rural Electrification Movement, so that the gains of rural electrification is protected and the interests of the members-consumers-owners are promoted: we built this movement.

Defending it is a great responsibility, and part of that responsibility is to know and understand your rights for your own empowerment. For one, you are right to be the ultimate beneficiary and the real subject of this movement. Kami po na mga kumakatawan sa inyo dito sa Kongreso ay katulad ninyo na mga owners din. We have been with the industry for as long as we can remember. Dito na po kami tumanda at nagkapamilya. Of all people in this world, we are the ones who can understand your joy and suffering the most. So, believe us when we say you are the heart of this movement, dahil alam po namin ang pinanggagalingan ninyo at napagdaanan po namin ang lahat ng iyan. But if you have doubts, please, by all means, storm our doors. They are wide open for you round the clock. Be the keeper of this movement. Bantayan ninyo po kami nang maigi. Karapatan po ninyong siguraduhin na hindi kami tataliwas sa ating adhikain. Kaakibat din po ng karapatang ito ang karapatan ninyong makilahok.

Mr. Speaker, this humble Representation from RECOBODA Party-List prays for the active participation and effective engagement of our members-consumers-owners. To you, our electric cooperatives' members-consumers-owners, you need to understand, our power

wholly emanates from you, and all of these depend on your participation, on each of you accepting the responsibility of bringing us here. Ang lahat po ng ito ay dahil sa inyo at para sa inyo, but your responsibility does not conclude with you winning a seat here in Congress, that holds no merit if we are not to work hand in hand towards advancing our cause. And so, we implore for and encourage your active participation. Let us continue to journey together. The electric cooperatives and the members-consumers-owners have come a long way, and now that we are able to enter the narrow gates of this august Chamber, I say, “We have all the more reasons to unite, enlarge our borders, and bring our petition before the rightful judge—the people.” I say, “We pour out the fullness of our lawmaking power to bring about measures and policies with the sole intention of protecting the rights and welfare of our sector.” I say, “We come together, liberate ourselves from the rustling of our chains, and confide in one another the yoke that our passing in Congress might rightfully appease.”

Maraming salamat po at mapagpalang araw sa inyong lahat. (*Applause*)

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

REP. BAUTISTA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of Honorable Guya of RECOBODA Party-List to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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. BAUTISTA. Mr. Speaker, may we kindly acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Leonardo “Jun” L. Babasa Jr. from the Second District of Zamboanga del Sur, namely: Mr. Raul Saniel, General Manager of Zamboanga del Sur Electric Cooperative I or Zamsureco I; Ms. Marivic Chaves, President of the Board of Directors of Zamsureco I; and the department heads and managers of Zamsureco I. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Please stand to be recognized. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

##### *Continuation*

REP. BAUTISTA. Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from AKO PADAYON Party-List, the

Hon. Adriano A. Ebcas, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Rep. Adriano Ebcas of AKO PADAYON Party-List is hereby recognized to speak under the Privilege Hour.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. EBCAS

REP. EBCAS. Mr. Speaker, fellow House Members, to all our guests in attendance of today’s session, and members-consumers-owners of electric cooperatives, it is my pleasure to appear before you today to extend my warmest greetings of peace.

As coined by Roy Bennett, and I quote:

Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone’s life. Be the light that helps others see; it is what gives life its deepest significance.

I am standing in front of you today as a man of dreams and aspirations.

This humble Representation of 121 electric cooperatives would like to communicate our main advocacy to the august Halls of Congress, to light every single home until the last farthest and most remote area in the countryside obtains sustainable rural development.

I rise today to give prominence to this existence of rural electric cooperatives. Despite being a non-profit, non-stock association, electric cooperatives have evidently served millions of members-consumers-owners, most especially those in the rural areas. Electric cooperative franchises should be fortified, strengthened and protected. Its revocation should never be an option of the government. (*Applause*)

Electric cooperatives have provided us with access to electricity to properly light our homes. As a strategic government partner in rural electrification, electric cooperatives have given their fair share of sacrifices to deliver each Filipino the right to have access to electricity to enhance their quality of life.

Access to electricity, prior to 1970, was provided only to a few citizens. Even if considered as a basic necessity, electricity was unfortunately only available in urban areas as it was being served by private electric utilities. As a flagship program of the government, the rural electrification program is vital to the welfare of the Filipinos and for the development of our nation. In no time, electrification rose to the forefront of national policy.

Under P.D. No. 269, it is bestowed upon electric cooperatives the right to be granted franchises to operate a distribution and retail electricity authority

within specified areas as private entities. In contrast to the private investor-owned utilities, electric cooperatives' current policies limit the stocks and shares of their members-consumers-owners. Simply, they are virtually limited in making financial decisions. Electric cooperatives operate for the welfare of the people. They are of and for the people.

For 50 years, the National Electrification Administration and rural electric cooperatives have energized the countryside. Based on records, the National Electrification Administration and electric cooperatives have already successfully energized 100 percent of the country's provinces, cities and municipalities, and 99 percent of barangays. All areas within the electric cooperatives' franchise have already been energized, with the exception of few barangays, declared as permanent danger zones or with peace and order problems.

In terms of consumer connections, electric cooperatives have already energized more than 13 million out of the 15 million potential connections as of May 2019. Our successful electrification of 13 million consumer connections could not be possible without the strong support of the government to its partners, the 121 electric cooperatives. Teamwork is one of the qualities that encapsulates our success and makes it decidedly different from the rest. The existence of electric cooperatives as indispensable partners of the National Electrification Administration cannot go unnoticed.

Yes, there are threats that are sadly defying the electric cooperatives' existence, threats that are undeniably lacking factual points and are political in nature.

Nakakalungkot po na nang dahil sa pansariling interes, ang sa mga nakararami ay nanganganib. Noon pa man, naging instrumento na ng ating gobyerno ang mga kooperatiba sa paghahatid ng kaliwanagan sa kanayunan.

They have said that while electric cooperatives have been the government's long-term partners in providing electricity in far-flung areas of the country, many have failed to carry out their mandate for various reasons. Nakakalungkot po ito.

There was a time in the Seventeenth Congress when a list of electric cooperatives were recommended for revocation of franchise.

This lopsided recommendation for revocation of electric cooperatives' franchises essentially and effectively disregarded the coops' sacrifices during the last four to five decades. We believe that this unjust and biased proposition was done without prior consultation with the concerned electric cooperatives or without giving them the benefit of due process. The cooperation between the electric cooperatives and the government has opened the doors to light the homes in the countryside.

Over the years, the National Electrification Administration, through the electric cooperatives, successfully energized all the provinces, cities and municipalities in the Philippines under its jurisdiction, thereby, paving the road towards the socioeconomic development in the rural areas. Subsequently, it impressively energized the more than 36,000 barangays all over the country.

In the Philippines, it was not until the National Electrification Administration was established in 1969 that the government became really serious in providing electricity to all the households. The National Electrification Administration was committed to promoting rural electrification through the rural electrification cooperatives established under Republic Act No. 6038.

Electric cooperatives were principally founded to cause the acceleration of rural electrification in the Philippines. The electric cooperatives obtained long-term loans from the NEA and invested them in electric distribution facilities, equipment and materials to efficiently distribute electricity to end-users in its franchise or service area. Electric cooperatives are partners of the NEA in the implementation of the Rural Electrification Program where the National Electrification Administration is the executing agency. It thus promotes electrification with adherence to the NEA's policy on rural electrification.

The National Electrification Administration also provides technical, managerial and financial assistance especially so when the same concerns rural electrification. Prior to the launch of the Rural Electrification Program, only private companies supplied electricity, but they were concentrated in the city centers or in the areas where the population is large and where there is high economic efficiency. These distribution utilities are not electric cooperatives but private companies that provide electricity to the cities, urban areas and which stand disinterested in electrifying regions where residences are dispersed geographically and where the electric business is unprofitable.

Electric cooperatives have envisioned early on, and with the National Electrification Administration, the Philippines where all homes have access to electricity. Without the electric cooperatives, hindi mangyayari iyong pagpapailaw natin sa kanayunan because the National Electrification Administration could not have done it alone.

The electric cooperatives worked with the National Electrification Administration to electrify the far-flung barangays and sitios in the countryside where the private distribution utilities have shunned from energizing due to its negative economic returns on profit. It is only the electric cooperatives that took hard to help our fellowmen in the remote areas to experience electricity and which attempted to help them rise above the chains

of poverty, ignorance and inconvenience. If not for the ECs or electric cooperatives, the Philippine countryside could well have wallowed in darkness.

Tumaya ang mga electric cooperatives sa pagpailaw ng mga kanayunan. Being a service-oriented entity, the electric cooperatives resolved to join the government in a bid to raise the quality of life of our fellowmen in the rural areas—a feat not shared by many distribution utilities out to obtain profit and nothing else. Partnering with the National Electrification Administration, the electric cooperatives served to implement the Barangay Line Enhancement Program and the Sitio Electrification Program of the government. In the project construction, it faced several challenges out in the fields. Among these are the difficult terrain given the archipelagic characteristic of the Philippines, the absence of road networks and the limited mode of transportation.

There are also issues and concerns on the right-of-way disagreements, problems on peace and order, and non-complying contractors. At some point, the electric cooperatives will have to deal with either passive or antagonistic political leaders who are not convinced of the program and tend to undermine the rural electrification projects. Despite the challenges, the electric cooperatives continued to energize the remaining remote and far-flung areas and advocated for government infrastructure policies supportive of marginalized and poor communities.

The impact of these programs on the lives of the people includes the rise in economic activities with the growth of small and medium enterprises, more job opportunities, better systems of education, more advanced medical technologies, a thriving tourism industry, increased agricultural activities, and access to information technology and the media, among others. These inspire the electric cooperatives to continue to work together with the National Electrification Administration and fellow electric cooperatives all over the country in the quest for total electrification.

Towards this end, there is a more conscious bid to fortify the electric franchise. We saw the need to anchor the collective Total Electrification Plan by the electric cooperatives under the auspices of the National Electrification Administration on the President's directive to attain total electrification which is envisioned to be achieved by 2022. This Total Electrification Plan is comprised of: (1) Expanded Sitio Electrification Program for On-Grid and Off-Grid areas; (2) Barangay Line Enhancement Program; and (3) Expanded Household Electrification Program for On-Grid and Off-Grid areas.

There are major challenges besetting the electric sector today, but more than ever, the National Electrification Administration and the electric cooperatives with their members-consumers-owners are working together in a more collaborative manner

to thwart these challenges. We set our goal of advancing sustainable rural development through rural electrification, and we will keep on going no matter the odds.

Mr. Speaker, and the rest of my colleagues, I am truly grateful for this opportunity to deliver my privilege speech, though brief, which is said with much fervor in acknowledgement of the brave sacrifices and significant contributions of the electric cooperatives to the rural electrification efforts in our country.

Thank you very much for the warm reception. May God continue to bless our beloved country, the Republic of the Philippines.

Mabuhay ang mga kooperatiba! *(Applause)* Thank you and good day.

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

REP. BAUTISTA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Ebcas to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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. *(Applause)*

REP. BAUTISTA. Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from 1-PACMAN Party-List, Rep. Michael L. Romero, PhD, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. Michael L. Romero of 1-PACMAN Party-List is hereby recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ROMERO

REP. ROMERO. Honorable Speaker, our distinguished colleagues, honorable guests, and everyone present in this august Chamber, good afternoon.

I am honored today to be here with the members and key players of our rural cooperatives. Mainly they are all around us right now. *(Applause)*

Magandang hapon po and congratulations for being here also. *(Applause)*

So, ako po ay magsasalita on how we can eradicate the country's dark ages or accelerating the Philippine Electrification Program.

At this very moment, we speak—next slide, please—there are about two million households or 33 percent of this coming from Luzon, 24 percent from

the Visayas, and 43 percent coming from the Mindanao area or about 16 percent of total households in the Philippines or over 13 million individuals who are still living in the dark, meaning, wala pa hong elektrisidad ang mga ito. Kung bibilangin po natin, ito po ay a total of 19,000 sitios coming from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

Electricity is a basic necessity in this age or time. We have and use electricity in virtually everything that we do. It affects not only our lives but our total economy.

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Ito po ang problema ngayon sa ating Electrification Program.

First of all, there is a lack of funding, there is bureaucracy, there are natural calamities, at napakahaba po ng ating programa to electrify ang ating 16 percent na kakulangan sa kuryente sa ating mga household. To solve this issue, an agency has been specifically tasked to respond to this electrification problem, and this agency, of course, is the National Electrification Administration, which is the regulatory agency for all electric coops. It was established by Philippine laws—RA No. 2717 and RA No. 6038. It is tasked in implementing the Rural Electrification Program of our national government. The objective is total electrification or 100 percent electrification of the whole Philippines.

As of today, the NEA is still an attached agency of the Department of Energy. I said “still” and the emphasis is on “still” because later, I will show you the difference between being attached to the DOE and being an autonomous agency of its own.

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So, the NEA has several programs and these are the BLEP, the HEP, and the SEP—the Barangay Line Enhancement Program, the Household Electrification Program, and the Sitio Electrification Program—all of which ang kanyang basic objective is to electrify the whole Philippines, 100 percent.

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So, here are the rural electric coops as being run by the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. All in all, there are 121 electric cooperatives and most of them are here with us today. *(Applause)* Kung 100 percent po ang ating electrification, sigurado po ako, 100 percent din ang rural electric coops natin na nandito ngayon sa Kongreso. *(Applause)*

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So, these are just some of the pictures.

In 2018, there are 1,900 sitios that were connected or electrified by the NEA. Ang total po ng ating sitios na wala pang electricity is 19,000, so this compromises only 10 percent, so every year po, 10 percent lang nang 10 percent, so with this, and this is the 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 na ratio, so based po rito, it will take 10

years to electrify the whole Philippines or to put lights or lighting sa buong bansa.

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One of my recommendations, actually, is to change the Charter of the NEA and for the National Electrification to make it an Authority. *(Applause)*

Ito po, kailangan talagang ipaglaban natin ito kasi kapag naging Authority na po ang NEA ay very autonomous na po siya at magkakaroon na siya ng tinatawag nating budget to electrify the whole Philippines. *(Applause)*

So, anu-ano ho ba ang advantages for making it National Electrification Authority? First, it is an attached agency already of the Office of the President from its previous attachment sa DOE. Second po, puwede na siyang mag-formulate and execute its own programs and budget. Third, it has more autonomy in activities such as contracting, suing—lahat ho ng hindi nagagawa ngayon ay puwede nang magawa pagka naging Authority tayo. And, of course, pagdedebatehan pa ho ito, but we might give the new National Electrification Authority the wisdom to grant, amend or revoke electric coop franchises. *(Applause)*

So, lahat ho ng ito ay road to complete the 100-percent electrification of the whole Philippines by 2020. *(Applause)* Pero ho, may kaunting problema. If you can see our slides, ngayon hong 2019, there are about 16 percent underserved communities, 2 million families, 13 million individuals.

Ang gusto ko ho sana is to accelerate the electrification program of the government. Meaning, in three years’ time, or 2020, kung nakikita ninyo po, sa 2020, zero na po ang walang kuryente sa buong Pilipinas. Ang ibig pong sabihin, iyong programa po ng sampung taon, uubusin—pakibalik lang sa previous slide—iyong sampung taon na uubusin natin sa programa, gagawin na lang ho natin for the next three years. *(Applause)*

So, it is a challenge I also posed to our NEA Administrator Edgar Masongsong who is doing much work. Talagang naghihirap po itong ating masipag na dating kasamahan dito sa Kongreso na si Administrator Edgar Masongsong, pero baka bitin po siya sa challenge kaya bibigyan natin ng kaunting challenge, iyong ten years, gagawin nating tatlong taon, GM. *(Applause)*

The program that I am espousing is very simple: Every year, we will bring down or bring up the electrification program of the government by 5.4 percent. Ano po ba ang kailangan dito? Ang kailangan po dito is the budget. Ang budget po na nakikita natin—next slide—we need a total of P28.5 billion to electrify the whole Philippines for the next three years. Ang computation po nito is 19,000 sitios na walang electricity, times 1.5 million each sitio to electrify. So, ito po sana ang aking programa na kailangang pagtulungan natin, pagtulungan po ng bagong National



Electrification Authority (*Applause*). With this program, in 2022, wala na hong household o bahay sa buong Pilipinas na walang kuryente; lahat ho ay may kuryente na. (*Applause*)

Ito pong Accelerated Rural Electrification Program, which costs P28.5 billion, dapat po magawan iyan ng bagong batas dito at mai-add natin sa ating Appropriations Committee na budget. (*Applause*)

Anyway, on a last note, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage every one of my colleagues to rally behind the electrification agenda of our national government. This task, as elucidated by me and the Gentlemen who spoke before me, is a very challenging one. This is a challenge that was taken up by not just a few players in the industry, and this agenda is to serve the electrification program of the government. It is a very noble cause; it is a cause for our country, to electrify it ourselves. Our support for the electrification agenda of the government affects the lives of more families than we know. It saves lives, provides conveniences, and unites people.

So, in the end po, sana po with the help of all the Congressmen and Congresswomen here, if you want to electrify the most far-flung households na part ho ng distrito ninyo, we have to make NEA, number one, an authority, and number two ho, ibigay ho natin iyong kanilang accelerated program of P28.5 billion. (*Applause*)

Marami pong salamat. (*Applause*)

REP. ABANTE. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. CASTELO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABANTE. Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTELO. Yes, Mr. Speaker, may we please recognize the Gentleman from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman, to interpellate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. Edcel Lagman of Albay is hereby recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First, I would like to commend the distinguished Gentleman from 1-PACMAN Party-List for his privilege speech, and I would like also to join him in congratulating the National Electrification Administration on its golden anniversary, together with its enduring implementing partners, the rural electric cooperatives. (*Applause*)

I would also like to make it of record that I have been very supportive of the NEA. (*Applause*) When I

was the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, I caused the allocation of billions of pesos for sitio electrification. (*Applause*)

Now, would the distinguished Gentleman yield to some questions?

REP. ROMERO. Yes, Your Honor.

REP. LAGMAN. What would account for the 13 million Filipinos or 12.87 percent of our population, to be still living in darkness for want of electricity?

REP. ROMERO. Can you repeat, Sir, ...

REP. LAGMAN. What is the reason or what are the reasons why 13 million Filipinos, constituting 12.87 percent of our population, are still living in darkness because of the lack of electricity?

REP. ROMERO. Ito po kasi, iyong programa po ng gobyerno ngayon. I believe we need P28.5 billion po to electrify the whole Philippines and the budget of the NEA right now is just below P1 billion, I think, every year. So with just that, hindi ho kayang i-accelerate ang programa po ng electrification of the whole Philippines. Kailangan po talagang i-accelerate at i-fast forward kumbaga ang pondo ng NEA because the NEA is the agency implementing the electrification program of the government. So kailangan ho talaga ng pondo. (*Applause*)

REP. LAGMAN. Now, distinguished Gentleman, I was informed several years ago that there is full barangay electrification. What is wanting is the energization of all sitios in the Philippines. Is that a correct statement?

REP. ROMERO. Sir, the program is really lacking of both funds, and the bureaucratic process right now is that iyong mga programa po nila, hindi nila nai-implement kasi nga ho may kaunting, I do not know, maybe politics involved because they are reporting to the Department of Energy. Marami rin silang objectives or agenda, may sarili silang agenda, may sarili ring agenda iyong Department. So, this curtails bureaucracy's progress within the agency and the Department that they are commingling.

REP. LAGMAN. My question really is, during our budget hearings before, we were informed consistently by the Department of Energy that there is already 100 percent barangay electrification and what is not energized are the sitios. Is that correct?

REP. ROMERO. Well, the audience's answer po is yes, tama po.

REP. LAGMAN. Yes. That is why, distinguished Gentleman, when I was the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, what we did was to fund sitio electrification, not barangay electrification. Now, where is the concentration of these unenergized sitios in the Philippines?

REP. ROMERO. Your Honor, this 16 percent is, what we call, the “last mile” of the unenergized and unserved areas. Meaning, these are the sitios po na malayo na sa mga rural areas. In fact, they are scattered na within the areas of the mountains, kailangan na hong tumawid—so hindi na ho ma-connect. They coined it as the “last mile” of the electrification program of the Philippines.

REP. LAGMAN. They call it also the “unprofitable areas.” Is that correct? They are where the government does not have the will to venture into. Is that correct? *(Applause)*

REP. ROMERO. Your Honor, because I think the Party-List PHILRECA has more data with regard to this, may I move that the Gentleman from the Party-List PHILRECA be recognized also to answer some of the questions of the Gentleman from Albay. *(Applause)*

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. If the rules would allow that, Mr. Speaker, then I would concede.

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

REP. ROMERO. Mr. Speaker, I yield.

REP. BONDOC. With that, Mr. Speaker, we move for the recognition of the Hon. Presley De Jesus so he may answer the questions of the Honorable Lagman.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Honorable De Jesus is hereby recognized.

REP. ROMERO. Mr. Speaker, I yield in favor of the honorable PHILRECA Party-List Rep. Presley De Jesus.

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, to answer the question of our honorable and legendary Cong. Edcel Lagman, it is true that for the last 50 years, no one from private companies has dared to go to rural areas to

electrify or energize the last sitios, per the electrification program, only the electric cooperatives which are non-stock, non-profit. Kahit wala kaming kita, even though there are only two households five miles from the last barangay, pinaiilawan namin iyan to make sure that PD No. 269 is implemented to energize all the sitios. And, the sitios, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, are a moving target. When we say “moving target,” for example, in one mountain, lima iyong pamilya. Nagkaanak iyong mga pamilya, at ang mga anak nila, lumayo na naman sila. So, hanggang doon, hinahabol namin sila para pailawan lang sila. Ganyan po ang mga electric cooperatives sa buong Pilipinas. *(Applause)*

REP. LAGMAN. And I go back to my question earlier: Where is the concentration or concentrations of these unenergized sitios in the Philippines?

REP. DE JESUS. Actually, Mr. Speaker, there are only 16 percent left, around 2.4 million households, and most of them are in Mindanao. As you know, in Mindanao, we have a security problem. We also have those political problems, so if you add it up, everything, maybe there is around 8 percent in Mindanao, 4 percent in the Visayas and 4 percent in Luzon. Iyon po ang nagiging problema namin. Besides the budget cut last year, ang problema po namin ay mahirap naming puntahan iyon dahil iyong mga tao namin, natatakot pailawan ang malalayo because of the security concerns. And they are already scattered in the island, the off-grid areas.

REP. LAGMAN. So, the bulk would be in Mindanao.

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. And that is where the President comes from. Is it not?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. And if you are looking for funds, most probably, the President would not be ungenerous to subsidize the electrification of the sitios.

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, thank you. *(Applause)*

REP. LAGMAN. Is that correct?

REP. DE JESUS. Actually, Mr. Speaker, we already sent the budget proposal for NEA to the Malacañang and I hope not even a single penny will be cut from the budget because our dilemma from last year, instead of P1.6 billion, it came down to P800 million. I hope this year, to energize the remaining sitios, there will be no cut in our budget. *(Applause)*

REP. LAGMAN. The National Electrification Administration is a government-owned and -controlled corporation. It is capitalized by the government. Is that correct?

Under Republic Act No. 10531, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION DECREE," the amount of P25 billion was appropriated as the capital of the NEA at that time, and this law was approved on May 7, 2013. Is that correct?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, Mr. Speaker, it is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. Of your knowledge, distinguished Gentleman, how much is the outstanding balance of the capital of the NEA?

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, out of the P25 billion, only around P5 billion was given to the NEA because of bureaucratic or the red tape. Masyadong pong maraming mga kailangan na papeles and procedures to implement in the sitios. Kaya po out of P25 billion, there was only P5 billion, Mr. Speaker, that was given to the NEA.

REP. LAGMAN. We should distinguish between the capital of the NEA as a government-owned and -controlled corporation, and the corporate subsidy given to this agency or corporation in the annual GAA. Is that correct? What you are talking about is the P5 billion, more or less, for the last three years, but my question is, how much is the outstanding balance of the capital of the National Electrification Administration from the original P25 billion?

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, I do not think I am the right person to answer that question because supposedly, the NEA Administrator, as far as the NEA capitalization is concerned—wala ho kaming idea, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. I was informed that it is only about P4.5 billion which is remaining.

Now, how does the National Electrification Administration aim its income in order to fund its corporate activities?

REP. DE JESUS. Actually, Mr. Speaker, I do not think they have the capital; it is only interest income, and that is why they have been operating the budget. There was no capital that was given to them; it was only the interest income.

REP. LAGMAN. What is meant by the distinguished Gentleman with interest income?

REP. DE JESUS. Income from the—that is being loaned to the different electric cooperatives.

REP. LAGMAN. In other words, the NEA is authorized under its charter to grant loans to electric cooperatives, is that correct?

REP. DE JESUS. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. To your knowledge, distinguished Gentleman, how much is the outstanding loan still uncollected by the National Electrification Administration from electric cooperatives?

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, as of this time, we do not have the exact amount on how much loan was granted to the electric cooperatives.

REP. LAGMAN. And would the distinguished Gentleman know what the collection efficiency of the National Electrification Administration is?

REP. DE JESUS. As far as their loans, it is 100 percent. I am pretty sure about that because all the electric cooperatives have paid their dues and obligations on time. *(Applause)*

REP. LAGMAN. Congratulations to the rural electric cooperatives, but that remains to be validated because a 100-percent collection efficiency is really hard to believe. Now, what are the other sources of funding of the National Electrification Administration other than subsidies from the government, utilization of its capital, its interest earnings, what else?

REP. DE JESUS. I think Mr. Speaker, again, I am not the right person to answer that question as far as the NEA. I think we have to ask them because I am not privy to the NEA day-to-day operations, Your Honor. I think what I answered from your question, Mr. Speaker, are the things that I only knew, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, I appreciate the candidness of the distinguished Gentleman, but under its charter, it has the right to borrow, so from borrowings, under the authority and consent of the Monetary Board.

Now, my next question is—if the distinguished Gentleman would know—how much is the total of outstanding borrowings of the National Electrification Administration?

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, again, being candid

enough, I do not know how much their outstanding balance is.

REP. LAGMAN. I asked these questions because we would need the answers to these questions if we would like to transform the National Electrification Administration into an authority.

REP. DE JESUS. Yes.

REP. LAGMAN. Because we should have the full details, the facts and figures.

I would like to tell the distinguished Gentleman that for so long, we have been trying to transform the National Irrigation Administration from an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture to an independent agency, but somehow, we have not succeeded.

It is a hard thing; an arduous task to really change the NEA into an authority if we do not know the facts which we need to assess. I hope the distinguished Gentleman would share that view.

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, Mr. Speaker, but believe me, once we started doing the—we filed already the Bill converting the NEA from administration to authority. Given ample time, we will have all the facts with regard to converting them from administration to authority. *(Applause)*

REP. LAGMAN. Now, the government-owned and -controlled corporations are required by the national government to contribute to the coffers of the national government on an annual basis. Would you know how much the National Electrification Administration remitted to the government as its corporate income, as share of the national government?

REP. DE JESUS. Again, Mr. Speaker, they candidly—enough—again, it is around P4 million—P4 billion.

REP. LAGMAN. Four?

REP. DE JESUS. It is P4 million, I am sorry. I stand corrected, P4 million.

REP. LAGMAN. It remitted only P4 million ...

REP. DE JESUS. Four billion.

REP. LAGMAN. ... as part of its corporate income to form the share of the national government.

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, going back to the National Treasury, it is P4 million.

REP. LAGMAN. Why should the NEA remit even P4 million when there are so many sitios that are still unenergized, which could be used in electrifying the sitios? Rather than remit, it should have asked exemption from that mandate, did it not?

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, I think he has a very good question, but right now, I do not have the exact answers with regard to that. But believe me, tomorrow, I have a better answer to that. I am going to research on that, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Now, I am going to—it is probably my last question. How does this dismal figure of 13 million Filipinos living without electricity compare with our ASEAN neighbors?

REP. DE JESUS. Can you repeat the question, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. How does this dismal figure of 13 million Filipinos without electricity or in darkness compare with the situation of our ASEAN neighbors?

REP. DE JESUS. Actually, it is not the 13 million. Thirteen million is the household that we already energized. So, there are only 2.4 million. Compared to ASEAN countries, I think we are far behind in energizing our countrymen.

So, I am appealing to the Eighteenth Congress, please put more budget, put more money in total electrification. As you know, the key to rural development is rural electrification, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, let me just go to the budget. In fiscal year 2016, the Sitio Electrification Program or SEP amounted to P1,000,817,384. Do you confirm that, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Now, in 2017, the Sitio Electrification Program was an amount almost similar, it was P1,000,817,100.

REP. DE JESUS. That is around that ballpark area, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. In fiscal year 2018, the Sitio Electrification Program was identical with the 2017, which is P1,000,817,100.

REP. DE JESUS. Around that amount, Mr. Speaker, that is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. So, for 2016, 2017 and 2018,

the total subsidy to the NEA for electrification was P5,000,452,152. Is that correct?

REP. DE JESUS. That is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. Now, in 2019, this year, did it go down?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes.

REP. LAGMAN. The Sitio Electrification Program is now only P862,944,000. Is that correct?

REP. DE JESUS. That is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. Despite the fact that there are so many sitios still unenergized, of course, there is a new program in 2019, which is the Strategized Sitio Electrification Program for Off-Grid, through renewable energy. That is only P12 million.

REP. DE JESUS. Yes.

REP. LAGMAN. And also for 2019, there is a Strategized Household Electrification Program for off-grid renewable energy of another P153 million.

REP. DE JESUS. Tama.

REP. LAGMAN. But that would not compensate for the great reduction in 2019.

Now, there is also in the Department of Energy, as charged to special account, a number of amounts related to household electrifications. In 2019, there is P500 million; in 2018, Nationwide Intensification of Household Electrification, P624,860,000; in 2017, Nationwide Intensification of Household Electrification of P815,396,000; in 2018, there is a Nationwide Intensification of Household Electrification in the amount of P794,209,000; and in 2016, there is a Household Electrification Program in off-grid areas using renewable energy of P168,723,000.

Now, these are small amounts, but I think, this Chamber during the budget hearing should be able to ask the Department of Energy, as well as, the National Electrification Administration, what had been performed out of these allocations?

Would the distinguished Gentleman agree to that proposition?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, definitely, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, thank you so much for accommodating the interpellation of this Representation, and I will always join you towards a... *(Applause)*

REP. DE JESUS. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. ...total energization or electrification of our country, including all of the sitios in this country. Thank you so much. *(Applause)*

REP. DE JESUS. Thank you very much.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, for his interpellation, we move to recognize the honorable Minority Leader, the Hon. Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The honorable Minority Leader Benny Abante is hereby recognized.

REP. ABANTE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Gentleman from the 1-PACMAN or PHILRECA yield to some clarificatory questions, Mr. Speaker?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, certainly, Mr. Minority Leader—oh, Mr. Speaker. Sorry about that. *(Laughter)* It was a rookie's mistake.

REP. ABANTE. Okay, alright. You said that 16 percent of the whole country does not have any electricity yet. Is that correct?

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

REP. DE JESUS. That is correct. Yes.

REP. ABANTE. May I know the areas, towns and municipalities where the 16 percent are located?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes. Out of the 16 percent, 50 percent are located in Mindanao; 4 percent in Visayas; and 4 percent in Luzon. That is a total of 58.

REP. ABANTE. Is there a town in the 16 percent that is literally in darkness?

REP. DE JESUS. What is the question?

REP. ABANTE. Wala talagang kuryente. Mayroon ba tayong town na iyong—the whole town ay totally walang kuryente?

REP. DE JESUS. No, only the sitios. All the towns are 100-percent electrified. When we talk about

sitios, the far-flung areas, the remotest places like in the mountains, but as far as the towns or the cities are concerned, they are 100-percent energized, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ABANTE. Okay.

REP. DE JESUS. Mme. Speaker.

REP. ABANTE. Mme. Speaker, if the town is 100 percent—ano iyon, electrified iyon hindi ba? How is it possible that the other places in those towns are not?

REP. DE JESUS. We are talking about the sitios, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ABANTE. Yes.

REP. DE JESUS. As I have said, all the towns are 100-percent energized. Only the sitios that are very far—and we are talking about the mountains in the hinterlands that are still unenergized, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ABANTE. In the 16 percent of those towns and areas that are not electrified, Mme. Speaker, how many electric cooperatives are there in those towns? In the 16 percent, how many electric cooperatives are there? Ilan po sila?

REP. DE JESUS. In Mindanao, I guess, there are around 40 electric coops in Mindanao; in Visayas, around 30; and in Luzon, there are around 20.

REP. ABANTE. Ang ibig sabihin, kahit na iyong the whole town is totally electrified, yet, iyong mga sitios, iyong mga ibang outflung barangays ay hindi, ano po ang dahilan? Ano po ang dahilan ba rito? Ang dahilan po ba rito ay sapagkat wala ba silang sapat na revenue to electrify it?

REP. DE JESUS. Again, electric coops are non-stock, non-profit. If the government does not fund or the DOE does not fund the NEA, definitely, the unenergized will not be energized because, again, electric cooperatives are non-stock, non-profit. We do not have extra money to pay for it, so the government, under PD No. 269, that is the one supposed to fund those unenergized sitios, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ABANTE. So, all electric cooperatives are non-profit. They are not actually commercialized. Okay.

REP. DE JESUS. No, Mme. Speaker, it is non-stock, non-profit.

REP. ABANTE. You are asking for P28.5 billion in a spread of three years, am I correct?

REP. DE JESUS. That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ABANTE. Okay. Would you be able to know how we could get that funding, whether it is solely from the government or will it be through loans or through grants, Mme. Speaker?

REP. DE JESUS. It was supposed to be from the government itself, but sometimes, the European or the USAID send money to energize the far-flung barangays but not that much though. The last time I heard is from the European community. They put around P20 million, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ABANTE. Okay, Mme. Speaker, you know, dito po sa atin, sa House of Representatives, siyempre marami tayong mga Sectoral Representatives pero ang Senado po ay wala. So, I would like to find out how—is the Senate fully aware of what you are now telling us here in the House?

REP. DE JESUS. That is correct. I do not think so. Maybe the Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Sen. Win Gatchalian—I remember last year, we met with him and we know that he knows the problem as far as electrification is concerned.

REP. ABANTE. Are you now making representation for that matter to the Senate, Mme. Speaker?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, we will.

REP. ABANTE. Well, of course, if we need to have funding and approve it, we need of course, the partnership of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

REP. DE JESUS. That is correct. *(Applause)*

REP. ABANTE. Mme. Speaker, I do not have any further questions, but I only would like to say that being the Minority Leader, the whole of the Minority bloc and two of our colleagues belonging to the electric cooperative sector are in full support of the manifestation. *(Applause)*

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DE JESUS. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, the next colleague

of ours who wishes to interpellate is the Gentleman from the Lone District of Camiguin.

I move that we recognize the Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo is now recognized.

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, may I ask if the Gentleman would yield to some questions?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you.

Mme. Speaker, in the previous Congress, the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, which I chaired, investigated the ERC, the NEA and the Camiguin Electric Cooperative on account of mismanagement of the coop. Now, I would like to ask the Gentleman about what came out in that Committee Report, adopted in plenary, and discussed one of the findings because it dealt on the matter of rural electrification.

Mme. Speaker, one of our findings was that one of the problems of Camelco, which still persists up to this time is its systems loss. At the time that we adopted the Committee Report, it was at 17.91 percent, and the ERC told us that Camelco could only pass on up to 11 percent of its systems loss. In the course of our investigation, we asked our resource persons what causes the high systems loss, and one of the reasons given to us or one of the culprits on systems loss was actually the Sitio Electrification Program.

One of the Camelco managers told us that the subsidies that the coop received from the government to extend the lateral lines to the sitios and inner barangays, which is the Sitio Electrification Program, was a major contributor to the high systems loss. We would like to ask, considering that we do push for rural electrification and we do want all of our sitios to be energized, but then it turns out that it can be an issue and that it could actually lead to high systems loss that leads to higher cost of power that the consumers would have to pay, may I ask the Gentleman if he agrees or is this a valid or in effect that rural electrification actually leads to higher systems loss that would be borne by the consumers? We would like to ask the Gentleman that, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DE JESUS. Mme. Speaker, since the question is quite technical, I have here GM Dagui of Siargao, who is more knowledgeable or a technical specialist when it comes to systems loss. I am yielding to GM Dagui or to our colleague from APEC Party-List, Cong. Sergio C. Dagooc, to answer that question, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. With that, Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from Party-List APEC, the Hon. Sergio Dagooc, to answer the questions of the Honorable Romualdo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Sergio Dagooc from APEC Party-List is now recognized.

REP. DAGOOC. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

As far as systems loss is concerned, Mme. Speaker, it is unavoidable if you are operating whether a transmission or distribution line. The longer you construct the line, like in the case of sitio and barangay electrification, you are constructing longer lines with few consumers being energized. In our case, it is about 15 consumers per kilometer of line. The longer the line—because the line will consume electricity, but it is not in the kilowatt hour meter of the consumers, and that will lead to the increase in the systems loss of that particular distribution utility, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Indeed, if we aggressively pursue sitio electrification, it is a certainty then that you would also be increasing systems loss that all the consumers in the area will have to pay. It naturally follows that it will occur, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DAGOOC. Mme. Speaker, to address systems loss, we need to construct additional substation so that the lines we are extending will be near from the substation. In that case, you need to fund another capex or capital expenditure projects. All systems losses can be addressed through technical and institutional means. If you construct longer lines just to electrify the last mile, it does not follow that the members-consumers-owners will keep on paying systems losses because that can be addressed institutionally and technically, Mme. Speaker. *(Applause)*

REP. ROMUALDO. Mme. Speaker, the solution then, as the Gentleman said, would be the construction of additional substations. Would that be provided for by the NEA in its Sitio Electrification Program, for example, or does it have to be borne out by the electric cooperatives?

REP. DAGOOC. Mme. Speaker, normally, the funds that will be used to construct additional substation is not taken out of the national budget or subsidy from

the NEA. Normally, it is filed at the Energy Regulatory Commission as part of our capital expenditures project.

REP. ROMUALDO. Yes, Mme. Speaker, but would it not be better if the NEA would actually provide subsidies for those substations?

REP. DAGOOC. Mme. Speaker, that would be better if Congress will allow that. That is better if Congress will allow it. *(Applause)*

REP. ROMUALDO. Is the current version of the NEA Charter preventive from providing those funds for substations, Mme. Speaker?

REP. DAGOOC. Mme. Speaker, actually, the mandate of the NEA is total electrification. But under the original Charter of the NEA, Republic Act. No. 6038, and amended by P.D. No. 269, the total electrification program will be carried out by the electric cooperatives being organized by the NEA, scattered all over the country.

The electric cooperatives are used by the national government to implement its total electrification program. Originally, the NEA has a P5-billion capitalization under P.D. No. 269. This capitalization was used by the NEA to fund the loans of the electric cooperatives in the first phase of the program which was the construction of distribution lines in the different electric cooperatives being organized.

So, the electric cooperatives are paying for these loans. These are not dole outs because the NEA needs to remit to the national government dividends wherein, I heard the honorable administrator, this year, they have remitted P280 million in dividends.

REP. ROMUALDO. Mme. Speaker, what I am trying to point out is that we want to pursue rural electrification, we want to pursue sitio electrification. But on the other hand, we do not want it to be at the cost of higher consumer rates for the members-consumers-owners of electric cooperatives. That is what I am asking, because what was told to us in our hearings in the previous Congress was that one of the drivers of high systems loss was rural electrification or the Sitio Electrification Program. What we would like to find out is if there are ways whereby we can mitigate this. The Gentleman said that one of the ways to mitigate it is through the installation of a substation near those lines. If that is the case and we want to pursue it, why then can the national government, through the NEA, not provide for those substations as well? That is what I am trying to drive at, Mme. Speaker. That is what I am asking the Gentleman. If through the

proposed National Electrification Authority Bill that our colleagues intend to file or have filed, and it seems a lot of our colleagues actually support the move, could we actually provide for that in the Bill so that while we pursue rural electrification, we will not do so at the expense of higher cost on the part of our consumers, Mme. Speaker. *(Applause)*

REP. DAGOOC. I agree, Mme. Speaker, with the Gentleman from Camiguin. It is a welcome development if you will support such move, where Congress will allow its budget for rural electrification to include, among others, installation of additional substations for the electric cooperatives. *(Applause)*

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. We have no more questions. Thank you, Gentleman from Party-List APEC. *(Applause)*

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, since no other Member has registered to interpellate, may we refer the speech of the Hon. Michael L. Romero, as well as its interpellation and the answers of our colleagues, to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, as we end the privilege speeches of our colleagues speaking about the power industry and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NEA, we once again take time out to greet our former colleague who is with us today, and now NEA Administrator, Ed Masongsong. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Administrator Ed Masongsong is hereby acknowledged. Welcome to the House Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Likewise, Mme. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of a former colleague of ours visiting us today as well, the Hon. Satur Ocampo. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Satur Ocampo is hereby acknowledged as well. Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.



REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, may we extend the Privilege Hour by another hour.

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. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is our colleague from the Party-List ACT TEACHERS. May we recognize the Hon. France L. Castro.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. France L. Castro from the Party-List ACT Teachers is now recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASTRO (F.L.)

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Magandang hapon, Mme. Speaker, at sa mga kapwa ko Kinatawan. Narito po ako upang ihapag ang nakababahalang serye ng pagpaslang sa isla ng Negros.

Noong July 25, pito ang naging biktima ng extrajudicial killings, nagsimula sa madaling araw sa pagpatay sa magkapatid na Arthur Bayawa, isang public school Principal; Ardale Bayawa, Curriculum Implementation Division Chief ng DepEd, Negros. Bago nito ay pinatay si Atty. Anthony Trinidad, isang human rights lawyer, at sugatan ang kanyang asawa sa parehong ambush. Pinatay din si Atty. Ben Ramos, na katulad ni Atty. Trinidad, ay humahawak din ng human rights cases; at si Toto Patigas, isang councilor, beteranong human rights leader at survivor ng Escalante massacre.

Sa huling tala, Mme. Speaker, 87 sibilyan, karamihan ay mga magsasaka, na manggagawang-bukid ang pinaslang. Kung babasahin ang mga sirkumstansya sa mga insidente ng pagpatay, karamihan sa mga ito ay ayon sa isang pamilyar na modus operandi—lahat ay sibilyan at hindi dapat tinarget sa giyera sa pagitan ng gobyerno at ng New People's Army. Pero dahil sa ang mga biktima ay mga progresibo o miyembro ng mga militanteng grupo, sila ay itinuturing na rebelde, terorista o enemies of the State. Walang ebidensya at walang pakundangan ang mga pagpatay. Bukod sa red-tagging na itinuturing kong pangmaramihang death threat, ilan sa mga biktima ay personal na napabilang sa death list. Tinukoy silang supporters daw ng CPP-NPA-NDF sa pinapakalat na posters at flyers. Ang ibang mga aktibistang nakatanggap ng indibidwal na death threats, karamihan ay mga kritiko na mga kontra mamamayang pulisiya gaya ng counter-insurgency program, Oplan Kapayapaan at Oplan Kapanatagan, pati na ang Oplan Sauron at Memorandum Order No. 32.

Sa maraming kaso, Mme. Speaker, malinaw na ang kamay ng pulis at militar gaya ng Sagay massacre, all killings were done with impunity as if the perpetrators, whether masked or their faces in full view, uniformed or in plain clothes, have no fear of being caught or being held accountable under the law.

My colleagues, I stand here to express both grief and rage for the lives lost in these extrajudicial killings. Hopefully, this privilege speech will launch the much needed action from this House to end these killings and address the issues behind them as well.

Mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, nais kong mag-intervene na ang ating Kamara, gamit ang ating powers on oversight and investigation in aid of legislation upang: una, maputol na ang serye ng mga pamamaslang at hindi na madagdagan pa ang mga biktima ng extrajudicial killings; ikalawa, itigil na ang paboritong practice na red-tagging na taktikang pananakot at panghahas at nagsisilbing murder notice gaya ng maraming pinatay sa Negros. Ang red-tagging ay paglelabel sa mga progresibo at militante na rebelde o supporter ng NPA o communist front. Ako mismo, ang ACT TEACHERS Party-List at ang Makabayan bloc, ang aking organisasyon na Alliance of Concerned Teachers at mga kasama kong simpleng guro naman at unyonista ay biktima rin ng red-tagging ng mga ito; at ikatlo, nais kong magkaroon ng hustisya sa mga biktima at makatarungang pangmatagalang solusyon sa mga ugat ng armadong tunggalian.

Hindi ang militaristang solusyon na pumapatay lang sa mga sibilyan at nagpapalalim sa mga kababayan natin sa kahirapan. Sinasabi ni PNP Chief Albayalde na bino-bloat namin sa Makabayan bloc at ginagawang kontrobersyal ang serye ng pagpatay sa Negros. We dare you, General Albayalde, to repeat such statement in front of the survivors of those killed in Negros, along with the witnesses. We dare you to repeat such statement in front of the victims of the threats and harassments that precede these killings, such as the red-tagging of progressive individuals, church and lawyers' groups and people's organizations, which red-baiting—by the way you, Mr. Albayalde, also commit against us.

Ang hindi maikukubling katotohanan ay sa bawat araw na dumaraan, paparami nang paparami ang bilang ng mga pinapatay sa Negros—bloated o kontrobersyal. Para sa amin, kahit hindi tayo umabot sa 87, just one death is more than enough. Just one extrajudicial killing of an individual falsely tagged as rebel just for standing for one's rights is enraging for us—let alone 14 farmworkers just like those massacred in Sagay. The extrajudicial killing or threat to a single human rights defender like Atty. Ben or Atty. Kathy Panguban, former Chief of Staff of one of our colleagues here, who like myself is slammed

with fabricated criminal charge—just one threat to a single human rights defender is already a violation too grave.

Buti kung mga numero lang ang pinag-uusapan natin dito, Mme. Speaker, pero mga buhay ito ng ating mga kababayan, mga nanay, mga tatay, mga anak. Karamihan sa kanila ay manggagawang bukid habang ang ilan ay simpleng mamamayan lamang gaya ng magkapatid na Bayawa na mga empleyado sa sektor ng edukasyon.

Sila ay mga opisyal din ng Department of Education, Mme. Speaker, na karamihan ay mahihirap at mga umaalalay sa kanilang laban para sa pagkain, lupa at hustisya.

Let me just stress the calls of our people. We demand an immediate stop to the killings in the island of Negros. We demand justice for all victims and accountability for the perpetrators. We also demand that those laying the groundworks for extrajudicial killings, those responsible for the malicious practice of red-tagging cease as these acts endanger the lives of innocents and civilians.

We demand the return to the negotiating table so that the genuine solutions to the armed conflict will be agreed on socioeconomic measures, not militarist means to achieve peace based on justice.

On this note, Mme. Speaker, let me express my profound condemnation for the recent statements of our President. Kamakailan ay sinabi niyang aarman niya ang mga bumbero para patayin ang mga NPA. “So sabi ko sa inyo, paisyuhan ko man kayo ng baril, kayong mga bumbero. Pagtapos iyang tubig, tao naman ang hanapin ninyo,” the President told BFP officials. “Patayin ninyo iyung tubig, tapos tao.” Nagbanta rin siya sa paggamit niya ng emergency powers, kabilang na ang pagdedeklara ng martial law.

Nasasalamang sa pahayag ng Pangulo ang mentalidad ng kanyang administrasyon na tapatan at pagtakpan ng pasismo, ng karahasan ang mga problema ng lipunan. Baril, bala at berdugo ang solusyon ng Pangulo sa serye ng pagpatay sa Negros. Bibigyan ng baril ang ating mga bumbero samantalang ang matagal na nilang hinihiling ay hindi ibinibigay.

Ayon sa opisyal na datos, walang fire trucks ang 332 na lungsod at munisipyo, at karamihan naman dito ay ang pinakamahihirap na lugar sa bansa gaya ng BARMM Central and Central Visayas, at Northern Mindanao.

Gaya ng sa kaso ng education sector, hindi rin pinopondohan ang ilang pasilidad. Kulang na kulang din ang personnel kaya overworked ang mga bumbero natin, gaya ng mga teachers. Sa madaling salita, imbes na fire trucks, pasilidad at dagdag na kawani—baril, bala, berdugo ang sagot.

Higit na nakababahala ang pag-amin ng Pangulo sa existence ng isang death squad o assassins na nag-o-

operate kontra Konstitusyon ng batas, bagay na matagal na niyang pinapalutang at ineendorso.

Mga salita mismo ng ating Pangulo:

So I’m warning everybody, including the Sparrows na—the angels, ang tawag ko sa Sparrow ko, will also be looking for you. Ganun ang ano ang mga anghel ng gobyerno.

These so-called angels operate outside the limits and safeguards of the law. We, here in Congress, do not have oversight powers over these angels kaya walang due process, walang trial, walang presumption of innocence para sa kanila.

Kapag ikaw ay pinaratangang enemy of the State o sinasabihang communist front ang peasant organization o church o lawyers’ organization mo na lahat naman ay lehitimong panawagan ang ipinaglalaman gaya ng lupa, kagutuman at karapatan—target ka ng mga angels. Walang due process trial o presumption of innocence. Wala ngang death penalty sa Pilipinas, pero papatayin ka ng mga angels na ito.

Sa madaling salita, Mme. Speaker, imbes na tuparin ang mga pangako sa mga panlipunang isyu gaya ng lupa, kagutuman at karapatan—baril, bala at berdugo ng angels kuno ang sagot.

Bakit magpapakawala ng mga tinaguriang anghel samantalang ang mga demonyo, pasismo, paglabag sa karapatang pantao at kahirapan ang dapat na supilin.

Mme. Speaker, to connect the dots, first, most of the victims and their organizations are red-tagged and considered as targets in the counter-insurgency program of the government. Second, there are clear indications of police or military hands in some of the killings and in some of the tokhang death squad style executions. Third, these murders were done in impunity. Together with the President’s statements, we are seeing a terrifying figure. Itinuturing ko ang mga pahayag ng ating Pangulo bilang public admission na ang serye ng pagpatay ng ating mga kababayan sa Negros ay State-sponsored, with full sponsorship of the—gawa ng mga “angels” ng Pangulo, of his very own death squad.

The President has also made a public admission that these killings are response to the struggle for land and life. He recently again labeled human rights’ defenders and people’s organizations as “communists” and are therefore enemies of the State, and falsely accused them as responsible for the killings.

Mr. President said:

Karapatan is a front. Kayong mga Karapatan, mga samahan ng mga demonyo ng Pilipinas, you know what you did in Negros is not just fighting. The danger is, you are now implementing the commune system of the dispirited communist party strategy.

He added,

Itong mga komunista, they are blaming the government for the killings when actually you started the spate of murders there.

Colleagues, just what Karapatan and people's organization are doing with Negros, farmers and farmworkers? They are organizing themselves and launching activities to petition government for redress of their grievances like the tilling of idle lands by farmers during the *tiempo muerto* or lean time between harvest and planting o iyong tinatawag nilang mga bungkalan. What they grow in these bungkalans are food that will sustain them during the lean time: mongo, corn and cassava. These are also collective efforts of farmers to assert genuine land reform.

What the President labels as "commune system" and demonizes are purely legal activities with the constitutional rights of our people. But, following their logic of vilification, it is their "angels" versus the labels of us, "demons." We are then left with the series of killings in Negros. The evidence points to the hand of the State but the police, military.

Sa muli, ihinapag ko ngayon sa Kamarang ito ang sigaw ng mga kababayan natin sa Negros na pinalilibutan ngayon ng takot pati na rin sa ibang lugar sa bansa. Itigil na ang pamamaslang! Stop the killings! Patayin natin ang kagutuman, kahirapan, ang inhustisya sa pagkakahati sa rekurso, kita at kayamanan, hindi ang ating mga kababayan.

Upang maging susi ang Kamarang ito sa panawagan ng mga biktima at ng mamamayan ng Negros, inuudyok ko po ang ating liderato na organisahin sa lalong mabilis na panahon ang mga komiting didinig sa mga dumaraming panukala para sa imbestigasyon lalo na ang Komiti ng Human Rights.

Mariing itinutulak ko ang agarang pagdinig sa House Resolution No. 128, kabilang na ang House Resolution No. 16, ukol sa grave human rights situation sa Negros buhat ng Memorandum Order No. 32 at ang House Resolution No. 112 ukol sa pagpaslang kay Atty. Trinidad, at iba pang mga resolusyon.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, for his interpellation of the Honorable Castro, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the Fourth District of Quezon City, the Hon. Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Bong Suntay is now recognized.

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

Kung pahihintulutan ho ng kagalang-galang na Cong. France L. Castro ang mga ilang katanungan.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). My pleasure, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUNTAY. Thank you.

Mme. Speaker, in her privilege speech, the honorable Congresswoman has called for the stop of the killings and has called for justice to be given to the victims. Naniniwala ho ako na lahat tayo ay kaisa ng kagalang-galang Congresswoman sa panawagan ito. Ngunit sa kaniyang privilege speech, mukhang mayroon hong itinuturo na perpetrator dito sa naturang killings. In fact, ang aking katanungan dahil isa nga ho ako doon sa humihiling din ng katarungan doon ho sa ating tinataguriang perpetrator, sino ho ba ang ating pinaghihinalaan? Dahil sa aking pakikinig ng iyong privilege speech, parang ang tinutukoy natin ay kawani rin ng gobyerno ang gumawa dito.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Opo, Mme. Speaker, sa akin pong paglalantad o sa akin pong privilege speech kaugnay ng mga patayan na nangyayari sa Negros na nabibilang na daw ito 87 na at ako po, Mme. Speaker, personal po ako na nakapunta doon sa Canlaon City kung saan mayroong 14 na mga pinatay na mga magsasaka. Ayon po doon sa mga witnesses, mga kapamilya, mga relative, at mga kapitbahay ng mga pinatay na mga magsasaka at mga manggagawang-bukid. Mme. Speaker, tinutukoy po dito ay ang mga unipormado na mga kapulisan at military. Ang tinutukoy ng mga witnesses, mga relatives na siyang perpetrator noong pagpatay sa 14 mula doon sa Canlaon.

Isa pa po, Mme. Speaker, bagama't hindi rin po ako nakarating, inamin naman po ito ng kapulisan. Halimbawa, iyong nangyari po noong December sa Guihulngan, sa bayan ng Negros na talagang ito po ay kagagawan ng combined operation ng ating mga security forces.

REP. SUNTAY. Mme. Speaker, mula sa isinaad ng kagalang-galang na Congresswoman Castro, batid sa kaniyang kaalaman na ang perpetrator ay mga uniformed police base sa nasabi ho sa inyo. But on your own, you do not have any personal knowledge kung talagang mga kapulisan ho ang gumawa nito.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Iyon pong sa Negros, 14, personal po akong nakapunta doon sa lugar na kung saan nainterbyu ko po iyong mga witness na mga relatives at mga kapitbahay. So, mayroon po akong ilang mga ininterbyu na mga relatives po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUNTAY. Yes, Mme. Speaker, ngunit, ganoon nga ho. Iyong mga impormasyon na nakuha ninyo ay mula sa mga naikwento lang sa inyo at hindi personal na nasaksihan. Tama ho ba?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Tama po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUNTAY. Okay. Pangalawa ho ay batid rin sa inyong salaysay, may mga witness na nagsabi na ang perpetrator noong pamamaslang ay mga uniformed police. Ang ibig ho bang sabihin nito, noong nangyari ang pamamaslang ay nakauniporme iyong gumawa during the incident? Is it not contrary to some killings na nangyayari? Ibig mo bang sabihin ay hindi na itinatago at ganoon ka-blatant na gagawin iyong pagpatay? And if, kung totoong nakauniporme noong ito ginawa, why were not the perpetrators positively identified?

I suppose kung uniformed police, may name tag na nakalagay ito sa uniporme. So, bakit ho hindi positively identified? Ang nasabi lang ay nakaunipormeng mga police?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Base po doon sa nakita kong picture, kasi mayroon din pong nakuhanan ng picture na ito po ay mga unipormado. At halimbawa po doon sa lugar kung saan pinatay po iyong magkapatid na Avelino, more than 40 uniformed men ang pumasok po doon sa bahay sabay-sabay. Sabay na pinasok iyong dalawang bahay at iyong iba pong mga bahay doon ay binantayan ng mga uniformed personnel. Sinabi po na positively, ng ating mga witness doon na sila po ay talagang mga uniformed personnel.

REP. SUNTAY. Okay. So, ang ibig ninyo hong sabihin, ang pagsuot ng uniporme makes you officially a police for this matter? Kunwari, kasi ang sinasabi natin ay pulis ang pumatay dahil nakauniporme silang pulis. Ang ibig ko hong sabihin, just to make a point of certain similarities, kunyari ho ay pumasok ako ditong nakauniporme ng doktor, does that make me a doctor?

Ang pinupunto ko lang ho dito is, wearing a uniform does not necessarily make them members of the police force. Maaaring, kagaya sa distrito ko ho, sa tapat ng Camp Crame ay may pagawaan ng mga uniporme ng pulis na kahit sino ay pupuwedeng bumili. So, kunwari bumili ako ng uniporme ng pulis, it does not make me a policeman.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mme. Speaker, mayroon din pong punto iyong sinasabi ninyo pero positive po ang sinasabi noong mga witnesses doon na ito po ay mga security forces na pumasok doon. Kasi, sino ba ang may kakayahan na magkaroon ng, halimbawa, trak-trak na mga uniformed personnel na pumapasok sa mga houses, pumapasok po sa komunidad para kuhanin iyong mga magsasaka para patayin at sila po ay talagang takutin

iyong mga kamag-anak? So, iyon lang po, iyon po iyong sinasabi sa atin ng mga witnesses.

REP. SUNTAY. Mme. Speaker, though iyong, well, hindi—kagaya ninyo ho, I am not discounting na maaari hong mangyari, ang itinatanong ko lang ho, because we also have to be fair to the men in uniform dahil ho kapag sinabi natin na pulis iyong gumawa at hindi naman sila, nasisira din iyong pangalan ng ating mga kapulisan. That is why, what I am saying is, kung they were positively identified? Para mas malakas, kunyari ang meaning ng “positively identified,” kunyari si Sgt. XYZ ay nakatalaga sa bayan namin at nakikita ko siya doon, at kasama siya doon sa mga nanlusob—iyong ganoon hong klaseng identipikasyon.

Kasi, if we just say that the people who went there were men wearing uniform, babalikan ko ho yoong sinabi ko, that does not make them members of the police force if they were not members of the police force. And, contrary to, well, of course, kapag mayroon hong mga tao na may gagawing masama, I do not think that they will announce it who they are by wearing their uniform in carrying out wrongdoings, especially murder.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Kaya nga po, Mme. Speaker, kailangan po natin, para po lumitaw ang katotohanan, magkaroon ng fair investigation, sana nga po ay maimbestigahan ito.

Isa pa po, mula noong ibinaba iyong tinatawag nating Memorandum Order No. 32, noong November, nangyari din po iyong massacre doon sa Guihulngan. Inamin naman na operation po ito noong ating mga security forces dahil nga po doon sa sinasabi nilang hinahanap nila na mga kaaway daw ng gobyerno. So, kaya kailangan po maimbestigahan ang mga nangyayaring ito na mga patayan, lahat, para po makita natin at mabigyan ng hustisya iyong mga pamilya ng mga namatayan po sa Negros, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUNTAY. Well, Mme. Speaker, once again, I would like to congratulate the Hon. France Castro for her privilege speech.

Gaya ninyo ho, yes, gusto ko rin hong malaman kung ano iyong katotohanan. Ang akin lang sinasabi sa aking pagtayo dito is iyon nga, gaya ninyo, I want justice to be served. But when we make any condemnation, I want that we condemn the right people. Kung hindi ho natin positively ma-identify na pulis nga iyong perpetrator, then we have to give them the benefit of the doubt because we are destroying iyong mga kasamahan nating men in uniform who are also working towards delivering peace and order in our country. Gaya ninyo, kagaya nga ng aking binanggit, dapat nga ho siguro we have a fair and honest investigation to determine who is truly at fault.

Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, for her interpellation of the Honorable Castro, I move that we recognize the Lady from GABRIELA Party-List, the Hon. Arlene D. Brosas.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Arlene Brosas is now recognized.

REP. BROSAS. Yes. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, will the honorable Representative of ACT TEACHERS Party-List yield to a few questions from GABRIELA?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). My pleasure, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Kaisa kaming Gabriela Women's Party sa pagkondena ng serye ng extrajudicial killings sa Negros at sa patuloy na pag-red-tagging sa mga mamamayan na ang tanging hangad ay ang kanilang mga karapatan. Nabanggit ninyo na po na iyong mga gawa-gawang kaso ng kidnapping, illegal detention, at iba pa ay talaga namang kakonde-kondena at talagang kaduda-duda ang mga sitwasyon na nangyari dito. Kaya kasama kami sa nananawagang tigilan na ang impunity, tigilan ang pagpapatahimik sa mga lumalaban na walang habas na pinapatay.

First po, siguro isa sa mga kuwestiyon na gaano kapektibo iyong pinalabas na Executive Order No. 70, Memorandum Order No. 32—under Memorandum Order No. 32 to bring inclusive and sustainable peace to address the root cause of the armed conflict kung ang naging resulta ay higit pang patayan. Parang, ang tanong po namin, kasi sabi doon sa Memorandum Order No. 32, “ensure respect and protection of the fundamental civil and political rights of our citizens,” protect ano po, pero ang naging resulta ay ganito. So, ano pong masasabi ninyo doon?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Maraming salamat, Hon. Arlene Brosas, sa tanong. Ito pong Memorandum Order No. 32 na ipinalabas po ng ating Pangulong Duterte noong November na pagpuksa, essentially, pagpuksa sana o anti-insurgency program ng ating gobyerno, nagbunga po ito ng napakalagim na mga pangyayari kasi, halimbawa, mula noong ito ay ipinatupad noong November 2018, nagbunga na ito ng sunud-sunod na mga extrajudicial killing, pangunahin na nga diyan iyong sa Guihulngan. So, bago diyan kasi iyong sa Sagay. After that—iyong sa Sagay na nakita naman natin na talagang mayroon pa doong mga bata na napatay, so ito iyong mga ibinunga nito at iyong mga

sunud-sunod nang patayan. So, sa tingin ko, Mme. Speaker, hindi itong Memorandum Order No. 32 ang dapat na sagot kung gusto nating tapusin ang insurgency o tapusin natin ang armadong pakikibaka kundi dapat ito ay—iba talagang—hindi dapat militarista, kasi itong Memorandum Order No. 32 ay pagde-deploy ng marami pang mga PNP and military doon sa Negros na kung saan nagbunga rin ito ng takot at harassment sa ating mga mamamayan sa Negros.

REP. BROSAS. Mme. Speaker, pinapakinggan ko po kanina iyong interpelasyon kaugnay sa iyong, ano ba iyong nasaksihan po ninyo dahil nakasama kayo sa fact-finding mission doon sa Negros 14.

In fact, under Memorandum Order No. 32, iyong tinatawag na synchronized, enhanced military police operation na ginamit mismo doon sa Negros 14 na victims, na itinatanong din kanina kung totoo bang nakauniporme samantalang alas-tres, alas-kuwatro ng madaling araw ginawa ang mga pagpatay at ano ang ginamit na mandate? Eh di mayroon pong Oplan Sauron 1 and Oplan Sauron 2 ang Armed Forces of the Philippines. So, lumalabas po, hindi ba legitimate itong mga operation na ito na nanggagaling mismo sa State forces, sa State agents?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mme. Speaker, tama si Congresswoman Brosas, dahil dito sa Memorandum Order No. 32, nailunsad iyong tinatawag na Oplan Sauron 1 and 2 para i-legitimize, halimbawa, iyong binabanggit ko nga po na Negros 14 na kung saan 14 na mga magsasaka ang pinatay dito. Synchronized operation ito ng military at PNP, na talaga naman, sa mga nakikita nating mga pangyayari ay talagang ito ay pagtalima ng ating security forces dito sa Memorandum Order No. 32.

REP. BROSAS. Yes, Mme. Speaker, gusto ko lang i-quote iyong sa Executive Order No. 70, Series of 2018, Section 1 nila, na sinabi nila doon:

Section 1. Institutionalizing the Whole-of-Nation Approach. The Whole-of-Nation approach is hereby institutionalized as a government policy for the attainment of inclusive and sustainable peace. Towards this end, the Government shall prioritize and harmonize the delivery of basic services and social development packages in conflict-affected areas and -vulnerable communities, facilitate societal inclusivity, and ensure active participation of all sectors of society in the pursuit of the country's peace agenda.

Pero ano ba o paano sinasagot ngayon ng mga ganitong pangyayari iyong broader, social, economic

and historical problems natin such as poverty, historical injustice, social inequality and lack of inclusivity? Kasi iyong naging resulta po nito ay sunud-sunod na pagpatay lalo at kakonde-kondena po iyon. Hindi po iyon sang-ayon doon sa sinasabi ng mga prinsipyo na ito.

Mme. Speaker, hindi rin martial law ang sagot. Kaya ang tanong ko po, ano ba ang sagot dito sa ganitong problema? Ano ba ang solusyon dito sa sunud-sunod na Negros killings?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mme. Speaker, historically po, ang probinsiya po ng Negros ay isa sa mga pinakamahirap na probinsiya sa ating bansa. Karamihan po dito ay mga magsasaka na talagang isang kahig, isang tuka, at karamihan po dito ay mga magsasakang walang sariling lupa. In fact, karamihan po ng mga hacienda rito ay hindi pa nako-cover ng agrarian reform. Kaya po masidhi ang panawagan ng mga magsasaka para sa kanilang sariling lupa at siyempre ay masidhi din po ang pangangailangan para tugunan ang social services ng ating mga mamamayan sa Negros at siyempre doon pa sa iba pang mga probinsiya.

Kaya po hindi sagot ang Memorandum Order No. 32 o ang Executive Order No. 70. Ang mahalaga po sanang tugunan ng ating gobyerno ay itong lumalalang kahirapan ng ating mga magsasaka. So, hindi po rin sagot iyong militarisasyon dito o military solution dahil lalo lang itong nakakapagpahinagpis sa ating mga mamamayan. So, kailangan po nating tulungan iyong ating mga magsasaka, iyong ating mga mahihirap na mamamayan sa Negros upang makaahon po sila sa kahirapan at hindi po panunupil, pagpatay, harassment at ano pa man po na panunupil sa kanilang mga karapatan ang sagot dito. So, sinabi ko nga po kanina, kung napagpatuloy lang po sana ang negosasyon o iyong peace negotiation, mahaba na sana ang narating para i-address itong armed conflict sa mga lugar na kung saan mayroon pong labanan ang security forces ng GRP at siyempre ng New People's Army ng NDFP. So, ito po, Mme. Speaker, iyong atin pong sinasabi na pangmatagalang solusyon sa kahirapan ng ating mga mamamayan hindi lamang po sa Negros at sa iba pa pong mga probinsiya.

REP. BROSAS. Yes, thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, panghuli na lang siguro. Ultimately, ang tanong po natin, sino ang dapat managot, sino ang nag-i-instigate pa rin hanggang ngayon, sino ang tunay na accountable dito when all of the power ay nasa Estado o nasa gobyerno? Nasa kanya po ang lahat-lahat ngayon ng kapangyarihan pero bakit parang siya pa mismo, iyon mismong State, ang nagte-terrorize sa kanyang mga tao dahil alam naman natin ngayon ay papasok ang *tiempo muerto* sa Negros at gutom ang pinakaproblema ng mga magsasaka o ng mga tao diyan.

In fact, may datos nga tayo na hindi naipatupad ang Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program diyan at mayroon pang backlog ang gobyerno na 600,000 hectares na lupa na dapat ipamigay sa mga magsasaka noong mga nakaraan, ngunit sa ngayon ay wala naman tayong Agrarian Reform Program sa kasalukuyan at wala namang solusyon na naibibigay pa ang administrasyon para dito.

Nag-a-agree po ako sa sinasabi ng ating honorable Rep. France Castro na hindi po solusyon ang pagpatay, higit na pagmilitarisa, at kung anu-ano pang military might ang gamit. Ang nais po sana natin, ang panawagan na umupo sa usapang pangkapayapaan ang administrasyon na ito.

Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Thank you.

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

REP. BAUTISTA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from BAYAN MUNA Party-List, Hon. Carlos Isagani "Caloy" T. Zarate, for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Honorable Zarate of BAYAN MUNA is now recognized.

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

Ang kagalang-galang na Kinatawan France Castro ay puwede ho bang matanong ng mga clarificatory questions?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Opo, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, ang roots po ng Kinatawang ito ay galing sa isla ng Negros. Ang kanyang ama ay naging sakada rin sa Negros at sa Negros po, Mme. Speaker—nabanggit na rin ito kanina—sa mga ganitong panahon, ito iyong tinatawag na *tiempo muerto*. Tama po ba iyon, Kagalang-galang Castro?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mme. Speaker, kapag sinabi po nating *tiempo muerto*, ito po ay Spanish phrase na sinasabi po na ito po iyong mga panahon na sa gitna ng pagtanim at pag-aani, ang atin pong mga magsasaka ay wala pong hanapbuhay o wala pong mga kinikita kaya ito po iyong panahon na talagang taggutom dito sa lugar na ito.

REP. ZARATE. Tama po iyan, Mme. Speaker. *Tiempo muerto* or ang tawag nilang season of death, panahon ng taggutom, panahon ng kamatayan at iyan

po ang isang very ironic sa isang napakayaman na isla, napakayaman ang kasaysayan pero may mga panahon na namamatay sa gutom ang ating mga kababayan. Naaalala ko pa, Mme. Speaker, at the height of the Marcos dictatorship, naging isang iconic na litrato ang isang batang halos buto at balat na lamang dahil sa gutom doon nga sa isla ng Negros. Pero sa kapanahunan pong ito, Mme. Speaker, ang *tiempo muerto* ay hindi na lang ho kagutuman ang pumapatay sa maraming kababayan natin sa Negros nitong mga nakaraan. Ang *tiempo muerto* ay literally talagang panahon ng maraming pagpatay sa Negros dahil sila ay naparatangan na mga rebelde, sila ay naparatangan na mga supporter o mga miyembro ng mga rebeldeng grupo ng CPP-NPA.

Puwede ko lang pong maitanong muli kay Kagalang-galang France Castro, for the record, magmula nang mailabas ng Malacañang ang Memorandum Order No. 32, ilan na ho ba ang naitalang pagpatay ng mga sibilyan ng mga armadong tao kasama na ang napatay dahil sa mga police operation?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mula po, Mme. Speaker, sa mga nakuha po nating mga tala, mayroon na pong 87 na mga sibilyan na pinatay at kabilang po dito si Atty. Trinidad at si Atty. Ben na mga human rights lawyer noong mga magsasaka.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, Mme. Speaker.

Nabanggit po ninyo si Atty. Ben. Ang paniniwala ko ho ang Atty. Ben na ito ay si ...

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Atty. Ben Ramos.

REP. ZARATE. ... Atty. Benjamin Ramos na akin pong kasamahan, Mme. Speaker, sa National Union of People's Lawyers. Si Atty. Ben Ramos, bago siya pinaslang, siya po ang naging tagapagtanggol o abogado ng mga survivor ng tinatawag na Sagay massacre. Tama po ba iyon, Kagalang-galang Castro?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Opo, Mme. Speaker. Si Atty. Ben Ramos po ay matagal na pong tumutulong doon sa ating mga magsasaka kaugnay noong usapin po ng mga trumped-up cases na nararanasan po ng mga magsasaka at ng mga mahihirap. Siya po iyong attending counsel sa mga ito.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, Mme. Speaker.

Katunayan, dahil sa advocacy ni Atty. Ben Ramos na tagapagtanggol sa karapatan ng mga sakada, ng mga magsasaka, siya po ay naging subject of red-tagging, red-baiting and vilification. Sa inyo pong pagkakaalam, tama po ba ito, Kagalang-galang Castro?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Sa atin pong nakitang document mula doon sa isang rights group na Karapatan,

nagsimula po iyong red-tagging nang naisama ang pangalan ni Atty. Ben Ramos doon sa mga listahan. In fact, pati ang picture niya ay kasama doon sa inilabas na mga polyeto at mga tarpaulin at kung anu-ano pang mga streamer na kung saan ito daw ay kaaway ng gobyerno at taga-suporta daw po ito ng tinatawag na rebeldeng grupo. So, doon po nagsimula ang red-tagging kay Atty. Ben Ramos.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, Mme. Speaker.

Nabanggit rin po ninyo si Atty. Trinidad. Sa akin pong nabasa at sa aking pagkakaalam, si Atty. Trinidad din po ay isang manananggol o abogado ng mga magsasaka. Tama po ba ito, Kagalang-galang Castro?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Opo, Mme. Speaker, tama po.

REP. ZARATE. Sa katunayan, si Atty. Trinidad, bago ho siya pinaslang nitong nakaraan, ay naging bahagi rin siya ng isang polyeto ng isang vigilante group sa Negros Oriental, at sinasabing ang mga pangalan na nandoon sa polyetong iyon ay hindi na aabutan ng may nakalagay na date doon. Sa inyong pagkakaalam, tama po ba itong nabanggit kong ito?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mme. Speaker, tama po. Sa bahagi po ni Atty. Trinidad, mula po doon sa ating mga nakuhang mga impormasyon, kasama din po siya doon sa tinatawag na "death list" ng vigilante group na kung saan target din siya ng pagpaslang dahil nakalagay po iyong pangalan niya doon sa talagang sinasabi po na "death list."

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, Mme. Speaker.

So, dito po sa dalawang nabanggit ko lang na pangalan, Si Atty. Ben Ramos at si Atty. Trinidad, katunayan, ang red-tagging, vilification campaign at red-baiting sa kanila ay nangyari na kahit pa man noong wala pa ang Memorandum Order No. 32. Naging mas maigting lang ito noong inilabas na nga itong Memorandum Order No. 32, kung saan dinagdagan ang puwersa ng mga militar at kapulisan sa isla ng Negros at iba pang mga rehiyon, Eastern Visayas at Bicol, para supilin o sugpuin daw ang mga rebelde. Pero ang nangyari ho, nitong mga nakaraan, maraming mga sibilyan ang mga napaslang, kasama na nga itong nabanggit kong dalawang abogado.

Nabanggit ninyo rin po kanina na pagkatapos mailabas itong Memorandum Order No. 32, maraming maramihang pagpaslang ang nangyari, at sinabi ninyo na ang responsable dito ay mga miyembro ng State security forces, in particular, ang militar at pulis. Paano po ninyo nasabi na sila, halimbawa, doon sa dalawang insidente, iyong mga nangyari noong December at noong November sa Kanlaon at sa iba pang lugar?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Ito po, inamin na mismo ng security forces. Halimbawa po, itong sa Sagay—itong sa Negros 14, inamin na mismo na ito daw ay legitimate operation, synchronized legitimate operation ng mga militar at ng mga pulis na naghahanap po daw ng mga kriminal o sinasabing Anti-Criminality Operation ng ating mga kapulisan at ng mga militar. Kaya po, no wonder, sinasabi ng ating mga witness o sinasabi ng mga relatives na mga pulis at militar iyong mga nakita nila at positive sila doon.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Sa katunayan po, pagkatapos na mailabas ang Memorandum Order No. 32, mayroong dalawang malakihang joint operation na inilunsad ang militar at ang pulis, at ang tawag nga nila dito ay SEMPO 1 and SEMPO 2, or Synchronized Enhanced Managing Police Operations. Dito sa malakihang operasyong ito, ang sabi nila, ang hinahanap nila ay mga criminal, pero ang lumalabas, ang karamihan sa kanilang mga napatay na nanlaban daw ay mga lider na magsasaka at lider ng mga iba't ibang mga progresibong organisasyon.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Progressive.

REP. ZARATE. Tama po ba ang aking naturan, Kagalang-galang France Castro?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mme. Speaker, sinasang-ayunan ko po ang sinabi ni Kagalang-galang Zarate na after po ilabas itong Memorandum Order No. 32, nagkaroon na ng tinatawag nga natin na “synchronized operation” na tinawag ngang “Oplan Sauron,” at mula noon, nagbabalat-kayong anti-criminality na mga operation, pero sa aktuwal na nakita natin, sa aktuwal, mga mamamayan ng Negros ang biktima dito o ang napatay ay mga magsasaka, mga lider na magsasaka, at karamihan din po ay mga lider ng mga progresibong organisasyon na nasa Negros.

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Katunayan, iyong dalawang malakihang operasyon na iyon, SEMPO 1 at SEMPO 2, marami rin ang napaslang na mga magsasaka sa iba't ibang bayan ng Negros Oriental, at dahil doon, napakalakas ng kritisismo at sinabi nga, ang isang nakita nating trend doon iyong sinabing maramihang warrants of arrest. Isang Judge lang din ang nag-order dito sa dalawang operation na ito—may nabasa ho akong ganiyan, isang RTC Judge from Cebu, hindi ho galing sa Negros. Galing sa Cebu ang nag-order na Judge. Mayroon siyang mga search warrants at ito ang ginamit ng pulis at militar sa kanilang Oplan Sauron na nagresulta nga sa maraming pagpatay. Ang atin hong napansin, dahil pagkatapos ng malaking kritisismo o na-criticize ho ang mga operations na ito, hindi lang ho ng progresibong grupo kung hindi maging

ng mga taong simbahan, doon na po ang sunud-sunod na pagpatay ng mga tinatawag na riding-in-tandem or mga vigilantes. Katunayan, ang pumaslang kay Atty. Ben Ramos ay riding-in-tandem, kay Atty. Trinidad ay riding-in-tandem din po. Sa amin pong city coordinator, ng BAYAN MUNA, sa Escalante—at that time, he was an incumbent Councilor—si Toto Patigdas, nakasakay rin po sa motorsiklo ang bumaril sa kanya at siya rin po ay nakatanggap ng maraming pagbanta at threats sa kaniyang buhay.

So, andito tayo ngayon, sinasabi nating *tiempo muerto* dahil sa sunud-sunod na mga patayan na nangyari sa isla ng Negros. Hindi ho ito nagsimula noong nagkaroon ng ambush na ginawa ng NPA sa apat na pulis. Bago pa man po nangyari ang ambush na iyon ay mayroon nang pagpatay sa mga sibilyan, at mas marami lang ang napaslang na mga riding-in-tandem pagkatapos ng ambush na iyon.

Ito ho ang pinangangambahan nating mangyayari sa Negros dahil nagbitaw na rin ng salita ang ating Pangulo na magkaroon ng parang *tit for tat* at hindi ho iyon ang panawagan natin sa Negros.

Once again, Mme. Speaker, ang Negros ho ay, sinabi nila noon, it is a social volcano. Nabanggit na rin kanina ang maraming kadahilanan—mayaman ang isla ng Negros pero tuluy-tuloy pa rin ang kahirapan ng mamamayan sa Negros. Kaya po sinasang-ayunan ko ang naging talumpati ng ating kasamahang Kagalang-galang Castro na hindi ho solusyon, Mme. Speaker, ang martial law sa Negros, gaya ng paniniwala ng Kinatawag ito na hindi rin solusyon ang tuluy-tuloy pa rin na martial law sa Mindanao sa kasalukuyan. Hindi rin ho solusyon ang tuluy-tuloy na militarisasyon sa iba't ibang bahagi ng Negros at ibang bahagi ng ating bansa. Maraming beses nang napagtalunan at inamin sa Kapulungang ito na ang patuloy na rebelyon sa ating bayan, ng mahigit limang dekadang rebelyon na sa ating bayan ay nakaugat sa kahirapan, nakaugat sa social injustices, nakaugat sa katotohanan na bilyun-bilyon na ang ginugol natin sa agrarian reform program. Halimbawa, walo sa bawat sampung magsasaka hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa rin nila pag-aari ang lupang kanilang isinasaka. Iyon dapat ang tugunan ng ating pamahalaan, Mme. Speaker.

Kaya ako po ay sinusuportahan ko at matagal na rin hong adbokasiya ng Kinatawag ito, kung gusto talaga natin na itong social volcano na ito ay hindi sumabog at magresulta pa sa maraming pagpatay ng ating mga inosenteng mga kababayan, sinusuportahan natin ang panawagan ng ating mga kaobispohan, ng mga simbahan, at ng mga iba pang peace advocates na bumalik ang gobyerno sa usapang pangkapayapaan.

Mme. Speaker, bilang panghuli po, ang Kinatawag ito, bilang Senior Member ng Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity in the Seventeenth Congress, nakita ko po kung paano umusad ang usapang pangkapayapaan between August of 2016 until February



of 2017, kung saan ang mga working committees at working groups ng dalawang peace panel ng GRP at ng NDFP ay talagang nagtrabaho para magkaroon ng tinatawag nating “Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms” at “Comprehensive Agreement on Political and Constitutional Reforms.” Napakalaki na po ng iniusad ng usapang pangkapayapaan noong panahong iyon. Ang hindi nangyari sa loob ng labinlimang taon sa nakaraang dalawang administrasyon ay nangyari sa napakaiksing panahon lamang. Subalit, Mme. Speaker, nakalulungkot lang na kung saan sana ay magkakaroon na ng signing o paglalagda ng mga kasunduan, biglang itinigil ito ng Duterte administration dahil na rin sa pang-uudyok at pangsasabutahe ng mga militarista sa loob at labas ng pamahalaan.

Kaya, muli po, ang panawagan ng Kinatawang ito ay itigil ang pagpatay ng mga kawawa nating kababayan. Stop the killings. Kailangang depensahan natin ang isla ng Negros, ang mga mamamayan ng Negros mula sa patuloy pang pagdurugo. Hindi na ho matamis ang tubo sa Negros dahil ito ay dinilig na ng napakaraming dugo, Mme. Speaker.

So, muli po, ating sinasaluduhan ang Kagalang-kagalang na Castro na pagdala ng usaping ito sa Kapulungang ito, at sana po, ang Kongresong ito ay gawin niya ang kaniyang papel para maimbestigahan ang mga pagpatay na ito.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker. Maraming salamat kay Kagalang-galang na Castro.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Thank you.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTELO. Mme. Speaker, with no other colleagues wishing to interpellate, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Castro to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTELO. Mme. Speaker, I move to recognize Cong. Lorenz R. Defensor of the Third District of Iloilo for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Rep. Lorenz Defensor is now recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DEFENSOR (L.)

REP. DEFENSOR (L.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Honorable Members of the House of Representatives, last Saturday, August 3, 2019, Iloilo and Guimaras

were struck by a tragedy. As of yesterday, we have lost 31 lives, with six still missing, from a collision of two vessels and the capsizing of another. Among the lives lost were those of four teachers from Lambunao National High School which is part of my congressional district.

Watching the news unfold became even more painful when the body of a child was recovered as it washed ashore in the coast of Dumangas town. We are all heartbroken in Iloilo and Guimaras, and it is with deep sadness that we condole with the families of those that we have lost.

While tragedies and accidents cannot entirely be avoided, this incident should serve as a call for all of us in government to act in order to ensure the safety of passengers. Based on reports available, two boats, namely: the Keziah and the Chichi, sailed in good weather before they collided due to a squall or a big wave caused by strong winds. What should be determined, however, is how the third boat, the Jenny Vince, was allowed to sail after a collision had already occurred.

We trust that our Coast Guard and port officials will continue to be conscientious in performing their duties, especially in ensuring the safety of our passengers.

Significantly, let this be a challenge once more for government to increase our support to the relevant agencies involved in public safety. We should not overlook the fact that agencies such as the Philippine Coast Guard, as well as our local government units, are all lacking infrastructure, facilities and equipment to properly enforce all our laws within Philippine waters, and swiftly conduct search and rescue operations, especially in tragedies like this, where time is of the essence.

We are in the best position right now, Mme. Speaker, to directly influence policy and make the necessary changes in practice in order to save lives by enacting laws, including one on the passage of a Department on Disaster Risk Management and providing the necessary funds therefor.

This should also be a call to all Filipinos not to disregard their own safety. We have rules and regulations to follow that we, sadly, take for granted simply because they are inconvenient. It is about time that we all heed the call for personal safety whether we are on the road, on sea crafts, or on board aircrafts.

Losing a loved one is hard enough but knowing what we could have done more is even more painful. I hope that the loss of lives in the recent tragedy along the Iloilo Strait will end today at 31, and an action of the government to help ensure the safety of its people will begin right now.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Thank you.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTELO. Mme. Speaker, I move to refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Defensor to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (L.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CASTELO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. REMULLA. Mme. Speaker, may I move for the election of the following Members to various Committees:

*The Majority Leader, Rep. Jesus Crispin C. Remulla, read the names of the House Members elected to the various Committees, per Journal No. 7, dated August 5, 2019.*

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

As Chairperson:

Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga

As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Florencio G. Noel

Rep. Wilfredo "Willy" S. Caminero

Rep. Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez

Rep. Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez

Rep. Antonio "Tonypet" T. Albano

Rep. Jose "Jun" L. Ong Jr.

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing

As members:

Rep. Resurreccion M. Acop

Rep. Samantha Louise Vargas Alfonso

Rep. Julienne "Jam" Baronda

Rep. Alfelito "Alfel" M. Bascug

Rep. Juliette T. Uy

Rep. Vicente S.E. Veloso

Rep. Adolph Edward G. Plaza

Rep. Rashidin H. Matba

Rep. Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V

Rep. Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, CPA

Rep. Leonardo L. Babasa Jr.

Rep. Ma. Angelica M. Amante-Matba

Rep. Carl Nicolas C. Cari

Rep. Nestor B. Fongwan

Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara

Rep. Alan I B. Ecleo

Rep. Gerardo "Gerryboy" J. Espina Jr.

Rep. Jonathan Keith T. Flores

Rep. Joseph "Jojo" L. Lara

Rep. Joselito "Joel" S. Sacdalan

Rep. Samier A. Tan

Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva

Rep. Gerardo P. Valmayor Jr.

Rep. Greg G. Gasataya

Rep. Gil "Kabarangay Jr." A. Acosta

Rep. Michael B. Gorriceta

Rep. Ramon V. Guico III

Rep. Lolita T. Javier

Rep. Frederick W. Siao

Rep. Rogelio Neil P. Roque

Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada

Rep. Angelo Marcos Barba

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

As Chairperson:

Rep. Mark O. Go

As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Strike B. Revilla

Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon

Rep. Juan Fidel Felipe F. Nograles

Rep. Alan "Aldu" R. Dujali

Rep. Cesar "Jawo" L. Jimenez Jr.

As members:

Rep. Kristine Alexie B. Tutor

Rep. Lolita T. Javier

Rep. Michael B. Gorriceta

Rep. Maximo Y. Dalog Jr.

Rep. Angelo Marcos Barba

Rep. Eduardo "Eddie" R. Gullas

Rep. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas

Rep. Frederick W. Siao

Rep. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño

Rep. Braeden John Q. Biron

Rep. Narciso R. Bravo Jr.

Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva

Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma

Rep. Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V

Rep. Diego C. Ty  
 Rep. "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado  
 Rep. Jose "Jun" L. Ong Jr.  
 Rep. Vincent Franco D. Frasco  
 Rep. Joy Myra S. Tambunting  
 Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D.  
 Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu  
 Rep. Maria Fe R. Abunda  
 Rep. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III  
 Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga  
 Rep. Joseph "Jojo" L. Lara  
 Rep. Glona G. Labadlabad  
 Rep. Rogelio "Ruel" D. Pacquiao  
 Rep. Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay  
 Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes  
 Rep. Marisol C. Panotes  
 Rep. Michael John R. Duavit  
 Rep. Allan Reyes  
 Rep. Dahlia A. Loyola  
 Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.  
 Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.  
 Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga  
 Rep. Gerardo P. Valmayor Jr.  
 Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato  
 Rep. Paul Ruiz Daza  
 Rep. Eric Go Yap

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

As Chairperson:  
 Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

As Vice Chairpersons:  
 Rep. Julianne "Jam" Baronda  
 Rep. John Reynald M. Tiangco  
 Rep. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II  
 Rep. Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona  
 Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho

As members:  
 Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon  
 Rep. Junie E. Cua  
 Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho  
 Rep. Eric L. Olivarez  
 Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario  
 Rep. Eric M. Martinez  
 Rep. Francisco Jose "Bingo" F. Matugas II, CPA,  
 CESO, LLB  
 Rep. Rogelio "Ruel" D. Pacquiao  
 Rep. Marisol C. Panotes  
 Rep. Leonardo L. Babasa Jr.  
 Rep. Antonino G. Calixto  
 Rep. Jumel Anthony I. Espino  
 Rep. Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III  
 Rep. Arnie B. Fuentebella  
 Rep. Manuel Luis "Manny" T. Lopez

Rep. Gerardo P. Valmayor Jr.  
 Rep. Carlito S. Marquez  
 Rep. Ciriaco B. Gato Jr.  
 Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga  
 Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.  
 Rep. Weslie T. Gatchalian  
 Rep. Michael John R. Duavit  
 Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco  
 Rep. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan  
 Rep. Strike B. Revilla  
 Rep. Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V  
 Rep. Micaela S. Violago  
 Rep. Juliette T. Uy  
 Rep. Rolando M. Valeriano  
 Rep. Jose "Jun" L. Ong Jr.  
 Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada  
 Rep. Frederick W. Siao  
 Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.

#### COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

As Chairperson:  
 Rep. Strike B. Revilla

As Vice Chairpersons:  
 Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho  
 Rep. Naealla Rose Bainto-Aguinaldo  
 Rep. Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez  
 Rep. Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III  
 Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali Jr.

As members:  
 Rep. Alfelito "Alfel" M. Bascug  
 Rep. Juliette T. Uy  
 Rep. Vicente S.E. Veloso  
 Rep. Rashidin H. Matba  
 Rep. Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V  
 Rep. Jose "Jun" L. Ong Jr.  
 Rep. Angelo Marcos Barba  
 Rep. Kristine Alexie B. Tutor  
 Rep. Romeo M. Jalosjos Jr.  
 Rep. Jocelyn F. Fortuno  
 Rep. Sonny "SL" L. Lagon  
 Rep. Jose Gay G. Padiernos  
 Rep. Gerardo P. Valmayor Jr.  
 Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo  
 Rep. Michael John R. Duavit  
 Rep. Cesar "Jawo" L. Jimenez Jr.  
 Rep. Manuel Luis "Manny" T. Lopez  
 Rep. John Reynald M. Tiangco  
 Rep. Henry R. Villarica  
 Rep. Emmarie "Lolypop" Ouano-Dizon  
 Rep. John Reynald M. Tiangco  
 Rep. Janice Z. Salimbangon  
 Rep. Francis Gerald Aguinaldo Abaya

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

## As Chairperson:

Rep. Wilfredo “Willy” S. Caminero

## As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama

Rep. Faustino “Inno” A. Dy V

Rep. Jose “Bong” J. Teves Jr.

Rep. Rogelio “Ruel” D. Pacquiao

## As members:

Rep. Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, CPA

Rep. Ruth Mariano-Hernandez

Rep. Micaela S. Violago

Rep. Samantha Louise Vargas Alfonso

Rep. Jocelyn F. Fortuno

Rep. Rudy S. Caoagdan, DPA

## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

## As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, CPA

Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.

## As members:

Rep. Jose “Jun” L. Ong Jr.

Rep. Rolando M. Valeriano

Rep. Horacio P. Suansing Jr.

Rep. Micaela S. Violago

Rep. Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr.

Rep. Janice Z. Salimbangon

Rep. Juliette T. Uy

Rep. Alfelito “Alfel” M. Bascug

Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon

Rep. Eduardo “Eddie” R. Gullas

Rep. Raul “Boboy” C. Tupas

Rep. Michael B. Gorriceta

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama

Rep. Mark O. Go

Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada

Rep. Sol Aragon

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.

Rep. Rudy S. Caoagdan, DPA

Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor

Rep. Janice Z. Salimbangon

Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo

Rep. Rogelio “Ruel” D. Pacquiao

Rep. Alan I B. Ecleo

Rep. Ramon C. Nolasco Jr.

Rep. Joy Myra S. Tambunting

Rep. Ria Christina G. Fariñas

Rep. Wilton Tan Kho

Rep. Jesus “Bong” C. Suntay

Rep. Jumel Anthony I. Espino

Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes

Rep. Joselito “Jose” S. Sacdalan

Rep. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III

Rep. Michael John R. Duavit

Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga

Rep. Jake Vincent Villa

Rep. Arnie B. Fuentesbella

Rep. Cesar Chavez

Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla

Rep. Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III

Rep. Allan Benedict S. Reyes

Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan

Rep. Weslie T. Gatchalian

Rep. Sonny “SL” L. Lagon

Rep. Jose Gay G. Padiernos

Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson

Rep. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay

Rep. Jorge Antonio P. Bustos

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles

Rep. Adriano A. Ebcas

Rep. Ronnie L. Ong

Rep. Rico B. Geron

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS

## As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano

Rep. Vicente S.E. Veloso

Rep. Ron P. Salo

Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo

## As members:

Rep. Jose “Jun” L. Ong Jr.

Rep. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza

Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada

Rep. Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, CPA

Rep. Junie E. Cua

Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor

Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga

## COMMITTEE ON RULES

## As Dep. Majority Leaders:

Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II

Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes

## As Asst. Majority Leaders:

Rep. Juan Fidel Felipe F. Nograles

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri

Rep. Eduardo “Eddie” R. Gullas

## COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

## As Vice Chairperson:

Rep. Sonny “SL” L. Lagon

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The aforementioned Members are hereby elected.  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. REMULLA. Mme. Speaker, just to clarify, we elected earlier as Asst. Majority Leaders Rep. Juan Fidel Felipe F. Nograles, Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri and Rep. Eduardo “Eddie” R. Gullas. Just a clarification, 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. REMULLA. Mme. Speaker, we move to recognize the Hon. Janette L. Garin to read their nominations of Members on behalf of the Minority.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). The Hon. Janette Garin is now recognized.

REP. GARIN (J.). Mme. Speaker, we move that we elect the following Members on the part of the Minority:

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES

As Deputy Minority Leaders:  
Rep. Bayani F. Fernando  
Rep. Jose “Bonito” C. Singson Jr.

As Asst. Minority Leaders:  
Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.  
Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr.  
Rep. France L. Castro

#### COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

As Senior Member:  
Rep. Ma. Victoria V. Umali

As additional members:  
Rep. Irene Gay F. Saulog  
Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo  
Rep. France L. Castro  
Rep. Isagani S. Amatong  
Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

#### COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND PRIVILEGES

As Senior Member:  
Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

As additional member:  
Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The aforementioned Members are hereby elected.  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. REMULLA. Mme. Speaker, as a correction for the Majority, we erred in electing a member of the Minority as a member on Committee on Constitutional Amendments. We move to strike out of the record the election of Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. as member of the Majority for—as a nominee of the Majority for the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The name of Honorable Garbin is now removed from the Majority.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. REMULLA. Mme. Speaker, for the Minority, may we recognize the Honorable Garin.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Honorable Garin is now recognized.

REP. GARIN (J.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we elect the following members on behalf of the Minority:

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

As Senior Member:  
Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo

As additional members:  
Rep. Angelica Natasha Co  
Rep. Irene Gay F. Saulog  
Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago  
Rep. Elizaldy S. Co  
Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. REMULLA. Mme. Speaker, I move to approve Journal No. 6 of July 31, 2019.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is

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

Journal No. 6 of Wednesday, July 31, 2019, is now approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

REP. REMULLA. Mme. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of the following measure: House Bill No. 40, entitled: AN ACT REGULATING THE USE, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS (ENDS) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Trade and Industry and Health.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved. House Bill No. 40 is now referred from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Trade and Industry and Health.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. REMULLA. For the change of referral also, Mme. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of House Bill No. 2537, entitled: AN ACT REINSTATING THE MANDATORY RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) FOR ALL STUDENTS IN ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, AND OTHER SIMILAR LEARNING INSTITUTIONS, from the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and National Defense and Security to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hear none; the motion is approved. House Bill No. 2537 is now referred from the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and National Defense and Security to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. REMULLA. Mme. Speaker, I move to correct the election of a member to the Committee on Games and Amusements. There was an error, Mme. Speaker.

The name Jocelyn Tan was read instead of Rep. Jocelyn P. Tulfo of Party-List ACT-CIS.

So, as corrected, Mme. Speaker, Rep. Jocelyn P. Tulfo shall be a member of the Committee on Games and Amusements, and the name of Jocelyn Tan shall be stricken off, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved. The name of Rep. Jocelyn Tan is corrected as Rep. Jocelyn P. Tulfo of Party-List ACT-CIS and a member of the Games and Amusements Committee.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. REMULLA. Mme. Speaker, the Hon. Raymundo Democrito C. Mendoza of the Party-List TUCP or the Trade Union Congress Party was on official mission from July 28, 2019 to August 4, 2019. Pursuant to Section 71, Rule XI of the Rules of the Seventeenth Congress, as provisionally adopted by the Eighteenth Congress, I move that the Secretariat revise the Member's attendance in Journal No. 4, dated July 29, 2019; Journal No. 5, dated July 30, 2019; Journal No. 6, dated July 31, 2019 to reflect the Honorable Mendoza's official mission on the said dates.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Honorable Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza of the Party-List TUCP is now on official mission as mentioned in the Journals as mentioned.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. REMULLA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 7:34 p.m.*