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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu called the session to order.

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

Please rise for the Invocation to be delivered by the Representative from the Lone District of Iloilo City, Hon. Julianne "Jam" L. Baronda. May we request everybody to keep silent for the prayer.

Everybody rose for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. BARONDA. Brothers and sisters, we stand to acknowledge God Almighty and submit ourselves to His blessings and guidance. In deep supplication, we bow our heads and pray.

All-powerful God, grace us with Your presence. We stand before You, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware of Your forgiveness and unconditional love. As we resume our duties and responsibilities as the voice of our constituents, lead us in performing Your will.

Grant us the strength and wisdom to serve our communities. Bestow upon us the courage to be righteous in the face of adversity. Be with us as we strive to be stewards of Your creation and instill within us the spirit of charity. We believe that You are a God who listens, a God who responds, and a God who embraces us despite of our shortcomings.

We humbly ask that You comfort our brothers and sisters in Mindanao who are affected by the recent earthquakes. We pray that You help them remain strong in body, mind and in faith. Remove the fear in their hearts, and gift them with your compassion and grace. By Your spirit, heal them and encourage them to rise above this tragedy.

Bless those who have unselfishly heeded Your call to assist their fellowmen in this time of trial. We pray for the safety of all, for kindness to outweigh worry and for humility and trust in You to overcome distress.

For all these and for all that will be, we raise our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to You.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

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

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

REP. COLLANTES. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. COLLANTES. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. COLLANTES. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now proceed with the Reference of Business.

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

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

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, Messages from

the Senate, Communications, Subpoena Duces Tecum and Committee Reports and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5031, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOAN IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF LILOAN”

By Representative Frasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5032, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7, BOOK 1 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5033, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5034, entitled:

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

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5035, entitled:

“AN ACT STANDARDIZING THE TENURE OF COLLEGE PROFESSORS”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5036, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A SPECIALLY-DESIGNATED LANE OR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF EVERY GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE EDIFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) AND SENIOR CITIZENS TO TRANSACT THEIR OFFICIAL BUSINESSES”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 5037, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL CANCER CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 5038, entitled:

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

By Representative Nieto
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 5039, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5040, entitled:

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

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5041, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES PRESCRIBING EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER A NATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 5042, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR RESCUE WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

SOLID WASTE REDEMPTION AND RECOVERY SYSTEMS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 5043, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISTRESSED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs)”

By Representatives Brosas, Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 5049, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND FISHERIES AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES, PROVIDING FOR THEIR POWERS AND COMPOSITION, AND SETTING THEIR MANDATE TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC WATER AND FISHERIES PROGRAM USING AN INTEGRATED WATER AND FISHERIES CONTINUUM MANAGEMENT APPROACH AND UNIFIED WATER AND FISHERIES POLICY FRAMEWORK, APPROPRIATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 5044, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY UNDER WHICH EMPLOYEES SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO TELEWORK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 5045, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SOLO CHILD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Guico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5050, entitled:

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

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5046, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCREASE OF HAZARD PAY AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF GARBAGE COLLECTORS”

By Representative Guico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5051, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF IPIL WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY AS THE REGIONAL CENTER OF REGION IX”

By Representative Palma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5047, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SCHOOL FOR SPORTS EXCELLENCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Guico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5052, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING THE PINTUYAN NATIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL INTO THE SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

House Bill No. 5048, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE INCENTIVIZED

By Representative Noel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Speaker Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. We will be lighting the Christmas tree, so we will suspend the session. May we invite all Members to join us in this very symbolic moment of unity of the House of Representatives, the lighting of our Christmas tree here in the lobby.

So, the session is suspended for a few minutes.

It was 3:09 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:29 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu presiding.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll of the honorable Members.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). 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. 21, dated November 4, 2019.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 203 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 203 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 20, covering September 24, 25, 30, October 1 and October 2 of 2019.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Journal No. 20 is hereby approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we continue with the Reference of Business.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General will please continue to read the Reference of Business.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

House Bill No. 5053, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5054, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTHCARE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE A PRICE LIST OF ITS HEALTHCARE SERVICES INCLUDING INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES THAT CAN BE CHARGED IN THE MEDICAL BILL”

By Representative Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5055, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY STRENGTHENING, EMPOWERING AND ENHANCING THE FINANCING PROGRAMS FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs)' ”

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

House Bill No. 5056, entitled:

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

By Representative Agabas
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 5057, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SECURITY OF TENURE FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 6 [D] OF REPUBLIC ACT 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS’ BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995’ ”

By Representative Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5058, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKERS A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’ ”

By Representative Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5059, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000’, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5060, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ‘TIMBANGAN NG BAYAN’ CENTER IN ALL PUBLIC MARKETS NATIONWIDE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5061, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION, SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE PRACTICE, LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF SANITARIANS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 5062, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF ARTISTS’ WELFARE”

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

House Bill No. 5063, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO CHEN TIAN MAN”

By Representative Paduano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5064, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO LIANG XI WU”

By Representative Garin (Sharon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5065, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL YOUTH AGRIPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5066, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL STUDENTS IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIP, GRANTS, OR SUBSIDY FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO RENDER AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF RETURN SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR EVERY YEAR OF FREE TUITION/SCHOLARSHIP GRANT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

RICE DRYING FACILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5072, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PACKAGING, USE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, LABELING AND ADVERTISEMENT OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 5067, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE (AGRI) NETWORK PROGRAM”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5073, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS TO RETAIN HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES”

By Representative Guico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5068, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REHABILITATION CENTER FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS USERS IN METRO MANILA AND EVERY PROVINCE OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 5074, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE YEARLY ALLOCATION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES (STA) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Guico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5069, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC AND EXPRESS MODE FOR GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5075, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE RIGHT TO FRANCHISEES TO DEVELOP THE RURAL AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR COMMERCIAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Guico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5076, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A HIGHER SALARY GRADE LEVEL AND GRANTING RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nograles (Juan)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5071, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH

House Bill No. 5077, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALACA IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CALACA”

By Representative Ermita-Buhain
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990’ ”

By Representative Panotes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5078, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL BY RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING POSITIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nograles (Jericho)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5083, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESTRUCTURING AND CONDONATION OF UNPAID INTERESTS, PENALTIES, AND SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY FARMERS, FISHERFOLK AND AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR), THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), THE PEOPLE’S CREDIT AND FINANCE CORPORATION (PCFC), THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA), THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) AND THE QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION (QUEDANCOR)”

By Representative Canama
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 5079, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A FOURTEENTH (14TH) MONTH PAY FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTORS”

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

House Bill No. 5084, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HOLDING OF JOB FAIRS IN ALL COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5080, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY TO 1,000 AND 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 Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5085, entitled:

“AN ACT GIVING ROAD ACCESS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5081, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10000 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AGRICULTURE REFORM CREDIT ACT OF 2009”

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5086, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY TO PROMOTE FULL EMPLOYMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5082, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING THE PROVINCIAL AND SUB-PROVINCIAL JAILS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY,

House Bill No. 5087, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING RENTALS OF SCHOOL DORMITORIES AND BOARDING HOUSES”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5088, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HARDSHIP ALLOWANCE TO TEACHERS ASSIGNED IN REMOTE AREAS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MEASURES FOR THEIR PROTECTION”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5089, entitled:

“AN ACT GIVING PRIORITY TO RETIRED TEACHERS IN THE AVAILMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:44 p.m., the session was resumed with Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano presiding.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of a Certification dated October 30, 2019 from the Special Provincial Board of Canvassers, for the First Legislative District of South Cotabato–General Santos City, proclaiming Ms. Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralas as the winning candidate for the position of Member, House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the aforementioned Certification, I move that we allow Hon. Shirlyn Bañas-Nogralas from the First District of South Cotabato–General Santos City, to take her oath.

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to call Rep. Shirlyn Bañas-Nogralas of the First District of South Cotabato–General Santos City to take her oath of office before this Body.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. Representative Bañas-Nogralas is invited, together with her family members, to take her oath before the Speaker.

At this juncture, Rep. Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralas, accompanied by the members of her family, ascended the rostrum and took her oath of office as Member of the House of Representatives before Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano.

THE SPEAKER. May I request all Members of the House of Representatives, as well as our guests in the gallery, to please rise to give honor and to witness the oath-taking of our new Member.

OATH-TAKING OF REP. BAÑAS-NOGRALES

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, SHIRLYN BAÑAS-NOGRALES, of General Santos City, having been elected as Representative of the First District of South Cotabato, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

So help me God.

THE SPEAKER. Welcome to the Eighteenth Congress. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, we are also in receipt of the Commission on Elections *En Banc* Minute Resolution No. 19-0931 and Comelec Law Department Certification that Mr. Macnell M. Lusotan is the No. 2 nominee of Marino Samahan ng mga Seaman, Incorporated, or MARINO Party-List, following the resignation of Rep. Jose Antonio G. Lopez.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the aforementioned Resolution and Certification from the Comelec, I move that we allow Hon. Macnell M. Lusotan, Representative of Party-List MARINO, to take his oath.

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

The Secretary General is directed to call Rep. Macnell M. Lusotan of the Party-List MARINO to take his oath of office before this Body.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Representative Lusotan is invited to go up the rostrum to take his oath before the Speaker. We also invite the family members of Representative Lusotan to join the Speaker and Representative Lusotan.

At this juncture, Rep. Macnell M. Lusotan, accompanied by the members of his family, ascended the rostrum and took his oath of office as Member of the House of Representatives before Speaker Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano.

OATH-TAKING OF REP. LUSOTAN

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, MACNELL M. LUSOTAN, of Butuan City, having been elected to the position of Representative of Party-List MARINO, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

So help me God.

THE SPEAKER. Welcome to the Eighteenth Congress. *(Applause)*

REP. LUSOTAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 3:53 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 474

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.) Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up House Resolution No. 474, and may I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read the title and text of the measure.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the title and text of the measure.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 474, entitled: A RESOLUTION HONORING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY ZHAO JIANHUA AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE PHILIPPINES IN FOSTERING STRONGER PHILIPPINES-CHINA BILATERAL RELATIONS AND CONFERRING UPON HIM THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT.

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives, has on several occasions, recognized the achievements of esteemed foreign delegates for their invaluable contribution to our country;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Zhao Jianhua was sworn in as Ambassador to the Philippines on April 8, 2014;

WHEREAS, as an expert in World Economy and International Policy, Ambassador Jianhua has an extensive career in the People's Republic of China's foreign service, having also been assigned to Lebanon, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Liberia;

WHEREAS, it is but proper to honor the work and contributions of outgoing Ambassador to the Philippines of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Zhao Jianhua, whose tour of duty in the country fostered stronger bonds of very good friendship between the Philippines and China;

WHEREAS, in the performance of his duties as Chinese Ambassador, H.E. Zhao has played a significant role for the Governments of the Philippines and China, notwithstanding their distinct or conflicting positions, to resolve their differences in a friendly manner, leading to the turnaround of previously cold relations into the golden age of Philippines-China bilateral relations that we know today;

WHEREAS, during His Excellency's Tour of Duty as Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines, China has become our top trading partner, our 4th largest export market at USD 8.70 Billion in 2018, top import supplier at USD 21.39 Billion in 2018, has increased Chinese tourist arrivals in the Philippines from

394,951 in 2014 to 1.26 million in 2018, and has signed 90 bilateral agreements with the Philippines ranging from the economic, political, cultural, humanitarian and security aspects of Philippines-China relations;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Jianhua, pursuant to his role as China's top diplomat in the Philippines, has successfully facilitated four (4) State Visits of President Rodrigo R. Duterte to the People's Republic of China since 2016, and President Xi Jinping's State Visit to the Philippines in 2018, which is the first State Visit of a Chinese President to the Philippines in thirteen (13) years;

WHEREAS, while there may be real and difficult issues remaining between the Philippines and China, through the work and contribution of Ambassador Jianhua, the Philippine Government is certain that the lines of communication between the Philippines and China shall always remain open to resolve peacefully any difference between our countries and peoples;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives honors the work and contribution of His Excellency Zhao Jianhua, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Philippines in fostering stronger Philippines-China Bilateral relations and confer upon him the Congressional Medal of Achievement.

Adopted,

(Sgd.) Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano
Representative, First District of Taguig-Pateros
Speaker of the House of Representatives

(Sgd.) Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez
Representative, First District of Leyte
Majority Leader

(Sgd.) Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.
Representative, Sixth District of Manila
Minority Leader

(Sgd.) Ann K. Hofer
Representative, Second District of Zamboanga Sibugay
Chairperson, Foreign Affairs Committee

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.). Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 474

REP. ROMUALDEZ (F.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 474.

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion to adopt House Resolution No. 474.

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

House Resolution No. 474 is hereby adopted.

We will suspend the session to give the Members the opportunity to greet and personally honor and thank His Excellency, Ambassador Zhao Jianhua, and for him to be invited on the floor so that we may hand the Resolution to him.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 4:00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:09 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu presiding.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H. JT. RES. NO. 19 ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Joint Resolution No. 19 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 25, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Joint Resolution No. 19, entitled: JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules

of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H. JT. RES. NO. 19
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 199 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Joint Resolution No. 19 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H. B. NO. 4933
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4933 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 3, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4933, 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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No” and I will explain my vote later.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No” and I reserve my right to explain my vote later.
Thank you.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4933
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 194 affirmative votes, six negative votes and no abstention, House Bill No. 4933 is approved on Third Reading.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Secretary General is hereby directed to call the Members who wish to explain their votes.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Hon. Arlene Brosas.

REP. BROSAS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, “No” ang naging boto ng Kinatawang ito dahil alam natin kung ano ang nade-deprive sa ating mga kababayan. Ang pagboto po ng regular ay importante sa ating mga kababayan at hindi po dapat ito inaantala mula pa sa simula. Alam din natin na ang pangalawang dahilan ay ang pondo na maiipon mula dito. Ang pondo po ay para talaga sa pagboto ng ating mga mamamayan dahil ito ay napakahalaga sa ating demokrasya.

Mr. Speaker, kaya muli po, naninindigan ang GABRIELA Women’s Party na dapat na itinutuloy ang democratic exercise ng ating mga mamamayan at dapat ituloy ang barangay and SK election.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Hon. France L. Castro.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.) EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Thank you, maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

Ang Kinatawang ito, G. Ispiker, ay bumoto ng “No” sa pagpapaliban ng eleksiyon sa barangay and SK o iyong House Bill No. 4933 sa mga sumusunod na kadahilanan: Unang-una, Mr. Speaker, hindi talaga naging magandang precedent ang pagpapaliban ng eleksiyon dahil mula noong Seventeenth Congress, dalawang beses na itong ipinagpaliban at ngayon ay pagpapaliban pa ng mas mahaba pang panahon. Kung tutuusin, ang anumang eleksiyon ay sagradong karapatan ng ating mamamayan at ito ay dapat na nare-regularize. Pangalawa, Mr. Speaker, nagbubunga ito ng politicization ng ating mga barangay sa halip na ang mga ito ay maging apolitical. Ayon mismo sa ating Comelec, wala namang problema

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

sa pondo, wala namang problema sa preparasyon sa eleksiyon at handang-handa naman sila na ituloy ang barangay and SK elections. Panghuli, Mr. Speaker, marami sa ating mga kababayan ay nagnanais pa rin na matuloy itong kanilang pag-exercise ng ganitong demokratikong karapatan. Ito na lamang ang natitirang demokratikong karapatan sa pagpapalit o pagpapanatili ng mga mamumuno sa barangay at sa SK.

Salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago.

REP. ELAGO EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. ELAGO. Dalawang beses nang hindi natutuloy ang halalan para sa mga opisyal ng barangay at SK sa ilalim ng administrasyong Duterte. Una, ginamit ang dahilang election fatigue dahil sa katatapos na pambansang halalan. Sa pangalawang beses, ang rason ay, ayon mismo sa Pangulo, dahil 40 bahagdan ng mga barangay sa buong bansa ang apektado ng droga at ang pangamba niya ay ang pera mula sa droga ay gagamitin upang impluwensiyahan ang resulta ng halalan. Sa pangatlong pagkakataon ng panukalang postponement na ipinasa rin ng Kapulungan na ito, ginamit naman ang pangangailangan upang ikampanya ang pederalismo na nakapaloob sa pag-amyenda sa ating Saligang Batas.

Bagamat hindi ito tuluyang naipasa sa pangatlong pagkakataon, nakababahala pa rin ang iregularidad ng halalan sa batayang antas. Bagamat pambihirang pagkakataon ang mas mahabang termino para sa mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Kabataan upang makabawi sa mga naantalang mga proyekto dulot ng matagal na paglalabas at magpasa hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa nakukumpletong gabay para sa paggamit ng kanilang pondo at pagtataguyod ng fiscal independence ng mga SK, ang muling postponement ng barangay at SK elections at ang kaakibat nitong ekstensiyon ng termino ay maaari pa ring gamitin bilang batayan upang itulak rin ang parehong pagpapahaba ng termino sa mas mataas pang mga posisyon sa lokal at pambansang halalan at magsilbi para sa ibayo pang konsolidasyon ng kapangyarihan.

Kritikal ang regular na halalan sa barangay upang hindi makompromiso ang autonomy o ang kalayaan na mamahala ng batay sa sariling kagustuhan o kautusan at non-partisanship ng mga barangay na nasasangkalan kung tila hawak na sa leeg at higit pang nakaasa at nakasalalay ang termino ng mga opisyaes ng barangay at SK sa kagustuhan ng Kongreso at Malacañang kung sino pa man ang nasa kapangyarihan.

Ang term extension na ito ay tila extension na rin ng control ng kung sino man ang nasa kapangyarihan.

Ito rin ay labag sa karapatan sa paglahok sa halalan at pagboto o ang pagpili natin ng mga pinunong kakatawan sa atin sa iba't ibang sangay at lebel ng pamahalaan, ang kawalan ng regularidad ng malinis at pantay na halalan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Please wind up.

REP. ELAGO. Bagamat may probisyon ang House Bill No. 4933 na magkakaroon ng halalan kada tatlong taon, ang paulit-ulit na pagpapaliban dito ang nagsasabi sa atin na maaari pa itong magbago. Sa mga kadahilanang ito, ang boto ng KABATAAN ay ang pagtutol sa House Bill No. 4933.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4696 ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4696 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 25, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4696, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6541, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ORDAIN AND INSTITUTE A NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES", AS A MAJOR SUBJECT IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SANITARY ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING, AND ARCHITECTURE, AND ITS INCLUSION AS A TOPIC IN THE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR THESE PROFESSIONS.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of

the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4696
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 203 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4696 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4750
ON THIRD READING

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4750 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 25, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4750, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SOUTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4750
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 203 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4750 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4752
ON THIRD READING

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4752 and direct

the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 25, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4752, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL BICUTAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4752
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4752 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Divina Grace C. Yu of the First District of Zamboanga del Sur: the municipal officials and employees from the Municipality of Ramon Magsaysay, Province of Zamboanga del Sur headed by their Municipal Mayor, Hon. Leonilo D. Borinaga Sr. and Municipal Vice Mayor, Hon. Margie A. Machon. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). To the guests of Hon. Divine Yu of the First District of Zamboanga del Sur, welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Rep. Diego "Nonoy" C. Ty of the First District of Misamis Occidental: the municipal officials of Plaridel, Misamis Occidental headed by Mayor Alicia Rama-Ty who are here in Manila to receive their fourth Seal of Good Local Governance from the DILG tomorrow. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Welcome to the House of Representatives, the guests of our Congressman from Misamis Occidental, Honorable Ty.

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Rep. Domingo C. Rivera of Citizens' Battle Against Corruption (CIBAC) Party-List: the pastors and leaders of Valenzuela for Jesus Movement, headed by Rev. Eduardo Robes, Rev. Robert Reyes, Rev. Armando Roces Jr., Rev. Rogelio Diaz Jr., Rev. Arnel Berja, Rev. Domingo Bantog and Rev. Romeo Dela Cruz. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of our honorable Member from CIBAC, Honorable Rivera, will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4753
ON THIRD READING

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4753 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 25, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4753, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4753
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4753 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4754
ON THIRD READING

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4754 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 25, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4754, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TANYAG IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4754
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 206 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4754 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4774
ON THIRD READING

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 4774 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 25, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4774, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KATUPARAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4774
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 207 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4774 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4775
ON THIRD READING

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4775 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 25, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4775, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4775
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 207 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4775 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests in the gallery of Hon. Josephine Ramirez-Sato, Representative from the Lone District of Occidental Mindoro: Vice Mayor Walter Marquez, with Kristoferson Ureta, Alfredo Ventura Jr., Gregardro Villar, Robert Dawates Sr., Ruzhel Jaebee Dawates, Salvy Urieta-De Vera, Marffin Dulay, Ruben Aldaba, Cristeta Viguilla, Arnold Aranda, Melvy Baoan, Norman Novio, Lea B. Marquez, Romel Neypes, Deo Delfin, Jasper Francisco and Mark Anthony Legaspi. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The presence of the guests of Congresswoman Ramirez-Sato is hereby acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4982
ON THIRD READING

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4982 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4982, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SOUTH DAANG HARI IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

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APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4982
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 207 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4982 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the honorable Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat of BAYAN MUNA Party-List. We have the students, teachers and parents from Salugpongan Tan Tamo Igkanugon Learning Center: Beverly Gofredo, Jenny Rose Hayahay, Rurelyn Bay-ao, Lorena Mandacawan and Moddie Mansimoy-at. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). To the guests of Congresswoman Cullamat of BAYAN MUNA Party-List, welcome to the House of Representatives. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of honorable Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla from the Second District of Zambales: the graduating batch of 2019 of the President Ramon Magsaysay State University School of Civil Engineering. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The presence of the guests of Congresswoman Deloso-Montalla of Zambales is hereby acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo: Mayor Joseph Uayan, Councilor Niel John Yangco, Councilor Richard Uayan, Councilor Domyleo Dadang, Councilor Maria Naomi Fuentes, Mr. Cyrus Aguinot, Engr. Alex Dagaraga, Engr. Reuby Nick Babael, Ms. Nora Obsid, Engr. Jaime Mabololo, Mr. Roland Zaballero, Ms. Irish Salva, Ms. Lorefil Japona, Ms. Juliet Dagaraga, Ms. Cora Mata and Mr. Michael Talian. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The guests of Deputy Majority Leader X.J. Romualdo of Camiguin, welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VILLAR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we please acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Amihilda J. Sangcapan of the ANAK MINDANAO Party-List: the Marawi Reconstruction Conflict Watch and International Alert Philippines-Secretariat

led by Sultan Nasser Sampaco and joined by Rong Lucman Pacasum Jr., Mcmillan Lucman, Dr. Fedelinda Tawagon, Mohammad Abbas, Dr. Ronalisah Dipatuan-Dimaporo, Jalila Hadji Sapiin, Salic Ibrahim, Ruel Punongbayan, May Che Capili, Delfin Borrero and Maureen Lacuesta.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Welcome po kayo sa House of Representatives, ang mga guest ni Honorable Sangcapan ng Mindanao. Welcome. Palakpakan po natin sila. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, today being a Monday and pursuant to our Rules, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, first to avail of the Privilege Hour, I move that we recognize Hon. Manuel F. Zubiri from the Third District of Bukidnon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Honorable Zubiri of Bukidnon is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZUBIRI

REP. ZUBIRI. Marami pong salamat, Mr. Speaker.

My dear esteemed colleagues, after a month-long recess and after attending to our constituents' needs in our districts, we from Mindanao humbly request that we create a fund for our brothers and sisters in Mindanao who had been hit by the 6.4 to 6.6 magnitude earthquake several times.

Up to this day, tinatamaan pa po kami ng earthquake. As of now, 21 were killed, around 450 hurt and close to 30,000 families affected by the disaster. Aside from this, hundreds of millions or even billions in infrastructure had been damaged or lost. As we all know, because of climate change, the elements have been stronger, the elements have been aggressive, hence, the need to prioritize awareness and preparedness in situations like these.

Mga kaibigan, nandito po kami, kasama si Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano, Majority Leader Martin Romualdez, the House leadership at ang ating mga kapwa Mindanaoan Congressmen, para humingi ng tulong para sa ating mga kapatid sa Mindanao, lalong-lalo na para sa mga napuruhan. We are humbly requesting for your help on this matter. I believe we have passed a form for those who are willing to help and will sign

pledges for the said fund. We will then kindly request the Speaker's Office, together with the Committee on Disaster Management, to handle the fund and to make sure it reaches the necessary beneficiaries.

Sa huli po, magkaisa tayo at ipakita natin na ang Kongreso na ito ay tumutulong sa kapwa kapatid sa buong bansa hindi lang sa salita pero pati sa paggawa. Ipakita din po natin na maski sa anong krisis o crisis, nandoon tayo at handang tumulong sa ating mamamayan 24/7.

Maraming, maraming salamat po. Mabuhay po kayong lahat. Mahal kita Pilipinas. God bless us all. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.).
The privilege speech of Congressman Zubiri is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour, may we recognize Hon. Edgar M. Chatto of the First District of Bohol for his privilege speech.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.).
Congressman Chatto is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CHATTO

REP. CHATTO. Mr. Speaker, my dear colleagues, today I want to say Happy Birthday, Happy 123rd Birthday to Bohol's most illustrious son, Pres. Carlos P. Garcia, the Eighth President of the Republic of the Philippines. It was on November 4, 1896 when Mayor Policronio Garcia and Ambrosia Polistico welcomed their second child, Caloy, in the Municipality of Talibon, Province of Bohol.

Caloy acquired his primary education in his native town in Talibon, then took his secondary education in Cebu Provincial High School, now known as the Abellana National High School, and finished both at the top of his class. Initially, he pursued his college education in Silliman University in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental and later studied at the Philippine Law School where he earned his law degree in 1923. Thereafter, he received his Doctor of Humanities degree, *honoris causa*, from the National University in 1961. He was no. 7 in the 1923 Bar examinations.

Rather than practice law right away, he worked as a teacher for two years at the Bohol Provincial High School. He became famous for his poetry in Bohol from where he earned the nicknames "Prince of Visayan Poets" and the "Bard from Bohol." His famous poem is entitled, "Ang Dalagang Pilipinhon."

The young Carlos P. Garcia entered politics for the first time at the age of 29, was elected Bohol's Third District Representative in 1925 and served three terms until 1931. He became Bohol Governor from 1934 to 1941 and he was the last provincial governor under the American regime. He served in the Senate for three terms, from 1941 to 1953, but his term was interrupted by World War II. A neophyte senator in 1941, President Quezon told Garcia to go home to Bohol to help the people carry the hardships of the occupation when the Japanese invasion disrupted government functions.

Garcia refused to cooperate with the Japanese during the war. He did not surrender even when he was placed on the wanted list with a P50,000 price on his head. He instead took part in guerilla activities and served as adviser in the free government movement organized in Bohol, earning even more trust and fame from his co-guerillas and the national leaders who learned of his exploits in Bohol. When he resumed his duties as Senator after the war in 1945, he was chosen as the Senate Majority Leader. The press consistently voted him as one of the most outstanding senators.

After the war, he also participated in various missions in Washington to work for the approval of the Philippine Rehabilitation and War Damage Claims. He was a delegate to the World Conference at San Francisco to draft the Charter of the United Nations Organization in May 1945. He acted as presiding officer of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization Conference in Manila in 1954 which produced the Manila Treaty and the Pacific Charter. By 1953, Garcia was so popular that he was picked to be the running mate of Ramon Magsaysay, and they both won in the elections.

On March 17, 1957, Pres. Ramon Magsaysay died in a plane crash in Cebu and this ushered Garcia's eventual ascent to the country's top seat to lead the country until the end of Magsaysay's remaining term. By the next presidential elections, Garcia won with Diosdado Macapagal as Vice President.

Garcia's transition to national politics was not without an interesting story. Bohol historian Marianito Jose Luspo recounted how the death of Senator Jose Arsenio Clarin, the Senate President Pro-Tempore and the country's third most powerful man, seemingly opened a way for the Boholano teacher, poet and Governor to start his path to the country's top seat. It was said that the sudden death of Senator Clarin in 1935 had President Quezon's Executive Secretary Jose Yulo come to Bohol to finalize the funeral arrangements. It

was there that he met the Governor for the said coordination that Yulo took notice of Garcia speaking impeccable Spanish. He arranged for President Quezon to meet Garcia. The President, also known as the Big Spanish, was so impressed with the Governor from Bohol that he encouraged him to run for Senate, and the rest was history. The Garcia Presidency was anchored on three major policies and programs: the Filipino First Policy, the Austerity Program and the Cultural Revival.

Honorable Speaker, my dear colleagues, perhaps the greatest legacy and commitment of President Garcia to nationalistic values is found in his Filipino First Policy, the definitive program that distinguished his administration from the rest. It was a governance aimed at putting the Filipino ahead of others in the economic, business and social fields of endeavors. It sought to give local businessmen more priority over foreign investors as well as Filipino products over foreign products. He was the first Philippine President to wear barong at his inauguration.

In 1958, the Garcia administration succeeded in hitching the Bohlen-Serrano Agreement, an accord that reduced the stay of the US bases from the original 99 to a mere 25 years. The Austerity Program was implemented by Garcia in order to curb the rampant graft and corruption in the country, and the program centered on wise spending, industry, thrift, trustworthiness, integrity and honesty. The Garcia administration also put emphasis on cultural revival. Due to the colonization of many countries, he felt that the revival of the Filipino culture was needed. It gave birth to the Republic Cultural Award given to Filipino artists, scientists, historians and writers. It was also during his time that the Philippine government successfully negotiated with the US government for the return of documents seized by American troops during the Philippine-American War—the so-called “Philippine Insurgent Records,” the magnetic lode of so many researchers who want to know more about our nation’s historical past.

In his own words, during a speech at the Manila Law College in 1957, President Garcia said:

Every Filipino loves his country. But not every Filipino is a true patriot. He who loves the Philippines only for what the country can give him—lands, houses, plantations—is not necessarily a patriot.

Patriotism is unselfish like Rizal’s love of country. Patriotism is a passion that cannot be denied like Mabini’s attachment to his beloved Philippines. Patriotism is boundless like Magsaysay’s devotion to his people.

But this infinite affection, this predilection for our country, means a number of concepts. It means a belief that our land is the most beautiful,

the most fertile, the most healthful in the whole world. Patriotism also means that wherever we may be we are proud of our culture—our dance and our arts and the traditions of our people. To us, the most glorious history of all mankind began with the scroll written with the blood of Lapu-Lapu in Mactan, which was unfolded through the centuries and embellished with the deeds of Dagohoy, Tاملot, Del Pilar, and the unsung heroes of ‘96 and of Corregidor and Bataan.

Patriotism has come to mean love of our countrymen. Each one is a part of us. Each one is a part of the Philippines. You hurt one Filipino and you hurt the whole nation. Every Filipino suffers in a misfortune of the entire Philippine archipelago as well. Thus, perhaps among ourselves, we do not feel intensely the harm we sometimes inflict on our own Filipino countrymen. But let a foreigner pull one single hair from a Filipino’s head or step over so lightly on his toes and, as one man, we rise in his defense.

And so patriotism means that we love and cherish our fellow-Filipinos. We admire their courage, their diligence, their patience, their peaceful and law-abiding nature, their hospitality, their kindness. We feel a terrible pain when Filipinos are accused of indolence, indifference, smugness, and complacency. And we proceed to teach ourselves to be more alert, more industrious, more persevering. This explains why patriotism is such a perennially fascinating subject. Patriotism is progressive and, like wine, it mellows with time. Patriotism is not isolationism. It is not chauvinism. It is the antonym of patrioteering.

How can we preserve this love of country forever? We can keep the patriotic spirit through education and information; through the practice of honesty and the observance of honor—everyone, everybody; through constructive action often impelled by what is known as civic conscience.

On June 1, 1971, Garcia was elected Delegate to the 1971 Constitutional Convention and the Convention delegates elected him President of the Convention on June 11, 1971. However, four days after his election, on June 14, 1971, Garcia suffered a fatal heart attack. Garcia became the first layman to lie in state in Manila Cathedral—a President—a privilege until then limited only to deceased Archbishops of Manila. He was also the first President to be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

Today is CPG Day—a fitting tribute to the favorite

son of the province of Bohol. We in Bohol have a day filled with activities. During my time as Governor, we even conducted chess competitions in recognition of his most favorite pastime as well as poetry reading and poetry writing, a tribute to the Bard from Bohol. Bohol is proud to have contributed to Philippine governance through President Garcia. He is our ultimate inspiration in putting the Filipino first in our public service and in ensuring that culture is integrated in the Filipino way of life.

Thank you very much. Daghang salamat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of Hon. Edgar Chatto to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.).
The speech of Congressman Chatto is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate of the Party-List BAYAN MUNA. I move that we recognize Representative Zarate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.).
Cong. Isagani Zarate is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

G. Ispiker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, magandang hapon.

Matinding katatakutan ang tumambad sa mga miyembro ng mga progresibong organisasyon noong Oktubre 31 sa isla ng Negros. Habang nagtitirik ng mga kandila at naghahanda ang mga Pilipino upang gunitain ang Undas, pinasok at hinalughog ng mga kapulisan at ng mga militar ang aming opisina, ang opisina ng BAYAN MUNA, kasama ng iba pang mga progresibong organisasyon katulad ng GABRIELA, Kilusang Mayo Uno at ang National Federation of Sugar Workers sa Bacolod City at sa Escalante City. Dinakip ang 57 katao sa Bacolod at Escalante, kabilang pa ang ilang mga menor de edad. Kabilang sa mga hinuli ay ang aming Negros-BAYAN MUNA at Makabayan coordinator na si Romulo Bito-on at ang kanyang maybahay na si Mermalyn pagkatapos namang pasukin din at halughugin ang kanilang bahay sa Bacolod City.

G. Ispiker, ikinagulat ng lahat ang mga paratang at pag-aresto, lalo na ng mga residente ng Bacolod at

maging mga mamamayan sa iba't ibang bahagi sa isla ng Negros, dahil ang mga dinakip ay mga kilalang lider ng mga progresibong grupo sa isla na madalas nga nilang makita sa balita, sa mga rally at iba't iba pang pagtitipon ng mamamayan at ng masa. Ni hindi naman nila nakitang may hawak na mga baril ang mga ito at maging sa mga kabataan at leader ng masa na hinuli. Wala din naman silang nakikita o walang nakikita ang mga kapitbahay na nagsagawa daw ng military training ang mga aktibista sa kanilang mga opisina na ni-raid ng mga pulis at ng mga militar.

G. Ispiker, kasama din sa mga dinakip ay sina Butch Lozande, ang Secretary General ng National Federation of Sugar Workers or NFSW, at naging ikaapat na nominado ng ANAKPAWIS Party-List nitong nakaraang eleksiyon. Hinuli rin si Danny Tabura, isa pang lider ng NFSW; Aldrin Dela Cerna, organisador ng Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas-Negros; ang lider-obrero na si Noli Rosales; at ang human rights defender na si Proceso Quiatchon. Kasama rin sa dinakip ang isang community journalist na si Mary Anne Krueger ng Paghimutad media. Ang karamihan sa mga menor de edad na dinakip ay mga miyembro ng pangkulturang grupo na Teatro Bungkalan at Teatro Obrero, mga grupong kilala sa Negros dahil sa kanilang pagtatanghal sa buhay at kalagayan ng mga magbubukid at mga manggagawa sa isla.

Naroon din, G. Ispiker, ang 21 bus drivers at konduktor ng Ceres Bus na noong kapanahunang iyon ay kumokonsulta lamang sa mga miyembro at lider ng Kilusang Mayo Uno hinggil sa kanilang suliraning paggawa sa kumpanya. Lahat sila ay sabay-sabay na hinuli at inakusahang nagsasanay daw bilang mga miyembro ng New People's Army sa gitna mismo ng siyudad ng Bacolod. Bagamat bisperas na ng Undas noong mga panahong iyon, G. Ispiker, tuloy ang operasyon ng mga opisina ng aktibista, lalo sa Negros kung saan sinisikil ang mga karapatan ng mamamayan sa lahat ng panig. Sa kasalukuyan, umiiral sa Negros ang Memorandum Order No. 32 na naglagay sa tila sitwasyong martial law sa buong isla.

Matatandaan natin, G. Ispiker, na ang pinaigting na operasyon ng militar at pulis sa isla ay nauna nang nagresulta sa pagkapatay ng 14 magsasaka sa isang operasyong ala-tokhang sa tinaguriang Kanlaon massacre noong Marso nitong kasalukuyang taon. Sa katunayan, umakyat na nga sa 87 katao ang napaslang na mga magsasaka, aktibista, abogado, konsehal ng bayan at human rights defenders sa Negros mula 2016 hanggang sa kasalukuyan nang maupo si Pangulong Duterte.

Ang Memorandum No. 32, kasama ng Executive Order No. 70 o ang sinasabing whole-of-nation approach sa kampanyang kontra-insurhensiya, ay tuloy-tuloy na sumisikil at nagpapakitid sa demokratikong espasyo sa isla ng Negros at maging sa buong bansa. Ito ang kalagayan ng ating mga kababayan sa Negros.

Sila ay nasa permanenteng kakatakutan na hatid ng mga halimaw sa totoong buhay—ang mga pulis at militar na lumalabag sa mga karapatang pantao.

G. Ispiker, ang kaso laban sa mga nadakip ay naka-padron na illegal possession of firearms na, ayon sa mga saksi at mga biktima, ay garapalang itinanim o mga planted evidence, at para manatili sila sa piitan, non-bailable ang mga kasong isinampa sa kanila, sinamahan na rin ito ng planted explosives katulad ng granada. Ganito rin, G. Ispiker, ang ginawa sa ilan pang mga aktibista at mga lider ng mga progresibong grupo at mga peace consultants nitong mga nakaraan upang hadlangan ang kanilang gawain para sa makabuluhang pagbabago at makatarungang kapayapaan sa ating bansa.

Sa ulat ng mga pulis pagkatapos ng kanilang mala-Gestapo na raid, mayroon din daw voluminous na subersibong mga dokumento na marahil ay mga polyeto, primer at pahayag ng mga nasabing organisasyon sa samut-saring mga isyu ng bayan. Inulat din ng mga pulis na may nakuha raw silang flag ng Kilusang Mayo Uno at megaphone. Ito ba ay labag sa batas, G. Ispiker? Ang naging tsapa at katuwiran ng mga pulis at militar upang pasukin at halughugin ang mga naturang opisina ay ang bisa ng isang kwestiyonableng search warrant na inilabas ng Regional Trial Court ng Quezon City, na mula sa Quezon City ay lumipad na parang aswang papuntang Negros. Malinaw na ang mga pulis at militar sa ilalim ng kasalukuyang administrasyon ni Pangulong Duterte ay malisyosong ginagamit ang mga probisyon ng Rules of Court at maging ng ating mga batas para supilin ang karapatan ng ating mamamayan. Ito ay isang tahasang weaponization ng ating mga batas, weaponization ng tinatawag nilang rule of law.

Ano pa man, G. Ispiker, ang mga walang batayang dahilan na binubulid ng militar at pulis upang maglabas ng warrant or search warrant ang RTC Quezon City at magsagawa ng Halloween raid sa mga nasabing tanggapan ay dapat talagang busisihin at imbestigahan, pati ang mga ginawang paglabag sa karapatan ng mga hinuling mga aktibista at lider masa. Malinaw na ganito na ang matagal nang ginagawa sa mga aktibista, lalo na kapag nais ng rehimen na ito na magpakawala ng walang-habas na tiraniya at ng mga programang kontra-mamamayan. Nais ng rehimen ito na walang papalag at walang tutuligsa kapag nais nitong panatilihin, halimbawa, ang usapin ng kontraktwalisasyon sa ating mga manggagawa, sa publiko man at pribadong mga sektor; ang pagsasa-pribado ng mga batayang sektor katulad ng serbisyo ng patubig at kuryente; ang pagbubuwis maging sa mga daing at tuyo; ang walang habas na pagpapapasok ng mga bigas mula sa iba't ibang bansa; ang pagkalugi at pagkagutom ng ating mga magsasaka; ang pag-phase-out sa mga jeepney dahil sa tinatawag nilang modernization program; ang pagtatakip sa recycling ng droga ng mga ninja cops; ang

pagbaon sa iskandalo sa GCTA; ang patuloy na pagkalat ng ilegal na droga sa kabila ng madugong patayan sa kampanya laban sa droga; ang lumalalang korapsyon at marami pang ibang kabulukan na walang-puknat na tinutuligsa ng mga aktibista at ng mga mamamayang lumalaban.

G. Ispiker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, ang nangyari sa Negros ay malinaw na massive crackdown sa mga aktibista at kritiko ng pamahalaang Duterte. Hindi ito operasyon laban sa NPA. Ang mga aktibista, ang mga kritiko ng pamahalaan at ang mga miyembro ng progresibong grupo ang tunay na target ng EO 70 at MO 32. Ang paglapastangan sa aming hanay, ang pagsasampa at pagpapakulong dahil lamang sa mga gawa-gawang kaso at ang walang-awang pagpatay ay sukat kung gaano katakot ang naghaharing bulok na sistema sa kilusan ng mamamayang determinadong baguhin ang ating lipunan.

Hindi kami natatakot, G. Ispiker. Ang massive crackdown at maramihang paghuli sa mga aktibista ay maaaring pansamantalang makapilay sa mga organisasyon at pagkilos nito, ngunit itinakda na ng kasaysayan na kailanman ang mga pandarahas, ang mga paniniil, ay hindi kumikital o gumugupo sa diwa ng paglaban ng ating sambayanan. Sa kabila ng pasismo ng mga tirano sa Pilipinas man at sa ibang bansa, ang lahat ng ito ay pinatumba ng lumalabang mamamayan.

G. Ispiker, kung atin pong papansinin, sa daigdig ngayon ay napakaraming mamamayan ang tumitindig laban sa pasismo, laban sa imperyalismo at tinutuligsa ang kontra-mamamayang patakaran ng kani-kanilang mga gobyerno at pinapabagsak ang mga tiranong rehimen katulad ng Chile, Hong Kong, France, Indonesia, Peru, the Netherlands, Haiti, Lebanon, Syria at Iraq, at ang mga lumalawak at lumalakas na kilusan dito sa ating bansang Pilipinas. Kaya, G. Ispiker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, ang magtatakda ng ating halaga bilang mga Pilipino, bilang mga Mambabatas at bilang tao, ay kung nasaang panig tayo sa makasaysayang laban na ito ng mamamayan. Kaya ang amin pong panawagan, G. Ispiker, kondenahin ang pag-aresto ng mga aktibista sa Negros, ibasura ang mga gawa-gawang kaso, palayain ang Negros 57.

Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker, at magandang hapon po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Hon. Arlene D. Brosas of the GABRIELA Party-List for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.).
Congresswoman Brosas is recognized.

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Sponsor, maaari po bang magtanong ng ilan lamang sa inyo?

REP. ZARATE. Opo, G. Ispiker.

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, nakakabahala o alarming, tinitingnan ninyo pa po ba kung alarming at trending ang mga nangyayari na ito? Kung maaalala ko, nitong nakaraan, ano po ba ang mga insidente, ilan pa sa mga insidente na nag-lead at hanggang ngayon ay wala ring imbestigasyon sa lugar o sa rehiyon ng Negros o Visayas?

REP. ZARATE. Tama po kayo, G. Ispiker at Kgg. Arlene Brosas. Itong nangyari sa Negros ay hindi lang naman ngayon lang nangyari at sa Negros lang nangyari. Nangyari na rin ito sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa. Halimbawa, sa Cagayan de Oro City, nagkaroon din ng pagdakip doon ng mga lider magsasaka at manggagawa gamit ang mga gawa-gawang kaso. Sa katunayan, nangyari din ito sa iba't ibang bahagi rin ng Kabisayaan. Ang nangyari nitong October 31 sa Negros, ito iyong single incident na talagang maraming lider ng mga iba't ibang progresibong grupo na isinama doon sa kanilang paghuli at ang isang nakita nating feature o kaiba rito kumpara doon sa nakaraang mga panahon, sa nakaraang mga buwan, ang ginamit rito na search warrant para i-justify iyong raid ay kinuha pa dito sa Quezon City at hindi nga doon sa Negros o sa Bacolod. Bagamat sinasabi na ito ay sinasang-ayunan naman sa ating Rules of Court dahil raw involved dito ay illegal possession of firearms pero kinukuwestyon natin ito, at hindi ho, sa tingin ko, G. Ispiker, na ganoon kabobo at katanga ang mga pinaghuhuli nilang mga lider magsasaka, lider ng mga manggagawa at maging ang ating regional coordinator ng Makabayan bloc na si Romulo Bito-on.

Alam naman po natin na sa kasalukuyang administrasyon ni Pangulong Duterte ay talagang tinatarget o pinag-iinitan ang progresibong grupo. Nitong nakaraang eleksiyon, nakita natin ang intensified na kampanya para pigilan ang pagboto sa Makabayan bloc. Kaya hindi ho ganoon kabobo sila dahil parang armory, kung titingnan ho natin, G. Ispiker, ang mga naka-display na mga baril ng mga kapulisan at militar at mga kalawangin na nga iyong iba. Parang isang armory, nandoon sa opisina ng BAYAN MUNA, KMU at NFSW, ano? So, ito po ang nakikita natin ngayon.

Noong nakaraang taon at early this year, kung saan ganoong klaseng operasyon din ang ginawa ng mga kapulisan ng Region VII sa pamumuno din ni Debold Sinas na ngayon ay ang NCRPO Director na, ganoon din ang kanilang ginawa. Halos isang daan na search warrants ang na-issue ng isang huwes na nagmumula sa Cebu City at siyang dinala sa Bacolod City at gumawa

sila ng Synchronized Enhanced Management Police Operation sa Kanlaon City at iba pang lugar sa Negros Occidental at Negros Oriental. Nito ngang Marso ng kasalukuyang taon, ang ganoong klaseng operasyon ay nagresulta sa pagkamatay ng 14 na mga magsasaka.

So, ang inyo pong katanungan, Mr. Speaker, ay sinabi ninyo, ito ba ay alarming? Sa tingin ko po, ito ay pagpapakita ng kahinaan ng Estado, pagpapakita ng failure ng Estado na supilin ang lumalakas na pagkilos ng mamamayan. Naging failure ang administrasyong ito sa mga ipinangako nito sa mga mamamayan noong 2016 kaya tinutuligsa ito, sinisingil ito. Ang ginagawang pag-target ngayon, ginagawang laboratory ang Negros para dito sa kanilang tinatawag na “whole-of-nation approach.” Gaya rin ng itinuturo ng isang kasaysayan noong mga nakaraang panahon, tayo po ay naniniwala na ito rin ay isang magiging total failure dahil hindi nito kayang pigilan ang diwang mapanlaban ng lumalabang mamamayan, G. Ispiker.

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, isa pang tanong: Bakit ang bilis-bilis magkaso sa mga aktibista? I believe, kinasuhan iyong mga aktibista mula sa Bacolod, ano po? Bakit ang bilis-bilis magkaso sa mga aktibista at ordinaryong mamamayan pero sa mga ninja cops at sa iba pa na mga alam natin na matitindi ang kaso sa ating bayan—mga corrupt, mga plunderer, ay hindi naman nakakasuhan o napapawalang-sala pa, G. Ispiker?

REP. ZARATE. Tama po kayo, G. Ispiker. Sa katunayan, ngayong araw ang sinasabi ng OIC ng Philippine National Police ay patunayan daw ng mga hinuli nila sa Negros na sila ay inosente sa korte. Sa huli kong basa sa ating Konstitusyon, ang sinasabi doon ay inosente ang isang taong pinaratangan ng kaso habang hindi pa ito napatunayan sa korte pero sa kanyang statement, parang ang burden of proof ngayon ay nasa mga hinuli na nila, nabaliktad na. Dapat patunayan nila na may basehan iyong kanilang ginagawang paghuhuli.

Tama po kayo, kapag ordinaryong mamamayan, mga aktibista at kritiko ng gobyerno, napakabilis na ikulong nila ito dahil alam nila na sila ang magiging tuloy-tuloy na tutuligsa sa kanilang mga ginagawang hindi maganda sa ating bayan, pero kapag ang naakusahan ay halimbawa, ang katulad ni General Albayalde na na-involve sa ninja cops, ang sasabihin po nila, “Bigyan natin siya ng due process of law,” kaya hanggang ngayon, iyong mga ninja cops na iyan, kung maaalala natin, sa halip na sampahan sila ng kaso ay na-promote pa nga iyong iba. Mayroon hong ibang masahol na plunderer sa ating bayan, lalong-lalo na ang pamilyang Marcos. Convicted na sila pero hanggang ngayon ay wala pa rin tayong nabalitaan na nakulong sila kahit na napakaraming kasalanan ang ginawa nila sa bayan.

Ganoon po, G. Ispiker, ang nakikita nating dalawang mukha ng hustisya sa ating bayan. Kaya naman, G. Ispiker, Kgg. Arlene Brosas, hindi ho tayo tumitigil dahil alam natin na tuloy-tuloy ang mga ganitong katiwalian, tuloy-tuloy na nagkakaroon ng inhustisya sa ating mamamayan, at kahit na itong ginawa nila ngayong panunupil at paniniil sa ating mga kasamahan sa Negros at iba't ibang bahagi ng ating bansa ay hindi ito makapagpapigil dahil alam natin ang ating ginagawa ay hindi mali, ang ating ginagawa ay para sa interes ng ating mamamayan at para sa interes ng ating bayan.

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, matanong ko lang, magkano kaya ang ginastos sa operation nito at saan kayang mga pondo kinukuha ang para sa mga operasyon na katulad nito? Tinatanong po natin ito kasi malaki iyong kakulangan natin sa mga serbisyo publiko. Madami sa atin umaangal. In fact, kanina lamang nag-privilege speech ang ating kagalang-galang na Representante mula sa Bukidnon, si Representative Zubiri, na nagsasabi na nangangailangan ng tulong sa Mindanao dahil tinamaan ng earthquake. Bakit po ang AFP at PNP ay nagkaroon ng mga ganitong operasyon noong October 31 samantalang ang laki-laki noong pangangailangan ng pagtulong sa Mindanao ng ating mga kababayan, Mr. Speaker?

REP. ZARATE. Well, G. Ispiker, kung atin pong matatandaan, kaya nga tinuligsa natin sila nitong nakaraang debate sa ating pambansang budget dahil mas tumaas pa ang budget sa susunod na taon ang para sa PNP at ng militar. Kaya nga ang tawag natin sa budget na iyon ay “war budget” dahil talaga ang budget na ito ay gagamitin para mas supilin pa ang karapatan ng ating mamamayan. Papaigtingin iyong kanilang madugong kampanya laban sa droga na libu-libo na ang pinatay pero si Pangulong Duterte na rin mismo ang umaamin na failure ang anti-drug campaign nila sa kabila ng libo-libo ang napaslang sa kanilang kampanyang tokhang. Maging sa usapin ng kampanyang korapsyon, inamin na rin nila na failure ang anti-corruption campaign na iyan. Kaya't ito ay isang hamon sa atin—nararapat lang talagang busisihin natin, saan ba ginugugol itong ating limitado na ngang resources. Saan ito ginugugol? Ginugugol sa giyerang walang katuturan, sa giyera kontra sa mamamayan.

Kung matatandaan ninyo rin po, ngayong taon, sa susunod na budget, inaprubahan din at nasa GAA iyan, itong National Task Force to End the Local Communist Armed Conflict o NTF-ELCAC. Napakarami pong budget para diyan at ang nasa likod ng maramihang paghuli ngayong ay ang task force na ito na nabuo dahil sa Executive Order No. 70. Ito ho ang makikita natin, G. Ispiker, ang dapat pakatandaan ng kasalukuyang administrasyon, ang ginawang panunupil at paniniil sa ating sambayanan ay hindi nito mapipigil at bagkus,

mas lalo pang lalakas ang paglaban ng mamamayan kagaya noong ginawa laban sa diktador na si Marcos. Kaya kung ang purpose ng NTF-ELCAC is to end communist armed rebellion, sa ginagawa nito ngayon, it will not end the communist rebellion but it will only fuel and intensify the rebellion of our people dahil wala na masusulingan ang ating mamamayan.

Halimbawa sa Negros, alam naman natin kung gaanong napakahirap ng mga mamamayan diyan. Ang ipinaglalaban ng ating mga mahihirap na kababayan diyan ay usapin ng lupa pero ano ang naging tugon sa kanilang panawagan na ibigay sa kanila ang kanilang lupang sinasaka? Sagay massacre, na-massacre ang mga farmworkers sa Sagay. Ang mga manggagawang nanawagan na taasan ang kanilang sahod, ano ang naging katugunan? Ito, pinaghuhuli sila. Kaya saan pupunta ang ating mamamayan? Ito po ay hindi na bago. Itinuro na sa atin ng kasaysayan na kapag ganito ang nagiging sagot ng gobyerno at ng rehimen, mas lalong lalakas, mas lalong iigting ang magiging paglaban ng mamamayan sa ibang porma, G. Ispiker.

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, tama po, dapat pinangangalagaan talaga ang ating basic rights and civil liberties, lalong-lalo na iyong constitutional right natin to organize. Kung iyon po iyong kasalanan ng mga ikinulong at ngayong ay kinakasuhan sa Bacolod, Negros, malaki pong inhustisya sa ating bayan iyon, dobleng laki ng inhustisya sa ating bayan iyon.

Mr. Speaker, tuluyan nang lumapag ang martial law sa Visayas hanggang dito sa Kamaynilaan. Nitong October 31, nagsagawa ng raid ang pinagsamang puwersa ng Armed Forces of the Philippines at PNP sa mga bahay at opisina ng mga lehitimong progresibong organisasyon. Ultimo bisperas ng Undas, iyong nangyari na 57 aktibista sa Bacolod City ang iligal na inaresto at sinampahan ng gawa-gawang kaso, kasama si Anne Krueger na miyembro ng Paghimutad, isang alternative media outfit, at kasama rin ang mga hinuli sa opisina ang anim na menor de edad.

Sa Maynila, iligal na inaresto at tinaniman ng ebidensiya ang Chairperson ng GABRIELA—Metro Manila na si Cora Agovida at ang kanyang asawa na si Mickael Bartolome. Kasama rin sa dinakip ang kanilang mga anak—isang 10 taong gulang na bata at isang dalawang taong gulang na bata. Sumususong pa po iyong bata sa kanya pero inihiwalay po ito ngayong sa kanya at hanggang ngayong, hindi nakakatulog ang bata dahil nahihirapan na mawalay sa kanyang ina.

Tila nanunumbalik ang panahon kung saan target ng administrasyong patahamikin ang mga kritikal sa mga anti-mamamayang polisiya nito sa ilalim ng martial law sa Mindanao, Oplan Sauron sa Visayas at Oplan Kalasag sa Metro Manila. Ang Kinatawang ito ay naninindigan na hindi terorismo ang paglaban para sa demokrasya at soberaniya ng ating bansa. Sa ilalim ng

kasalukuyang Konstitusyon at mga batas, hindi krimen ang mag-organisa, hindi krimen ang maging aktibista at tumindig para sa karapatan ng mamamayan. Nakakabahala na kahit mismong si Secretary Martin Andanar ay hindi ipinag-iiba ang people's organizations at party-list groups na hindi armado sa armadong grupong NPA. Secretary Andanar said that of those arrested, over 60 were members of the communist terrorist group or the NPA. However, he also said that they are also merely affiliated with the NPA. Clearly, the Communications Chief of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict or NTF-ELCAC cannot even get his story straight. Isa lamang ang totoo sa statement ni Secretary Andanar—the illegal arrests were done upon the call of Pres. Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

Earlier, the PNP Officer-in-Charge, ito po iyong sinabi kanina, Police Lieutenant General Archie Francisco Gamboa said that those who were arrested should prove in court that the firearms allegedly found in the vicinity of the offices were planted. Mr. Speaker, hindi ba at ang PNP ang dapat mag-prove nito beyond reasonable doubt? Tuluyan na yatang nakalimutan ng ating kapulisan ang kanilang mandato at sila na mismo ang lumalabag sa batas sa walang habas na pag-aresto sa mga aktibista. Sila din ang nagpapalala sa kultura ng impunity at sumira sa kapayapaan ng mga komunidad.

Mr. Speaker, kahit patuloy ang pag-atake ng Estado sa mga aktibista at mga lehitimong organisasyon, hindang-hindi magagapi ang diwa ng mga mamamayang lumalaban. Ang GABRIELA Women's Party, kasama ang malawak na hanay ng mga masa, ay patuloy na titindig laban sa anumang porma ng karahasan at paglabag sa karapatang pantao.

Maraming salamata po, G. Ispiker. Maraming salamata, G. Ispiker.

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamata, Kgg. Arlene Brosas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Hon. France L. Castro of ACT TEACHERS Party-List for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Hon. France Castro is recognized for her interpellation.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Maraming salamata, Mr. Speaker. Una sa lahat, sinusuportahan ko po ang privilege speech ng ating kagalang-galang na Rep. Carlos Zarate kaugnay noong tinatawag nating crackdown laban sa mga progresibong grupo na tanging ginagawa lamang ay

ilantad, i-expose, labanan ang mga anti-mamamayan ng gobyernong ito na siyang nagbubunga ng pagpapahirap sa ating mga mamamayan.

Iyong atin po bang tagapagsalita, would he yield to some clarificatory questions, Mr. Speaker?

REP. ZARATE. Puwede po, G. Ispiker.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Sa usapin pong ligal, Mr. Speaker, iyong tinatawag natin o iyong binanggit po kanina ng Kagalang-galang na Zarate tungkol doon sa lumilipad na search warrant o iyong sinasabing search warrant na nanggaling mula sa Maynila at na-apply doon sa Bacolod, ito po ba, Mr. Ispiker, kagalang-galang na Tagapagsalita ay mayroong ligal na batayan?

REP. ZARATE. Well, sa atin pong pagkakaalam, G. Ispiker, sa Rules of Court, generally, ang talagang nag-i-issue ng search warrant ay iyong huwes mula sa lugar kung saan ang sinasabing krimen ay nangyayari, pero mayroon hong isang amyenda sa Rules of Court na ginawa ang Korte Suprema na binigyan ng kapangyarihan ang Executive Judges ng Regional Trial Courts of Manila and Quezon City in some cases na mag-issue ng warrant kahit ho hindi sakop sa kanilang area of jurisdiction or area of responsibility at ito ay sa mga kaso ng droga at maging sa kaso ng illegal possession of firearms. Sa aking palagay ay ito iyong ginamit na chapa o katuwiran o justification ng CIDG at ng Army kaya dito sila nag-apply ng search warrant sa Regional Trial Court ng Quezon City na kaagad namang ibinigay ng Executive Judge ng Quezon City, G. Ispiker.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Thank you po, G. Zarate. Tama po kayo, ano, mayroon ngang administrative order ang Supreme Court kaugnay doon sa pag-issue ng search warrant pero mayroon din po ditong nakalagay na responsibilidad at mabigat na tungkulin mula sa husgado na dapat ay magpapakita ito ng tinatawag natin o hindi basta-basta nag-a-apply ng search warrant unless ito ay aprub or iyong application ay approved ng chief ng agency na nag-a-apply. Tama po ba ito, G. Tagapagsalita, G. Ispiker?

REP. ZARATE. Tama po, G. Ispiker. Ayon sa administrative order na itinakda ng Kataas-taasang Hukuman, dahil exception to the rule ang mga ganito na application of warrant na wala sa territorial jurisdiction ng isang Regional Trial Court judge, kailangan ang application ay na-endorse mismo or may consent or approval noong pinuno ng isang ahensiya. In this case, dapat iyong nag-apply ng warrant ay ang PNP at dapat mayroon itong approval ng kasalukuyang OIC ng Philippine National Police na si General Gamboa, G. Ispiker.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Sa initial po ba na ating pag-iimbestiga, lalong-lalo na iyong mga legal minds at sa iba't-ibang mga organisasyon, ano po ba ang nakita rito? Mayroon po bang ganoon na pag-issue ang ahensiya o si OIC Gamboa kaugnay nito?

REP. ZARATE. Well, iyon po ang, G. Ispiker, ay atin pang susuriin at sa katunayan, magiging bahagi iyan ng ating ipinanukalang imbestigasyon sa nangyaring ito sa Negros. Maging ganunpaman, kahit ho sabihin na nating ito ay may endorsement o pagkunsinti o approval ng OIC ng PNP, sinasabi rin po sa administrative order na iyan na kailangang maging prudent and, in fact, ito rin ang sinabi ng bagong itinalagang Punong Mahistrado na dahil exception to the rule ito ay dapat na mapanuri at hindi iyong ordinary diligence lang ng isang huwes ang gagamitin rito upang talagang suriin kung mayroong batayan at dahilan na mag-issue siya ng warrant outside of the territorial jurisdiction, Quezon City, at ang warrant na ito ay i-implement sa Bacolod or sa Negros.

Ang isa lang po nating gustong irehistro rin dito, at ito ay napaulat na rin, ay gusto nating tanungin kung bakit isang araw bago maimplementa ang warrant na ito ay nakita, at naka-post naman ito sa social media, na si Judge Villavert, ang Executive Judge ng RTC Quezon City, sa opisina niya ay binisita siya ni Brig. Gen. Debold Sinas? Ang sinabi nila ay nag-courtesy call lang daw si Brig. Gen. Debold Sinas sa Regional Trial Court Executive Judge. Ang ating pinupunto rito ay iyong propriety. Ano ang pinag-usapan nila? Talaga bang ito ay isang simpleng social visit lamang o courtesy call, o pinag-usapan nila ang napipintong implementasyon ng search warrant na issued ng RTC Executive Judge ng Quezon City sa Bacolod na nagresulta nga ngayon sa walang-awa, at dapat punahin at dapat i-denounce, na pag-aresto sa 57 inosenteng mga leader ng mga magsasaka at inosenteng mga sibilyan sa pangyayaring ito. Napag-alaman pa namin, G. Ispiker, na ang RTC Executive Judge na ito ay siya ring nag-issue ng search warrant doon naman sa nabanggit kanina ni Kgg. Arlene Brosas na ni-raid din ang bahay, halos magkasabay na araw, ng leader ng GABRIELA. Ang pag-raid sa bahay ng leader ng GABRIELA ay umaga ginawa, base sa search warrant din na issued ng Executive Judge ng Quezon City pero ang ni-raid na bahay ay nasa Manila. The same judge ang nag-issue ng search warrant na ito kaya ang atin ngang panawagan ay kahit nandiyan pa iyan sa Rules of Court, dapat siguro ay suriin at repasuhin ito ng Korte Suprema at tingnan kung na-weaponize na ang partikular na rule na ito na binigyan ng karapatan ang mga judges outside of their territorial jurisdiction na mag-issue ng search warrant or arrest warrant sa ibang lugar na hindi naman nila nasasakupan, G. Ispiker.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Okay. Thank you po.

Mr. Speaker, may nakikita po tayong pare-parehong padron o pattern sa pag-institute ng search warrant mula po noong isang taon doon sa Guihulngan, Canlaon kung saan naging madugo and in fact, iyong pag-issue ng search warrant ay nagbunga ng pagbuwis ng buhay ng mga magsasaka at iba pang bayan sa Negros. Nagiging parehong padron ang nakikita natin sa mga opisina ng mga progresibong organisasyon pero dito nga lang ay hindi namatay iyong kanilang mga dinakip.

Ganoon din po ba ang obserbasyon ng Kinatawag Zarate dito sa nangyayaring ito doon sa pagpapatupad ng Memorandum Order No. 32 ng ating gobyerno?

REP. ZARATE. Tama po kayo, G. Ispiker. Gaya ho ng nabanggit ko kanina, lumalabas ngayon—maliban sa Mindanao na kung saan ito ay nasa ilalim pa rin ng batas militar halos magtatatlong taon na—ang sumunod na naging biktima ng tiraniya sa ilalim ng administrasyong ito at ang ginagawa ngayong parang laboratory sa kanilang counter-insurgency campaign, itong tinatawag nilang whole-of-nation approach sa ilalim ng Executive Order No. 70 dito nga sa isla ng Negros na mula pa noong nakaraang taon, sa huling bahagi ng nakaraang taon at hanggang sa kasalukuyan, sa ilalim ng Memorandum Order No. 32 ay pinaigting ang operasyon ng pulis at militar at marami na hong napatay, nahuli at nasampahan ng mga gawa-gawang kaso, at ganoon din po ang pattern gaya ng nabanggit ko kanina.

Noong magsagawa ng SEMPO or military operation ang Region VII PNP na dati ay nasa pamumuno rin ni Brig. Gen. Debold Sinas, ang search warrants na issued ay hindi ho galing sa mga korte ng nasa Negros. Doon ho sila nag-apply ng search warrant sa isang judge na naka-base sa siyudad ng Cebu at ito ang ginamit nila noong pumunta sila sa mga iba't-ibang bahagi ng lungsod ng Negros noong December 2018, na nagresulta rin sa pagkahuli at pagkamatay ng mga magsasaka at iba't-ibang mga lider ng mga iba't-ibang organisasyon. Inulit nila ito noong March 2019 na kung saan ay ni-raid nila ang Canlaon City, Escalante at iba pang lugar sa Negros na nagresulta sa pagkapaslang ng 14 katao.

So, iyon po ang nakita naming padron. Mula sa lokal na mga lider ng mga organisasyon ay nag-level up na ho sila ngayon at ang hinuli nila ay mga lider sa rehiyon, regional leaders, ng iba't-ibang organisasyon katulad ng aming partido, ang BAYAN MUNA, na hinuli ang aming Regional Coordinator na si Romulo Bito-on at ang mga regional leaders ng National Federation of Sugar Workers, GABRIELA, Karapatan, ang Kilusang Mayo Uno at ang Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas. Kaya po, kung titingnan natin ang padron na ito na ginagawa sa lokal at rehiyon ay hindi malayong may niluluto rin na ganitong klaseng operasyon ang pulis at militar para ang mga lider nasyonal ng iba't-ibang progresibong organisasyon at mga aktibista ay

ipasailalim din nila sa mga ganitong gawa-gawang kaso at mga pag-a-apply ng mga walang basehan na mga search warrants mula sa iba't ibang korte. Sa kasalukuyan po, maraming mga lider ng mga iba't-ibang organisasyon ang nakakulong dahil sinampahan sila ng mga non-bailable offenses at talaga hong ginagawa, G. Ispiker, ang weaponization ng ating batas. Mayroon ho akong kilalang consultants, isa si Rita Espinosa, at sila ay mga consultants ng NFSW. Sila ay taga-Negros, si Rita Espinosa at si Ben Quilloy, pero ang search warrant o ang warrant of arrest na ginamit para sila ay hulihin ay issued ng korte ng Agusan del Sur pero hindi pa nga sila nakatapak sa lugar na iyon dahil sila ay mga development workers na naka-base sa Negros.

Ang padron ho na ito ay inihahayag natin dito sa Kapulungan o dinadala namin sa Kapulungang ito dahil nagiging pattern na ito para tugisin ng kasalukuyang administrasyon hindi lang ang mga miyembro ng progresibong grupo ang mga aktibista, kundi maging ang mga kritiko ng kasalukuyang administrasyon. Ito po ay dapat nating labanan. Hindi ho natin puwedeng sabihin na, "Anyway, mga aktibista naman iyang hinuli" dahil kapag hahayaan ho natin na salaulain at walanghiyain ang ating mga batas ay baka sa susunod na panahon po, hindi na lang sa mga aktibista gagamitin ito at gagamitin na rin itong pagsasalaula sa ating mga batas maging sa ating mga ordinaryong mamamayan, G. Ispiker.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Ginamit din itong padron doon sa war on drugs, doon sa tokhang style na kung saan marami ding mga napababalita na mga tanim ebidensiya ng shabu at ilegal na mga baril, mga itinanim doon sa mga bangkay na pinatay o pinapatay ng mga pulis kaugnay doon sa kanilang war on drugs.

Sa panghuling tanong, Mr. Speaker, si Secretary Andanar ng PCOO, na siya ring tagapagsalita nitong National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, buong pagmamalaki na sinabi niya that the raid was conducted in a lawful, safe, quick and precise manner as a result of close coordination with the agencies of NTF-ELCAC at sinabi niya pa that what they confiscated were legally obtained. So, ito po, Mr. Speaker, ang huling katanungan ko po, ito pong mga tanim ebidensiya na nakikita po natin na padron ay nagiging—ano na ito, kung baga, habit na ito ng ating mga kapulisan para magsampa ng mga gawa-gawang kaso. Doon po sa sinabi ninyo, G. Zarate, nakita natin dito, at sinabi na ninyo ito kanina, na iyon po ang sinasabi rin ng kapulisan madalas, at sinabi na rin ni OIC Gamboa, na ito daw po na nangyaring raid ay training daw po ng mga NPA. Bakit po, sino po ba iyong mga hinuli na mga naririto sa raid ng 57 katao na ito? Totoo ba na doon sa ating profiling ng 57 na sinasabing mga NPA, kasi buong pagmamalaki na sinasabi nila na mga

NPA daw sila, ano ba ang mga profile ng mga ito, G. Ispiker?

REP. ZARATE. Salamat po sa inyong katanungan. Nakakatawa pero nakakapanggalit po na paratangan na ganoon iyong ating mga kasamahan. Gaya po ng nabanggit ko kanina, iyong mga hinuli nila doon sa compound na ni-raid nila ay mayroon hong mga lider na mga magsasaka at manggagawa doon, mga human rights defenders, at mayroon din hong mga kabataan na noong kapanahunan na iyon ay nagsasanay sila sa isang pangkulturang presentasyon na gagawin sana nila sa mga darating na araw. In fact, noong panahon na iyon ay mayroon ring mga manggagawa, pati drayber at konduktor ng Ceres Bus, at nandoon sila for consultation dahil alam naman po natin, at ito ay nahayag, na nagkaroon ngayon ng problema sa pinakamalaking bus company sa buong Asya, ang Ceres, at nandoon iyong mga manggagawa para konsultahin sila. Noong mangyari nga iyong pag-raid, lahat nang makitang nandoon ay pinaghuhuli ng mga pulis at ang script nila ay nagti-training daw doon para maging NPA. Saan ka ba naman po nakakita na nasa gitna mismo ng siyudad ay magti-training sa isang compound at iyong compound na iyan ay hindi naman itinatago?

Ako po ay madalas pumupunta sa compound na iyan, sa opisina ng BAYAN MUNA, at diyan po ginaganap ang mga interbyu ng mga media. Diyan po pumupunta iyong mga ordinaryong mamamayan kung mayroon silang idudulog na problema, pagkatapos ngayon, ay sasabihin nila na doon nagti-training itong 57 at mayroong armory doon dahil napakarami hong mga baril at ng mga granada.

Kaya po minsan ay naiisip namin na dapat siguro itong mga tiwaling miyembro ng kapulisan at ng militar, mali ho ang pinasukan nilang ahensiya. Mahilig pala silang magtanim kaya dapat po nandoon sila siguro sa Department of Agriculture or iyong iba ay dapat nasa Department of Natural Resources and Environment dahil mahilig ho silang mag-recycle. Ito naman ay hindi natin gawa-gawa. Lumalabas ito sa ilang mga pagdinig na ni-recycle iyong mga nakuhang shabu ng mga ninja cops, so, paano ho magiging matagumpay ang kampanya laban sa droga dahil sa mga gawaing ito ng mga tiwaling miyembro ng kapulisan at ng mga militar? Sa kaso ng Negros, para lang supilin ang lumalakas na paglaban ng mamamayan, lalong-lalo na diyan sa Negros, ay ginagawan sila ng mga ganitong walang batayan at walang basehan na mga kaso.

Gaya po ng nabanggit ko, Kagalang-galang na Castro, ito po ay hindi bago dahil nangyari na rin ito sa ating kasaysayan at tila bagang hindi nag-aral ng kasaysayan ang ating mga kapulisan at militar at maging ang administrasyong ito. Ang mga ganitong klaseng pagkilos ay lalo lamang magpapaalab sa diwang mapanlaban ng ating mga mamamayan at

lalo lamang lalakas ang kanilang pagsusumikap na kailangan talagang baguhin na ang umiiral na sistema sa ating bayan na kung saan ay tuloy-tuloy pa rin ang ganitong paniniil, tuloy-tuloy pa rin ang walang hustisya at walang pagkakapantay-pantay ng ating mga mamamayan.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat Kagalang-galang na Zarate.

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat din po, Kagalang-galang na France Castro, G. Ispiker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of Hon. Carlos Zarate, including the interpellations thereon, to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of Congressman Zarate, including the interpellations thereon, is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I now move that Rep. Adriano A. Ebcas from the AKO PADAYON Party-List be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Congressman Ebcas is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. EBCAS

REP. EBCAS. Honorable Speaker, my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives, good evening.

I stand before all of you today because I cannot bear to keep quiet on the plight of our people. I rise here to tell a story that is familiar to all of us in the midst of the immense suffering due to the recent ecological disasters in Mindanao. Less than a week ago, an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.5 had wreaked havoc in different parts of Mindanao, causing casualties that continue to increase in number. Just yesterday, Sunday, 3 November 2019, at 2:05 p.m., Tulunan, Cotabato once again experienced a 4.4 magnitude earthquake.

We, the Power Bloc Representatives of the rural electric cooperatives and member-consumer owners, stand in solidarity with the victims of this catastrophe that led to the death of more than 20 people, injury

of more than 300, destruction of local communities, obliteration of national roads and infrastructure, and massive displacement of families in some areas. The Power Bloc calls for assistance in helping the victims as we cater to their needs because operations and public services were derailed by the impact of the earthquake. Our people are suffering as this displacement has posed potential threats to their overall well-being and they are now facing uncertainty of survival.

Electric cooperatives, unsurprisingly, were also at the receiving end of this catastrophe. As these earthquakes jolted roads and infrastructures, they ultimately put a burden to electricity distribution utilities whose mandate is to provide reliable energy supply. Allow me to put this into perspective and give you an update on the situation and operations of our electric cooperatives in Mindanao which were subjected to the destructive earthquakes. As of 31 October 2019, 13 out of 18 local government units in Cotabato Province and two out of 12 LGUs in Sultan Kudarat experienced power outages as recorded by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

According to the Cotabato Electric Cooperative, their linemen are in the process of repairing power distribution lines and restoring power supply in the affected barangays; however, some remain untouched due to the threats of landslides. In Barangay Makilala, power supply is still not viable as eight sitios are still affected by landslides, making it unfeasible for the residents to return to their respective homes. Up to this moment, the following sitios are still isolated and suffer from loss of power supply: Sitio San Isidro, Sitio New Bulatukan, Sitio Sta. Cruz New Bulatukan, Sitio Tumbo Old Bulatukan, Sitio Darapuyay, Rodero, Cabilao Area, Sta. Cruz, New Cebu, Luayon, Batasan, Biangan, Garsika, Tribal Village, New Israel, Malungon, Bato, Sitio Mainit, Sta. Filomena and Indangan, Kidapawan. The COTELCO is still waiting for advice from the LGU before conducting further measures to alleviate the situation as these areas are affected by landslides.

Meanwhile, Davao del Sur Electric Cooperative has reported the distribution of generators to evacuation centers in the Municipality of Magsaysay. Power outages are also evident in some barangays because of toppled posts and dysfunctional electric wires caused by the strong earthquake. In Magsaysay, the Municipality of Bansalan as well as the City of Digos, the residents thereat are suffering so much from the trauma that they choose to sleep outside of their homes up until last night in the fear of being tackled down by their very own homes. This is aggravated by the fact that just yesterday, another earthquake struck them. Add that to the absence of electricity in the area, the residents are left in a state of distress and helplessness.

At this time of distress, we are not only of service to the people by distributing first aid and relief goods,

but we also become of service to them when we stand with our heads up high and embody a strong and resilient leader who radiates confidence that we will make it through and we can make it better. I say this, Mr. Speaker, because no less than one of our party-list Congressmen, Godofredo Guya of RECOBODA, chose to serve our unfortunate member-consumers in Davao today. He provides the much-needed assistance there, as well as viable leadership to the constituent communities which are also member-consumers of the electric cooperatives that he represents. Kailangan po nating palakasin ang loob ng ating mga kapwa who have been suffering from this traumatic experience, and we thank our leaders and their staff who fearlessly and unconditionally dedicate themselves to serve our people. Maraming, maraming salamat po.

In light of these challenges to our electric cooperatives, being non-stock and non-profit in nature, electric cooperatives are now facing threats to financial security as a way to cope with these losses to address the crisis in the fastest way possible. The lack of electricity does not merely equate to a loss of revenue for the local and national economy, but it also robs the people of their basic need of access to electricity and basic human decency. When a natural disaster occurs, electric cooperatives remain at the forefront and our linemen, who are also affected by the same disaster, are expected to be resilient and restore power for their communities. Suffice to say, that the electric cooperatives are compelled to secure funds in order to restore normalcy in the lives of the people affected by these devastating acts of nature. In practice, they secure calamity loans from the National Electrification Administration which, in the long run, turn into long-term loans. To pay off these financial obligations, these costs are eventually passed on to member-consumer-owners who, aside from coping with the sudden shift of their circumstances, will now be facing the dilemma of having to shoulder spiking power rates.

I end my speech today with the hope that I get these messages across: (1) our expression of gratitude towards and solidarity with our electric cooperatives, our warriors of light; (2) our earnest imploration to everyone from this august Chamber to support us as we stand with Mindanao and our electric cooperatives. As we, the Power Bloc Representatives, vow to protect the electric cooperatives and member-consumer-owners, we will stand here to call on each and every one of us to extend our helping and able hands. We cannot turn a blind eye to the tragedy that struck them. As resilient as we are as Filipino people, these times call for desperate measures and we cannot stay by the sidelines. There is a task at hand and we need to do it now.

To the electric cooperatives which are exerting efforts and doing everything they can to help our member-consumer-owners, thank you for your service.

You are testament to the spirit of resilience among Filipinos. To the people, mga kababayan, ayaw kamo ug kabalaka, kay wala kamong nag-inusara. ‘Wag kayong mag-alala, hindi kayo mag-iisa.

Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of Hon. Adriano Ebcas of the AKO PADAYON Party-List to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of Congressman Ebcas is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we extend the Privilege Hour for another 20 minutes.

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

The Privilege Hour is extended for another 20 minutes.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I now move that we recognize Hon. Presley C. De Jesus of the PHILRECA Party-List to deliver—to avail rather of this Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Hon. Presley De Jesus of PHILRECA is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DE JESUS

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, to my dear colleagues and guests here today, maraming salamat po for letting this humble Representation speak on behalf of our brothers and sisters of the electric cooperatives in Mindanao who also have suffered great losses from the multiple devastating earthquakes that struck the provinces these past couple of weeks. Our deepest empathies go out to the Mindanaoans whose lives were suddenly put to a halt and were left in a precarious state.

Today, I stand before everyone in this House and before all of our kababayans in Mindanao to appeal to our leadership for guidance and action on a matter concerning our fellow public servants in Mindanao, the electric cooperatives. Mr. Speaker, may it be known that I also echo the sentiment of my colleague who delivered his speech before me. Our electric

cooperatives which vowed to serve the public by providing reliable electricity to all parts of the country, including the far-flung sitios in remote areas, are also in desperate need of our help now more than ever. In this crisis that we now face, they need the kind of help that would enable them to restore their services to their member-consumer-owners, the Filipino people. That kind of help that would help them get up on their feet to pursue their commitment to their fellowmen, the kind of help that will lift the heavy burden pushed down upon them in this time of stress and confusion, and the kind of help that we as their Representatives, their voices, can do something about.

Mr. Speaker, my dear friends and colleagues in this august Chamber, we all have seen the devastation that the series of earthquakes had brought upon our unfortunate brothers and sisters in Mindanao. A hotel in Kidapawan, as we may have seen in the photos and videos that circulated through social media, was tragically defaced as it violently crumbled down into rubble. A mall in General Santos was also no exception as it swayed left and right, causing terror to the workers and mall-goers who were there. What is more alarming is the fact that the very residences of our people also greatly suffered as the earthquakes rocked the provinces repeatedly in a span of just two weeks. I pray that the earthquakes and aftershocks would cease. We all fervently pray for that.

This brings me to my first point, Mr. Speaker, but I beg your indulgence as I shift to a more pragmatic tone that we, as national policy-makers, serve as the pillars of strength of our people especially in times of crises. This compels us to not let our emotions get the best of us which, in turn, would allow us to think clearly as we do our best to light the way so that our people could find the right direction.

Mr. Speaker, due to the destruction of these buildings and settlements, the supply of electricity to these areas is inevitably halted and as a result, the sales of the electric cooperatives significantly drop. In the application of a basic economic equation, a drop in sales means less financial resources to carry out their daily operations. Now, if we couple this with the added burden of restoring the destroyed infrastructure, our electric cooperatives are truly at loss here and with them being public utilities, we cannot leave them on their own.

When one of our legs get caught up in a wire, we do not cut off the leg but we cut off the wire. This I say, Mr. Speaker, because we believe that there are metaphorical “wires” that we can pull aside so as not to hinder the electric cooperatives in recuperating for Mindanao. First, there is this thing we call capital recovery fee, a fixed monthly fee that the electric cooperatives pay to the power generation companies to recover the costs that these generation companies incurred as a capital investment in putting up the power plants.

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, this humble Representation believes that one way to help our electric cooperatives and empower them to rise back up to their feet is to make sure that they have enough resources to do so and for that, we, the four Representatives of the electric cooperatives of the country, are calling upon the concerned power generation companies to look into possibly waiving the capital recovery fee until the electric cooperatives are strong enough, once again, to return back to their operations. We hope that the generation companies, although profit-oriented in nature, could work hand-in-hand with us as we re-ignite our sense of bayanihan.

Bayanihan, ladies and gentlemen, is the culture and practice ingrained in Filipinos—resilient Filipinos.

This brings me to my second point. The National Electrification Administration or NEA, through their Quick Respond Fund or QRF, was able to provide about P398,000,000 for the rehabilitation of the power infrastructure that succumbed to the 2018 typhoon Ompong. When President Duterte signed Republic Act No. 11039, the Act Creating the Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund in the same year, it was under the wisdom that the absence of electric services after a fortuitous event is a national security issue that must be addressed and as such, the immediate restoration of power is of utmost priority. This fund is created specifically for the use of electric cooperatives because they are the primary entities that are tasked to distribute electricity to the households. This special fund also ensures that electricity distribution will be more resilient, as the name implies, against disaster because it is lawfully mandated to serve this specific purpose, therefore allowing the speedy facilitation and disbursement of funds to the qualified electric cooperatives. The fund for the rehabilitation of the electric cooperatives’ distribution facilities will always be there at their disposal, or so we thought.

We received information from the NEA or the National Electrification Administration, Mr. Speaker, that the initial P750,000,000 funding as expressly stipulated in RA 11039 has never been transferred to them. The NEA, for everyone’s information, is the entity that is mandated by the same law to manage and administer this fund to the electric cooperatives. The law was passed on June 29, 2018 and its implementing rules and regulations was signed in January 2019. Considering the amount of time, as well as the urgency of this matter, one would think that this fund has already been processed and is already accessible to our electric cooperatives. It really is unfortunate that this is not the case, and together, we beg the questions: What happened? What is happening? What will happen?

All we are trying to say here is that we must be forward-looking on this matter, and that we must always choose measures that safeguard us in times of urgency.

This is why we call on the appropriate authorities to look into how we can make this fund finally available, consistently sufficient and commensurate to the cost of the infrastructure being destroyed by fortuitous events such as earthquakes. We call on the policymakers to look into how we can make this fund always ready and always accessible. Bayanihan lamang po. Let us all work together to help our aggrieved brothers and sisters who have suffered and are in no disposition to lift themselves up yet. Magtulongan po tayó.

This is us asking and begging the government to look into how we can make this fund, which our people in Mindanao certainly need, available at the soonest time possible. Allow me to go back to the pressing matter we have at hand: how we as public servants alike and in our quest for bayanihan, can help each other in restoring electricity to the people. I mentioned the Emergency and Resiliency Fund for electric cooperatives because this is precisely the circumstance the law was preparing us for. Now that we do have the law that authorizes the fund, we can respond to this tragedy with promptness. This is why we, the four Representatives of the electric cooperatives and member-consumer-owners, the warriors of light, call on the national government, the National Electrification Administration and the other agencies tasked to make this mission possible for the swift disbursement of the Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund to the affected electric cooperatives in Mindanao so that these can start rebuilding the power lines in their communities which had been compromised due to the series of earthquakes that plagued the provinces recently.

Let me just reiterate that reliable and continuous electricity as viewed by the lawmakers who created this law is indispensable to national security. Likewise, we call on the electric cooperatives to let the NEA help them on this matter and we call on them to stand by their member-consumer-owners as they try to stand on their own two feet once again through doing what they do best: providing reliable electricity and being socially responsive citizens. We want them to know that we stand by them, as we do with their member consumers in this dark time of our lives. We hope that with our might, our bayanihan, our innate optimism as Filipinos, we can together ignite the light and lead our people to recovery.

We support the President, the congressional leadership, the local chief executives, and even the community leaders in their efforts to rebuild Mindanao. We pray that each and everyone of us can empathize with the people as we try to put ourselves in their shoes. We pray that all of us now know the consequences of not having stable electricity in our communities.

We, the representatives of PHILRECA, RECOBODA, APEC and AKO PADAYON PILIPINO, stand hand-in-hand to shed light on the needs of the

electric cooperatives that we represent and the Filipino public that they serve. Together, let us bring back the smiles and the light on the eyes of the Mindanaoans.

Maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc of the APEC Party-List for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Cong. Sergio Dagooc of APEC Party-List is recognized.

REP. DAGOOC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to the honorable PHILRECA Representative, would you yield to a few questions from this Representation?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DAGOOC. Thank you. You mentioned that the Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund Act has been in effect but has never been funded. Is that correct?

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

REP. DAGOOC. Mr. Speaker, under Republic Act No. 11039, is there a specific funding given by Congress to the Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund?

REP. DE JESUS. Yes, Mr. Speaker. In fact, according to Section 9 of that law, it is stated:

The sum of Seven hundred fifty million pesos (P750,000,000.00) for the initial implementation of this Act shall be taken from the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund. Thereafter, such amounts necessary for the sustainable implementation of the ECERF shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

REP. DAGOOC. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleague, as you mentioned during your privilege speech, this law was signed in 2018. Was there any funding since that year and until Fiscal Year 2019?

REP. DE JESUS. There is none, Mr. Speaker, none at all.

REP. DAGOOC. How about this budget for Fiscal Year 2020?

REP. DE JESUS. As far as I know, Mr. Speaker, it is only P100,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2020. It is so short compared to the P700,000,000 supposed to be the initial funding for the Resiliency Fund.

REP. DAGOOC. Mr. Speaker, this is very unfortunate, because Congress in all its wisdom had already passed a law, Republic Act No. 11039, to create a separate and distinct fund called the ECERF. It even identified a fund source to make sure that this is allocated correctly. However, due to reasons unknown to me, the NDRRMC and maybe even the Department of Budget and Management have not done their duty to transfer this fund.

The Seventeenth Congress created a law but it has not been implemented by the Executive Department and now, we are facing disasters and we are ill-equipped to handle these because of the laziness amounting to even negligence by the Executive. Binalewala nila iyong batas na ipinasa ng Kongreso.

So, Mr. Speaker, I agree with what you said that we should make sure that this fund is finally available and consistently sufficient. I will be filing a resolution to ask the Committee on Energy for a hearing on this matter. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleague, would you support me on this?

REP. DE JESUS. On behalf of the 121 strong electric cooperatives, we will fully support you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DAGOOC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hopefully, Congress will take note of this matter as there is a real need to bolster the Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund and there is a need to implement the law that Congress had passed.

Thank you.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of Hon. Presley De Jesus, including the interpellation, to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

I so move.

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

The speech of Cong. Presley De Jesus, including the interpellation, is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

recognize Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat of BAYAN MUNA Party-List to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Representative Cullamat of BAYAN MUNA Party-List is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CULLAMAT

REP. CULLAMAT. Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

Sa mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, magandang gabi sa ating lahat. Nais ko pong ipabatid ang nakakalungkot na kalagayan ng mga katutubo. Mr. Speaker, hindi marunong bumasa, hindi marunong magsulat, hindi marunong magbilang. Sa karaniwan ay ganito ang katutubong Pilipino. Sa mahabang panahon ay nanatiling ganito ang katutubong Pilipino: walang edukasyon. Sa mahabang panahon, nanatiling ganito ang katutubong Pilipino: mangmang. Sa mahabang panahon ay ninais ng mga negosyong minahan, trosohan at dambuhalang plantasyon at maging ang mga pamahalaan na manatiling ganito ang katutubong Pilipino: madaling maloko.

Walang edukasyon, mangmang, madaling maloko. Pinanatiling ganito sa napakahabang panahon ang isang katutubong Pilipino. Bakit?

Wala kaming paaralan. Lugmok kami sa kahirapan. Naglipana ang mga negosyong minahan, trosohan at dambuhalang plantasyon na nagnanais kumontrol ng aming lupaing ninuno at dambungin ang likas na yaman—ang lahat ng likas-yaman na naririto: mina, yamang-tubig, yamang-enerhiya, mga endemic na species ng iba’t ibang hayop, ibon, halaman at iba pa.

Sa kabila nito ay hindi nagpagupo ang mga katutubong Pilipino. Sinisikap turuan ng aming mga ninuno ang kanilang mga anak upang linangin ang katutubong kaalaman at pang-unawa sa kapaligiran, pagtanim, pagpapamilya, medisina at iba pa. Ang mga katutubong kaalaman at pang-unawa dito ay sinikap din ng mga supling ng aming mga ninuno na ipasa sa susunod na mga salinlahi. Napananatili naming mga katutubo ang aming kultura, identidad at katutubong kaalaman at pang-unawa sa pamamagitan ng pagpapamana nito sa mga susunod na salinlahi. Pinaunlad namin ito sa aming sariling kakayahan at pagsisikap. Ito ay isang matibay na tagumpay. Kaya naming mga katutubo na magbigay ng edukasyon sa aming salinlahi. Kaya naming mga katutubo na labanan ang kamangmangan, kahirapan at pagsasamantala ng mga negosyanteng minahan, trosohan at dambuhalang plantasyon. Kayang-kaya namin ito, may tulong man o wala sa pamahalaan.

Sa katunayan, nakapagpatayo kaming mga Lumad ng 215 na Lumadnong paaralan sa Mindanao. Ang mga

Lumadnong paaralang ito ay sinikap at pinahirapang itayo naming mga Lumad sapagkat alam namin na walang matibay na tulong na maaasahan sa pamahalaan pagdating sa tulong edukasyon. Sa mahabang panahon nga ay hindi pinapansin ng pamahalaan ang edukasyon naming mga katutubo.

Walang ipinagkaiba sa mga paaralan sa kapatagan na nagtuturo ng batayang edukasyon na itinuturo ng Department of Education ang mga kurikulum sa mga Lumadnong paaralan. Malamang ay mas nakahihigit pa dito ang mga aralin ng mga Lumadnong paaralan dahil ang mga ito ay nakaangkop sa kultura at kapaligirang katutubo. Wala ritong bastusan ng katutubong identidad, walang sistema ng pagtuturo na hiwalay sa katutubong kaalaman at pang-unawa. Ito ang Lumadnong paaralan. Ganito ang edukasyon sa mga paaralang Lumad. Angkop na angkop sa katutubong pangangailangan. Ang aming paaralan ay ang aming pagkakakilanlan.

Buhay na bantayog ang mga Lumadnong paaralang ito ng kagustuhan naming matuto. Hindi magigibang patotoo ang mga Lumadnong paaralang ito na kaya ng mga katutubong komunidad na magtayo at magpatakbo ng mga paaralan na nagtuturo ng edukasyong angkop sa pangangailangan ng mga katutubo—may tulong man o wala ng gobyerno. G. Ispiker, nang naitayo ang mga paaralan sa aming mga komunidad, ramdam namin ang pag-unlad ng aming ekonomiya dahil napaunlad namin ang aming produksiyon ng pagkain. Kitang-kita din namin ang kaibahan sa mga bata na marunong na magsulat, magbasa at magbilang.

G. Ispiker, may karapatan kaming pasiglahin, gamitin, paunlarin at ipasa sa susunod na henerasyon ang aming mga kasaysayan, wika, oral na tradisyon, pilosopiya, sistema ng pagsulat at literatura. Noong October 8, 2019, ang Department of Education–Region XI ay nag-utos na ipasara ang 54 Lumad schools na Salugpongan Ta' Tanu Igkanogon Community Learning Center, Inc., sa Davao Region. Ginawa nila ito sa mismong buwan ng Oktubre, ang Buwan ng mga Katutubo. Noong July 10, 2019 nang maghain na i-suspende ang Salugpongan batay lang sa mga gawa-gawang tsismis ni Hermogenes Esperon na nag-aakusang ang mga paaralan ay nagtuturo diumano ng paggamit ng mga baril at hindi daw nagtuturo batay sa kurikulum ng Department of Education. Hindi binigyan ng due process ang pamunuan ng Salugpongan sa mga akusasyong ito bago sila naglabas ng suspension order. Sa kasalukuyan ay aabot na sa 136 na mga paaralang Lumad ang naipasara sa ilalim ng martial law sa Mindanao na nakaapekto sa mahigit 3,600 na mga estudyante. Hindi pa dito kasama ang 273 kaso ng pandarahas at pananakot sa mga guro, estudyante at magulang, at ang malawakan at sapilitang paggamit sa kanila bilang mga pekeng rebelde na diumano ay napasuko nila.

G. Ispiker, mayroon nang 13 na kaso ng pagpaslang, 49 na pagsampa ng gawa-gawang kaso sa mga guro, 21 na kaso sa pagsara at pagwasak ng mga imprastruktura sa mga paaralan, at 40 na kaso ang pagbakwit na nakaapekto sa mahigit 18,000 na mga Lumad sa buong Mindanao. Ito ang nakakagalit na epekto ng utos ng DepEd na ipasara ang Lumad schools sa Davao Region. Ito ba ang ipinagmamalaki ng DepEd na lahat ay nakakapag-aral na? Ito ba ang ipinagmamalaki ng ahensiya na ang edukasyon ay para sa lahat ng mamamayang Pilipino?

G. Ispiker, napakaraming Lumad na gustong maging edukado sapagkat batid nila na sila din ang nagtuturo sa mga susunod na salinlahi. Nakakalungkot at nakakagalit na sa administrasyong ito ay pawang pagkakait ng kanilang batayan at pangunahing karapatan sa pag-aaral ang napapala nila. Bakit ginawa ng pamahalaan ang lahat ng paraan upang panatilihin hindi edukado ang mga katutubo?

Batay sa United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, dapat sa buong pagsusumikap ay ginagawa ang lahat ng pamamaraan upang ang edukasyon ay matatamasa ng bawat Pilipino. G. Ispiker, kasama po sa salitang Pilipino kaming mga katutubo, gayundin ang mga kapatid nating Lumad sa isla ng Mindanao. Gayunpaman, lubhang nakakadurog ng puso at tahasang nakakagalit ang desisyon ng kasalukuyang administrasyon kung saan napakadali lang sa kanila ang pag-utos na ipasara ang mga paaralang Lumad. Ito ay isang napakalaking paglabag sa karapatang pantao. Ang mga paaralang ito ay isang manipestasyon sa aming karapatan sa sariling pagpapasya sa pagdepensa sa ating Inang Kalikasan na kinikilala naming lupang ninuno na palagi naming isisigaw na igit ng ngunit sa kalaunan, dahil may malalaking economic business interest na gustong pasukin ang aming mga lupang ninuno, ito ay niyuyurakan at ipinagsasawalang-bahala. Ito ang dahilan na militarizado ang aming mga komunidad at paaralan.

G. Ispiker, napakalaking insulto ang pagpasok ng mga mining companies sa mga pamayanang Lumad at mga operasyon nitong walang pahintulot mula sa mga Lumad. Winawasak nila ang dugo't pawis na pinuhunan sa pagpapatayo ng katutubong paaralan para sa mga kabataan naming Lumad na gustong mag-aral nang malaya at nais maging edukado. Mga kapwa kong Mambabatas, mariin kong kinukondena ang sapilitang pagsara ng 54 na paaralang Lumad. Hindi kailanman katanggap-tanggap sa aming mga Lumad ang desisyon na ito ng Department of Education. Mariin ko ding kinukondena at nawa ay imbestigahan ang papel ni Esperon sa likod ng sapilitang pagpapasara ng mga nabanggit na paaralang Lumad. Lumilitaw na isinara ito ng pamahalaan dahil sa haka-haka at sabi-sabing inilalako ni Esperon at mga militar na diumano mga paaralan ng mga rebelde ang mga katutubong paaralang ito.

G. Ispiker, malaki din ang pangangailangan na imbestigahan ang kaugnayan ng sapolitang pagpapasara ng paaralang Lumad sa aplikasyon para sa pagpasok ng mga dambuhalang mina sa Pantaron Range sa Mindanao. Ilan sa mga dambuhalang mina sa Pantaron Range sa Mindanao ay ang mga kumpanyang ito ay Metalores, One Compostela Valley at Philippine Meng Di Corporation.

Higit sa lahat, hinihikayat ko ang kapwa ko Mambabatas na gumawa ng hakbang upang matigil na ang martial law sa Mindanao. Huwag nating pahintulutan na ma-extend ulit. Mismo kaming mga katutubo ang direktang biktima nito. Gayundin ay nananawagan ako na ibalik muli ang pormal na negosasyong kapayapaan sa pagitan ng NDFP at GPH.

Kaming mga katutubo ay tumatanggi na mananatiling hindi edukado. Huwag ninyong wasakin ang aming paaralan. Katulad ng iba pa, kaming mga katutubo ay may karapatan sa edukasyon. Kaya ang aming palaging panawagan ay depensahan ang Lumadnong paaralan, igalang ang karapatan ng pambansang minoriya at sariling pagpapasiya sa lupang ninuno.

Ito lang po, G. Ispiker. Maraming salamat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Sarah Elago of the KABATAAN Party-List for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Congresswoman Elago is recognized for her interpellation.

REP. ELAGO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Maaari po bang magbigay ng paglilinaw at paliwanag ang Representasyon ng BAYAN MUNA hinggil sa mga katanungan mula po sa Kinatawan ng KABATAAN.

REP. CULLAMAT. Okay po.

REP. ELAGO. Nabanggit, Mr. Speaker, ng Representante mula sa BAYAN MUNA ang dalawang bagay na nais ko sana siyang makapagbigay pa ng paglilinaw at ekspresiyon kung paano talaga ito nakikita sa kanilang community.

Unang-una, kung paano po nakaapekto iyong pagkakaroon ng mga paaralan sa kanilang lugar sa ekonomiya at sa produksiyon ng pagkain. Pangalawa, nabanggit niya rin po sa kanyang talumpati na kitangkita daw na ibang-iba ang mga bata na marunong nang magsulat, magbilang at magbasa. Paano po nakaapekto iyong presensiya ng naitaguyod mismo ng komunidad na mga paaralan sa buhay at sa pang-araw-araw po na aspeto ng kultura sa kanya pong lugar sa kanyang karanasan, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CULLAMAT. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Sinabi ko po kanina na pangunahin namin ang usapin ang produkto ng pagkain kasi po ang komunidad po namin doon sa Mindanao ay malawak ang lupain at siyempre, ang pangunahin namin pamamaraan sa pagpapaunlad ng ekonomiya ay iyong ekonomiya na nakabatay sa agrikultura.

Ang lahat po ng ginagawa namin dito ay magtatanim. Kahit wala kaming hawak na pera, nagtatanim lang kami ng lahat ng mga produkto na direktang pagkain. Pagkatapos, dahil nakikita namin na sobrang-sobra iyong mga produkto namin, ang sobra sa aming pagkain ay iyong ibebenta namin kaya magkaroon pa rin kami ng pera kahit walang mga kumpanya na nandoon sa aming mga komunidad.

Iyong tanong mo rin na tungkol sa kaibahan ng mga bata na marunong na magsulat, magbasa at magbilang ay talagang malaking kaibahan kasi sa panahon po ng aming mga ninuno na walang pinag-aralan ay hindi lang o parang ang alam lang nila ay iyong pagtatanim at iyong parang hindi mo makikita na malawak iyong kanilang kaalaman. Sa nakikita namin sa mga bata sa ngayon, kahit na mga maliliit pa sila, kahit sa kanilang pananalita, makikita mo na parang hinahanda na talaga nila ang kanilang kinabukasan. Kaya ito ang sinasabi ko na mayroong pagkakaiba, malaking kaibahan ang mga bata na nakapag-aral na at saka iyong walang pinag-aralan.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano.

Iyong paaralan kasi, napakahalaga sa amin ang edukasyon kasi lahat naman tayo ay nagsasabi na ang edukasyon ay susi sa pag-unlad ng buhay at napatunayan namin ito dahil sa aming mga ninuno na wala silang pinag-aralan, kahit iyong mismong lupa na kanilang ikabubuhay, parang hindi mahalaga sa kanila. Batay sa kuwento ng aking lolo, noon daw ay ang lupa ay ibinibigay lang nila, ibebenta lang nila sa napakaliit na halaga. Sa kasalukuyan na mayroon nang paaralan doon sa komunidad—lalo na at hindi lang ang mga bata ang tinuturuan kung paano magbasa, magsulat at magkwenta, kami din na mga magulang ay mayroon din kaming nadaluhan na mga seminar tungkol doon sa sustainable agriculture at ito iyong sinasabuhay namin dahil nakikita talaga namin ang aming pag-unlad doon sa aming pamumuhay. Siyempre, nakikita din namin kung gaano kahalaga ang pakikibaka ng aming mga ninuno na kailangan depensahan iyong lupang ninuno dahil sa tingin din namin, sa kasalukuyan ay wala ng ibang bagay na maaasahan natin para sa kinabukasan ng aming susunod na henerasyon kung hindi ang lupa dahil nakikita natin na ang lupa ay buhay. Ang lahat ng buhay natin ay nakaugat sa lupa at kahit na nandito tayo sa

siyudad at makikita natin na hindi na talaga tayo—hindi tayo mga magsasaka pero malaking kaugnayan ang buhay natin doon sa lupa.

REP. ELAGO. Mr. Speaker, maaari pa siguro nating maimbitahan din iyong kanilang mga officials o iyong mismong mga nag-graduate doon sa kanilang paaralan para magbahagi sa atin kung paano nga ba sila nagbubuo ng mga ganitong tipo ng programa sa kanilang paaralan, kung saan ang kanila pong pinapag-aralan ay naa-apply na agad nila doon sa kanilang community at nakakatulong sa pagpapaunlad ng kanilang produksiyon ng pagkain at gayundin, nagkakaroon ng mas malaki at positibong mga epekto sa pangkabuuang kabuhayan at kaginhawaan sa mga miyembro ng kanilang komunidad.

Mr. Speaker, nais ko lang din pong malaman iyong hinggil po sa pagtingin ng Representasyon ng BAYAN MUNA sa bagong programa ng Department of Education na pinalakas para sa susunod na taon na Last Mile Schools Program. Ito po ay makakatanggap ng ilang bilyon din na pondo para sa susunod na taon para magtayo ng mga paaralan doon sa mga malalayong lugar. Bagamat ito po ay wine-welcome ng Representasyon ng KABATAAN, tayo rin po ay nababahala na, oo, marami po tayo ngayong efforts para paunlarin iyong access ng mga Lumad, hindi lang po iyong mga bata kung hindi lahat ng mga nagnanais na matutong magbasa, magsulat at magbilang sa mga paaralan na ito, ay nagsasara naman po tayo ng mga ito, at least 50 na mga Lumad na paaralan, imbis na buksan pa ito, paunlarin at tulungan po natin na maitaguyod ng mga Lumad iyong kanilang karapatan sa sariling pagpapasya, lalong-lalo na sa kanilang mga paaralan na tinuturing nila na kanila ring pagkakakilanlan.

Nais ko pong marinig ang Representante mula sa BAYAN MUNA ang kanyang pagtingin dito sa Last Mile Schools program.

REP. CULLAMAT. Kung mayroon Last Mile Schools na doon talaga—kung ano ang maitutulong ng DepEd sa school para sa mga katutubo, ay kailangan talaga doon sa mga komunidad mismo at siyempre, sa amin din ay mayroon din kaming paninindigan na kung magtatayo man ang DepEd doon sa aming mga komunidad ay hindi namin ramdam na ginalang iyong aming karapatan sa sariling pagpapasya dahil ipinagmamalaki namin na itong tinatayo namin na mga paaralan ay hindi po ito nagbigay ng problema na idinudulot doon sa mga malalapit na munisipyo. Bagkus ang mga munisipyo na malalapit sa aming mga komunidad ay nakikinabang din sa aming pag-unlad doon sa mga komunidad dahil iyong mga produkto namin na ibebenta doon sa baba ay hindi gaano kamahal. Talagang mura iyong aming pagbebenta ng aming produkto dahil ang puhunan lang namin ay ang lakas sa

paggawa namin. Wala kaming inilaan na pondo para sa pagpapaunlad sa aming hanapbuhay maliban sa aming lakas paggawa kaya ang mga produkto namin na ibebenta doon sa mga mababang lungsod ay murang-mura.

REP. ELAGO. Mr. Speaker, ang pagkakaroon mismo noong Last Mile Schools program ay isang pagkilala na mayroon talagang malaking pangangailangan para sa mga paaralan, para sa mga Lumad, ngunit kinakailangan rin na kasabay nito, ng efforts na ito, na palawakin pa ang access sa edukasyon at, sa una't-una, ay respetuhin at ipagtatangol natin ang karapatan ng mga katutubo sa sariling pagpapasya.

Kaya naman ang Representasyon po na ito ng KABATAAN ay kasama ninyo sa panawagan na ma-review iyong inilabas na closure order sa mga Lumad na paaralan, lalong-lalo na po kung gaano ito tumatapak hindi lang sa karapatan sa edukasyon kung hindi sa pangkabuuan ng kabuhayan ng ating mga Lumad. Pangalawa, sinusuportahan din namin ang pag-iimbestiga doon sa kaugnayan noong pagpapasara ng mga Lumad na paaralan sa pagpasok naman ng mga dambuhalang korporasyon ng mina at iba pang mga negosyo na maaaring magsamantala o mandambong pa ng ating mga likas na yaman at yurakan din iyong mapayapang pamumuhay ng ating mga kapatid na Lumad. Pangatlo, ang KABATAAN rin po ay sumusuporta sa pagtataguyod ng mga bakwit schools dito sa Kamaynilaan at sa iba pang mga lugar na nagwe-welcome po sa kanila, ngunit sa amin po na sumusuporta doon sa kanilang kalagayan, ang lagi rin naming naririnig kapag ako po ay nabibisita o batay din doon sa mga karanasan ng mga bumibisita sa kanila, wala po silang ibang hangad kung hindi makabalik sa kanilang lugar.

Alam natin na hindi po ito permanente at sana lahat ng ito ay magsisilbi na panawagan para sa ating lahat na pag-aralan iyong kanilang kalagayan. Ang sagot ay hindi isara ang kanilang mga paaralan kung hindi alamin pa iyong mga dahilan kung bakit iyong mga Lumad ay nagsusumigaw at naninindigan na kinakailangan ng isang paaralan na reflective o iyong sasalamín sa kanilang mga pangangailangan at magsisilbi una't-una sa interes ng mga katutubo.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat po.

REP. CULLAMAT. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker, at sa Kinatawan ng KABATAAN Party-List Sarah Elago.

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

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. France L. Castro of the ACT TEACHERS Party-List for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. France Castro is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Puwede po bang magtanong ang Kinatawang ito sa ating kagalang-galang na Ka Femia ng ilang mga katanungan?

REP. CULLAMAT. Sige po.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, binanggit po ng ating kasamahang Ka Femia na mayroon pong 55 Lumad schools ang ipinasara ng Department of Education. Ito po ba ay permanente na, G. Ispiker, ayon sa atas ng DepEd?

REP. CULLAMAT. Mr. Speaker, mayroon na pong resolusyon na talaga ipinasara na.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Ayon po sa Regional Office, ito ay ipinasasara na at hindi na inaksyunan or ni-renew iyong mga application for permit to operate. Alam natin, Mr. Speaker, na itong mga eskuwelahan, especially iyong mga Salugpongan schools, ay mahigit 10 taon ng mayroong recognition sa Department of Education at kagaya nga sa sinabi sa talumpati ni Kgg. Ka Femia Cullamat, dahil lang doon sa mga gawa-gawang mga paratang ay ang mga ito ay tuluyan nang ipinasara. So, nagkaroon po ba ng due process, sa iyong pagkakaalam, G. Ispiker, Kgg. Cullamat, kaugnay doon sa pagsasara? Kapag sinabi nating “due process” ay kung tinanong ba iyong mga may-ari ng eskuwelahan, mga komunidad, mga estudyante at mga elders natin kaugnay doon sa pagsasara ng eskuwelahan?

REP. CULLAMAT. G. Ispiker, wala pong pag-uusap at masasabi natin na talagang walang due process. Order talaga na isara agad iyong mga schools.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). So, sinasabi sa report ng DepEd na kabilang panig lang ang nakita nila, sa mga sinasabi lang ng mga militar, sa mga sinasabing pagbibintang na ginagawa ng mga eskuwelahan na ito, ay doon nakasalalay iyong kanilang desisyon, pero naniniwala ako, Mr. Speaker, na ito ay puwede pang i-apela or puwede pang dumulog ang mga eskuwelahan sa Central Office ng Department of Education kaugnay ng pagsasarang ito ng Regional Office ng mga Lumad schools.

Mayroon pong nababanggit sa report, G. Ispiker, na sa mga eskuwelahan daw na ito, doon daw nagsasanay ang mga NPA. In fact, parating ipinapakita at may mga ipinapakitang video sa isang government channel na kung saan may isang bata doon na dati daw na Lumad, dati raw na estudyante ng Lumad school, na sinasanay daw siya nang pag-assemble ng baril. Totoo po ba ito, G. Ispiker, Ka Femia?

REP. CULLAMAT. Okay. Mr. Speaker, ganoon din iyong mga report na natatangap ng Salugpongan school. Ang sinasabi ng Director ng Salugpongan na iyong bata na sinasabing estudyante nila ay hindi na ito nag-aaral, hindi na nila estudyante, kaya masasabi natin na napakadaling tanggapin ng mga militar iyong mga gawa-gawang istorya pero hindi talaga nila o wala silang pagsusuri kung ano ba ito o kung gaano ito katotoo.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Patuloy ito na ipinapakita doon sa government channel ang video kaugnay nito. Masasabi ba natin, bilang dating parent doon sa mga eskuwelahan, na hindi ito iyong itinuturo dito sa mga Lumad schools?

REP. CULLAMAT. Actually, Mr. Speaker, hindi talaga iyan ang itinuturo kasi ipinagmamalaki pa namin na iyong aming mga estudyante, kapag mayroong exam doon sa ibang eskuwelahan ay nakakapasa talaga iyong mga estudyante namin doon sa paaralan sa aming mga komunidad at talagang 100 percent iyong passing nila. Kaya hindi talaga totoo na iba iyong itinuturo ng mga teacher doon sa mga bata kung hindi talagang nakabatay talaga doon sa batayang-edukasyon ang itinuturo.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Okay, nakasunod ito sa Department of Education na curriculum at kung mayroon mang pagkakaiba dito ay iyong peculiar na pangangailangan ng community, iyon nga iyong pagtuturo ng agrikultura.

REP. CULLAMAT. Yes po.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Salamat, Kagalang-galang na Cullamat, sa inyong paglilinaw.

Mr. Speaker, lumulubha po ang atake sa mga Lumad. As of September 2019, Lumad students and their families have also been forced to flee their ancestral lands due to intensifying military abuse particularly after Pres. Rodrigo Duterte declared martial law in Mindanao in May 2017. A national network of child rights advocates, the Save Our Schools, tallied that there have been 43 cases of soldiers using schools as encampments since the start of the Duterte administration as of July 2019, 35 of which happened after the imposition of martial law. Furthermore, they noted 273 cases of harassment and intimidation by State forces, only 37 of which happened before martial law. Both students and school staff alike have suffered deadlier repercussions, with 13 victims of extrajudicial killings among communities.

Mr. Speaker, ang kagalang-galang na Representanteng ito po ay naging biktima rin dito sa harassment and intimidation.

Ilan po ba iyong naapektuhang estudyante,

Kagalang-galang na Cullamat, dito sa pagsasara ng 55 schools, kung mayroon po tayong data?

REP. CULLAMAT. Mayroon po, G. Ispiker. Mayroon tayong 16,976 na mga apektadong estudyante sa pagpapasara ng mga paaralang Lumad.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). So, dito sa 55 schools, ilan po iyong apektado, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CULLAMAT. Ano po?

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Ilan iyong apektado—sixteen...

REP. CULLAMAT. Ito ay 16,976 na estudyante.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). So, sila po ba ay nagpapatuloy pa ng pag-aaral o tumigil na po sila, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CULLAMAT. Mr. Speaker, ang iba po ay nasa Maynila ngayon, may nag-bakwit school at ang iba ay, siyempre, natigil na sa pag-aaral, at saka mayroon ding mga iilan na pumasok doon sa formal school sa Davao at ito iyong hindi lang natin alam kung ilan na iyong mga estudyante na pumasok doon sa public school sa Davao Region.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Sana po ay magkaroon tayo ng final data kaugnay ng access ng mga batang ito, ang ating mga Lumad children na pumapasok sa eskuwelahan pero just the same, karapatan pa rin ng mga bata ang magkaroon ng edukasyon kaya karapatan pa rin nila na ang edukasyon na ibinibigay sa kanila ay iyong talagang nararapat doon sa kanilang kultura, sa kanilang mga vision at iba pa.

Panghuli po, sinabi o binanggit ninyo kanina na napakalaki ng interes ng mga nagmimina o ng mga korporasyon dito sa mga lupang ninuno at nabanggit natin iyong mga lugar at kung ano-ano man iyong mga minimina dito sa mga lugar at nagbubunsod dito ng harassment, intimidation, pananakot at pagsasara ng eskuwelahan, tama po ba ito, Kagalang-galang na Cullamat, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CULLAMAT. Tama po, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Okay. Mayroon po akong data dito na sa Mindanao, kung ilan po iyong mga lugar na apektado dito—napansin natin na apektado rin dito iyong mga eskuwelahan ng mga ipinasara. Halimbawa po, according po sa Mines and Geosciences Bureau—Region XI, ang ipinoproseso ay aabot sa higit na 100 mining applications. Ang pinakamalaki dito ay iyong 16,252.97 hectares para sa North Davao Mining Corporation sa Compostela Valley, sunod ang 16,002.71

hectares para sa Megaforce Mineral Mining Corp. Davao Oriental at 15,855.26 hectares para sa Legenda Mines, Inc. Davao del Sur. Kabilang sa apektado ang Talaingod, especially the Pantaron Mountain Range that spans in Misamis Oriental, Bukidnon, Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, kung nasaan ang mga komunidad na pinagsisilbihan ng mga paaralang Lumad gaya ng Salugpongan.

Sa tingin ninyo po ba, G. Ispiker, Kagalang-galang na Cullamat, ito iyong dahilan kung bakit pinapalayas o pinapabakwit ang mga Lumad sa kanilang mga ancestral lands o sa lupang ninuno?

REP. CULLAMAT. Ito talaga iyong totoo at matagal na naming nalaman na iyong mga military operations doon sa mga komunidad namin, ito iyong naglilinis ng daan para makapasok iyong mga malalaking kumpanya ng mina doon sa aming mga lupang ninuno.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Okay. Mr. Speaker, kaya po naniniwala po ang Kinatawan na ito na wholesale na mayroon pong crackdown doon sa mga progressive organisasyon ng mga magsasaka at ng mga manggagawa at mga kababaihan, at mayroon din pong crackdown on environmental defenders dahil po dito sa pagtatanggol o paglaban nila sa mga big mines, big dams and other threats of large-scale plunder and environmental destructions.

Nagbubunga din ito, Mr. Speaker, ng pagpaslang sa mga Lumad. Sa ngayon po, Mr. Speaker, Kagalang-galang na Cullamat, ilan na po ba iyong mga napapaslang sa pagdepensa sa mga lupang ninuno at sa pagdepensa po doon sa self-determination? Ilan po ba ang data natin?

REP. CULLAMAT. Mr. Speaker, batay sa data ay mayroon nang mga extrajudicial killings, mayroon na pong naitalang 126 na extrajudicial killings doon na nangyari doon sa Mindanao.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Okay. Sa ngalan po ng development aggression na sinasabi ko po na dahil po dito sa mga pagmiminang ito, ay nagbubuwis po ng buhay ng ating mga Lumad, ng ating mga katutubo, at naniniwala po ang Kinatawan ito na sana po ang lupang ninuno ay dapat magamit na at gagamitin na ng ating mga Lumad at mga katutubo para sa kanilang kaunlaran at hindi sa kaunlaran ng mga korporasyon o ng mga minahan.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat, Kagalang-galang Eufemia Cullamat.

REP. CULLAMAT. Maraming salamat, Congresswoman France Castro at maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

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

REP. TAN (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of Hon. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat, including interpellations, to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we close the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion to close the Privilege Hour. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 1611
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 1611 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 1611, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN MANDALUYONG CITY INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 1611
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). With 213

affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 1611 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4751
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4751 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 25, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4751, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LA MEDALLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIODURAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4751
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4751 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 1531
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 1531 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 1531, entitled: AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF PAG-ASA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY RAWIS, CITY OF LEGAZPI, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, TO LEGAZPI CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 1531
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 1531 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 1533
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 1533 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 1533, entitled: AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF ILAWOD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ILAWOD, MUNICIPALITY OF CAMALIG, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, TO CAMALIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the

Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 1533
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 1533 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 2106
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 2106 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 2106, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 2106
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 2106 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 2590
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 2590 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 2590, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD IN PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 2590
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 2590 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 2659
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 2659 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of

the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 2659, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALICIA, PROVINCE OF ISABELA.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 2659
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 2659 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 2998
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 2998 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. 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 ANTIPOLLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Savellano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 2998
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 2998 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 3133
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 3133 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 3133, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE IN MANOLO FORTICH, BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 3133
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 3133 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 3286
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 3286 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 3286, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE CITY OF LA CARLOTA IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 3286
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 3286 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4560
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4560 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4560, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4560
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4560 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4597
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4597 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4597, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE REGION VI OF ILOILO CITY INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILOILO CITY LICENSING CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4597
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4597 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4610
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4610 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4610, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE 1ST DISTRICT OF ILOCOS SUR IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ILDEFONSO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4610
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4610 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4938
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4938 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL House Bill No. 4938, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIGMA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE RELOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALAG, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

REP. ABANTE. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ABANTE. Just a small query, Mr. Speaker. Should I always be the first name to be called?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Please, after the result of the voting, Mr. Minority Leader. May I just read the result of the voting?

REP. ABANTE. Go ahead, Mr. Speaker.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4938
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4938 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4940
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4940 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4940, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE J.H. CERILLES STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, AS THE ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR STATE COLLEGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9159, ENTITLED "AN ACT CONVERTING THE J.H. CERILLES POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE J.H. CERILLES STATE COLLEGE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4940
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4940 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4951
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4951 and direct

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4951, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BANTAYAN, MADRIDEJOS, AND STA. FE, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 2151, "DECLARING CERTAIN ISLANDS AND/OR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS WILDERNESS AREAS."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4951
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4951 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4954
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4954 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4954, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAGANHAN, BAYBAY CITY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS MAGANHAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4954
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4954 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4955
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4955 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4955, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PUNTA, BAYBAY CITY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS PUNTA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4955
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4955 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4956
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4956 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4956, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALCOY, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4956
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4956 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4957
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4957 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4957, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4957
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4957 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4958
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4958 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4958, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4958
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4958 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ABANTE. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Minority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The Minority Leader is recognized.

REP. ABANTE. Mr. Speaker, should I always be the first to be called, considering my name begins with the letter "A"? What if Congressman Zubiri would like his name to be called first, Mr. Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, the calling of the names of the honorable Members are in alphabetical order and naturally, the Minority Leader, being the first in the list, should be called first.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Are you contented with that, Mr. Minority Leader?
The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4959
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4959 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4959, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE DULAG SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (EVSU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DULAG, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9311, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4959
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4959 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4960
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4960 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4960, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGION TO BE KNOWN AS THE “YOLANDA COMMEMORATION DAY.”

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4960
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4960 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4961
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4961 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4961, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY H-2 IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The

result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4961
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4961 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4983
ON THIRD READING

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4983 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 22, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4983, entitled: AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIO OF LOWER DADO FROM BARANGAY DADO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALAMADA, PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LOWER DADO.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated November 4, 2019.*

APPROVAL OF H. B. NO. 4983
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4983 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we continue with the Reference of Business.

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

The Secretary General will please continue to read the Reference of Business.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

House Bill No. 5090, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPUTER AND INTERNET LABORATORY IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5091, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS ABROAD ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 5092, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATION MUTUAL FUND”

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

House Bill No. 5093, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING TESDA CERTIFICATION AS EQUIVALENT TO FIRST LEVEL CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY”

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

House Bill No. 5094, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING GRADUATE STUDIES AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5095, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yap (Victor)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5096, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING TO FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000) THE MONTHLY PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE (PERA) GRANTED TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM THEREOF, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (Victor)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5097, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE USE OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995’, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (Victor)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 5098, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS”

By Representative Yap (Victor)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 5099, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE TRADE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE AND NON-NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS (ENDS/ENNDS) AND HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS (HTPs), PARTICULARLY, THE MANUFACTURING, USE, SALE, PACKAGING, DISTRIBUTION, AND COMMUNICATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (Sharon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5100, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TICA, MUNICIPALITY OF BUGASONG, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS TICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5101, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO, MUNICIPALITY OF TIBIAO, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ISIDRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5102, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAPOYUAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAPOYUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BARBAZA, INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAPOYUAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5103, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAYABAY, MUNICIPALITY OF BARBAZA, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS MAYABAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5104, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MANLACBO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MANLACBO, MUNICIPALITY OF VALDERRAMA, INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MANLACBO INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5105, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CANSILAYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF VALDERRAMA, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS CANSILAYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5106, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CANANGHAN, MUNICIPALITY OF VALDERRAMA, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE TO BE KNOWN AS CANANGHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5107, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY IGMASANDIG, MUNICIPALITY OF VALDERRAMA, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS IGMASANDIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5108, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BACALAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BACALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SEBASTE, INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BACALAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5109, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PUCIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PUCIO, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBERTAD, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUCIO INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5110, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY VIRGINIA, MUNICIPALITY OF LAUA-AN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS VIRGINIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5111, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN RAMON, MUNICIPALITY OF LAUA-AN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS SAN RAMON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5112, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIGUNHAO, MUNICIPALITY OF LAUA-AN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS TIGUNHAO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5113, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LEON, MUNICIPALITY OF LAUA-AN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS LEON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5114, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE IGSORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY IGSORO, MUNICIPALITY OF BUGASONG, INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE IGSORO INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5115, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE BRANCH OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANDAN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5116, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LUPAAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LUPAAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LAUA-AN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LUPAAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5117, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SANTIAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SANTIAGO, MUNICIPALITY OF LAUA-AN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SANTIAGO INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5118, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CODIONG, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBERTAD, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS CODIONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5119, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TININDUGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBERTAD, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS TININDUGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5120, entitled:

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

By Representative Nograles (Juan)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5121, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 5122, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 2 AND 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257, FURTHER AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’ ”

By Representative Aragones
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 5123, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTRUCTION OF READINGS IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY II: WORLD WAR II IN THE PHILIPPINES IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL”

By Representatives Belmonte and Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5124, entitled:

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

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5125, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR UPGRADING THE

RANK CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE OF THE UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP) ORGANIZATION, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Acop, Arenas, Mariano-Hernandez, Bravo, Tupas, Rodriguez, Bustos, Fortun, Loyola, Ramos and Tallado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5126, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE BARANGAY OF MADILAY-DILAY, AS THE 20TH BARANGAY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAY, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nograles (Juan)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5127, entitled:

“AN ACT FIXING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE LICENSE TO OWN AND POSSESS, PERMIT TO CARRY OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS AND REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7 AND 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT’ ”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5128, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPROVING CONFIRMATION OF IMPERFECT TITLES UNDER SECTION 14 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1529, IMPROVING THE PROCESSING OF AGRICULTURAL FREE PATENT UNDER SECTION 44 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, AND REMOVING THE PERIOD TO FILE APPLICATIONS THEREAT UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9176”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5129, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE FREE PROVISION

OF WHEELCHAIRS IN ALL PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES FOR THE USE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, SENIOR CITIZENS, PREGNANT WOMEN, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY NEED THEM”

By Representative Reyes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 5130, entitled:
“THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL ACT OF 2019”
By Representative Pichay
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5131, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CABUGAO SCHOOL OF HANDICRAFT AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES INTO A POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE TO BE KNOWN AS CATANDUANES POLYTECHNIC SKILLS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Sanchez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 412, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRESS TO THE PLANNED LIBERALIZATION OR DEREGULATION OF THE IMPORTATION OF SUGAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAFEGUARDING THE WELFARE OF SUGAR FARMERS, FARM AND MILL WORKERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY”
By Representatives Benitez, Paduano, Villanueva (Noel), Teves (Arnolfo), Limkaichong, Cueva, Valmayor, Ferrer (Juliet), Sagarbarria, Baronda, Frasco, Torres-Gomez, Defensor (Lorenz), Billones, Zubiri, Gullas, Caminero, Collantes, Garin (Janette), Salimbangon, Gasataya, Bondoc and Cari
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Resolution No. 413, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE SERIES OF RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS IN THE PHILIPPINES”
By Representative Garcia (Pablo John)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 414, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INVESTIGATE THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE ISSUE OF REPORTED VIOLATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE GRID CODE AND NON-COMPLIANCE TO PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9511”
By Representatives Dagooc, De Jesus, Ebcas and Guya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 415, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED POINT SOURCE POLLUTION IN COASTAL AND MARINE WATERS IN MUNICIPALITIES OF LIAN AND NASUGBU, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS”
By Representative Cabatbat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 416, entitled:
“RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS IMPLICATED IN THE PRACTICE OF ‘DRUG RECYCLING,’ INCLUDING THE PLANTING OF EVIDENCE AND RESELLING OF DRUGS SEIZED AS EVIDENCE, BY OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, ALONG WITH PNP CHIEF POLICE GENERAL OSCAR ALBAYALDE, TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A CREDIBLE INVESTIGATION INTO THE SAME, AND URGING THE PERTINENT OFFICES INCLUDING THE OMBUDSMAN TO FILE THE APPROPRIATE CHARGES AGAINST ALL THOSE FOUND TO BE INVOLVED”
By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat, Brosas and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 417, entitled:
“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UTILIZATION OF ALL DISBURSED FUNDS AS WELL AS ON THE STATUS OF THE YOLANDA RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM”

By Representative Torres-Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 418, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE, STRENGTHENED IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY LAWS IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DELIVER ON THEIR COMMITMENTS”

By Representatives Chatto, Legarda, Saulog, Mangaoang, Tutor, Cullamat, Balindong, Limkaichong, Cueva, Abaya, Rodriguez, Sanchez, Romulo, Lagman, Erice, Marcoleta, Abellanosa, Caminero, Barbers, Sinsuat, Nava, Flores, Labadlabad, Salimbangon, Espina, Baronda, Zubiri, Castro (France), Bautista, Singson-Meehan, Nolasco, Ebcas, Momo, Calderon, Elago, Frasco, Gonzales (Aurelio), Babasa, Ouano-Dizon, Radaza, Arroyo, Siao, Ty, Sacdalan, Matba, Bascug, Bordado, Amatong, Fernando, Santos-Recto, Umali (Alfonso), Umali (Maria Victoria), Ortega, Canama, Go (Mark), Pancho, Roman, Silverio, Angara, Villanueva (Noel), Lazatin, Salo, Natividad-Nagaño, Geron, Cabochan, Escudero, Savellano, Panotes, Albano (Antonio), Olivarez, Abu, Quimbo, Bolilia, Cuaresma, Pineda, Mariño, Belmonte, Vargas Alfonso, Tiangco, Garcia (Pablo John), Reyes, Nograles (Juan), Agabas, Marquez, Dagooc, Ong (Jose), Guya, Lim, Co (Angelica), Tulfo, Taduran, Abunda, Loyola, Javier, Acop, Tan-Tambut, Tallado, Tan (Samier), Ramirez-Sato, Garin (Sharon), Cabatbat, Zarate, Paduano, Ferrer (Juliet), Acosta-Alba, Adiong, Torres-Gomez, Gaite, Brosas, Mendoza, Lacson-Noel, Crisologo, Chungalao, Ramos, Fortuno and Tambunting
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Resolution No. 419, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONGRESSIONAL COMMENDATION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDEES”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 420, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HOUSE INQUIRY INTO THE CONTINUED RECRUITMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF

MINORS AND UNDER-AGED WORKERS TO THE MIDDLE EAST AS DOMESTIC WORKERS IN AID OF LEGISLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 421, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE TO PROBE AND INVESTIGATE THE KILLING OF 23-YEAR OLD KIM RAMOS DURING A DRUG OPERATION IN MARIKINA”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated September 30, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1043, 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”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

COMMUNICATIONS

Accomplishment Report of the National Capital Region Police Office for the period June 01, 2018 to June 01, 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

Letter dated July 30, 2019 of Roland A. Rey, Regional Director, Regional Office No. V, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with soft copies of the CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports (AARs) and Operations Audit Reports (OARs) on the following Water Districts and Stand-Alone Agency in Region V:

- A. Annual Audit Reports (AARs)
1. Aroroy Water District;
 2. Baao Water District;
 3. Bacacay Water District;

4. Baras Water District;
 5. Barcelona Water District;
 6. Bato Water District (Camarines Sur);
 7. Bato Water District (Catanduanes);
 8. Bombon Water District;
 9. Bulan Water District;
 10. Calabanga Water District;
 11. Camalig Water District;
 12. Camarines Norte Water District;
 13. Casiguran Water District;
 14. Daraga Water District;
 15. Del Gallego Water District;
 16. Donsol Water District;
 17. Gubat Water District;
 18. Iriga City Water District;
 19. Irosin Water District;
 20. Jose Panganiban Water District;
 21. Legazpi City Water District;
 22. Libmanan Water District;
 23. Ligao City Water District;
 24. Masbate-Mobo Water District;
 25. Matnog Water District;
 26. Metropolitan Naga Water District;
 27. Nabua Water District;
 28. Pandan Water District;
 29. Paracale Water District;
 30. Pasacao Water District;
 31. Pilar Water District;
 32. Pili Water District;
 33. Ragay Water District;
 34. San Andres Water District;
 35. Sipocot Water District;
 36. Sorsogon City Water District;
 37. Tabaco City Water District;
 38. Viga Water District;
 39. Virac Water District; and
 40. Partido Development Administration.
- B. Operations Audit Reports (OARs)
1. Balatan Water District; and
 2. Cabusao Water District.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 27 August 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the 2018 Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies:

- A. Consolidated Annual Audit Reports
1. Philippine Normal University (PNU);
 2. Technological University of the Philippines System (TUP);
 3. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);
 4. National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB);
 5. National Wages and Productivity Commission (NWPC); and

6. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).
- B. Individual Annual Audit Report
1. Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated September 4, 2019 of Marcial P. Degamo, Board President, Bohol I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BOHECO I), submitting their 2018 Annual Accomplishment Report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Letter dated September 10, 2019 of Ardeliza R. Medenilla, MNSA, CESO I, Undersecretary for Support Services, Central Office, Department of Public Works and Highways, submitting the Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) for the Consolidated Annual Audit Report FY 2018 as of September 6, 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated September 13, 2019 of Celia C. King, Deputy Commissioner, Resource Management Group, Officer-in-Charge, Bureau of Internal Revenue, transmitting their Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation on the Audit Observations and Recommendations for the Calendar Year 2018 as of August 27, 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Letter of Jonathan C. Gayas, Colonel GSC (AGS) PA, Acting Army Adjutant, Headquarters, Philippine Army, submitting their Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) cited in the Consolidated Annual Audit Report (CAAR) of the Philippine Army for Calendar Year 2018 and prior years with the corresponding electronic copy.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Letter dated September 17, 2019 of Bernadette I. Gloria, OIC, Audit Team Leader, Regional Office No. VII, Commission on Audit, transmitting their copies of the CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports on the following Water Districts in Region 7:

1. Metropolitan Cebu Water District, Cebu City;
2. Carcar Water District, Carcar City, Cebu;
3. Toledo City Water District, Toledo City, Cebu;
4. Pinamungajan Water District, Pinamungajan, Cebu;
5. Talibon Water District, Talibon, Bohol; and

6. Dalaguete Water District, Dalaguete, Cebu.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated September 18, 2019 of Undersecretary Cardozo M. Luna, Officer-in-Charge, Department of National Defense, submitting the Department's report on the implementation of Martial Law in Mindanao covering the month of July 2019.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Letter dated 19 September 2019 of Jeci A. Lopus, Acting Administrator, Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), transmitting to the House of Representatives the LWUA Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) Report for the calendar year 2018.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated September 19, 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, submitting the 2018 Annual Financial Reports on the following:

1. National Government (Volumes I and II);
2. Government Corporations (Volume I);
3. Water Districts (Volume II); and
4. Local Government (Volumes I and II).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated September 23, 2019 of Joanne Beth M. Jumawan, State Auditor II, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of the Annual Audit Report for CY 2018 on the Dumaguete City Water District, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 24 September 2019 of Sarah Lou Y. Arriola, Undersecretary, Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, submitting to the House of Representatives the Mid-Year 2019 Report to Congress on Assistance to Nationals in digital format.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

2018 Annual Report of the Manila International Airport Authority.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Letter dated September 25, 2019 of Noel B. Luistro, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Mabini, Province of Batangas, informing the House of Representatives of their Report on Fund Utilization

and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2019 (3rd Quarter) on the Local Government Support Fund 2018 (LGSF-FA to LGUs).
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 1, 2019 of Maria Gleda E. Lim, State Auditor V, Supervising Auditor, Audit Groups CGS I and II-Water Districts and Other CGS Stand Alone Agencies, Regional Office No. VI, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of the Annual Audit Report on the Igaras Water District, Igaras, Iloilo for the year ended December 31, 2018.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 2 and 3 October 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 1051 dated 27 September 2019;
2. Memorandum No. M-2019-023 dated 25 September 2019;
3. Memorandum No. M-2019-024 dated 24 September 2019;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-068 dated 24 September 2019;
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-069 dated 24 September 2019; and
6. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-070 dated 24 September 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated October 3, 2019 of Jose Luis Martin C. Gascon, Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights, submitting their Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) for CY 2018 as of July 29, 2019.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Copy of COMELEC Document No. 19-9075 dated 8 October 2019 signed by Atty. Maria Norina S. Tangaro-Casingal, Director IV, Law Department, COMELEC, furnishing this office with copies of the following:

1. Certification of its Updated Certificate of Nomination and respective Certificates of Acceptance of Nomination of Marino Samahan ng mga Seaman, Inc. (MARINO) Party-List; and
2. COMELEC En Banc Minute Resolution No. 19-0931 entitled "In the Matter of the Recommendation of the Law Department on the Marino Samahan ng mga Seaman Inc.

(MARINO) Party-List Letter dated September 20, 2019”.

Honorable Macnell M. Lusotan, 2nd nominee of Marino Samahan ng mga Seaman, Inc. (MARINO) Party-List copy of Oath of Office.

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Pursuant to Section 153, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated September 5, 2019 issued by Ivy C. Ruiz-Regis, Assistant Special Prosecutor I, Office of the Ombudsman, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City on Case No. SB-17-CRM-0663 to 0664 and Case No. SB-17-CRM-0665 to 0666, directing Ms. Evelyn G. De Jesus, Director II, Human Resource Management Service, House of Representatives, to submit the Personal Data Sheet (PDS), Service Record and Oath of Office of Congressman Teodulo M. Coquilla on or before September 13, 2019 at the above specified address.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 69), re H.R. No. 386, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2019 ASEAN-REPUBLIC OF KOREA COMMEMORATIVE SUMMIT (ARCS) AND WELCOMING THE BILATERAL SUMMIT BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA”

recommending its adoption without amendment

Sponsor: Representative Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Disaster Management (Committee Report No. 70), re H.B. No. 5070, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2389

Sponsors: Representatives Torres-Gomez and Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 422, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INTEGRATE INTO THE CURRICULUM OF THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION (K TO 12) PROGRAM, A MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS COURSE IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECONDARY HIGH SCHOOLS AND TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS 23 AND 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11036, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE MENTAL HEALTH LAW”

By Representative Dalog

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 423, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING BAAO PARISH MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE FOR ITS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND LASTING COMMITMENT AS A PARTNER FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE”

By Representative Canama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 424, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MINDANAO ALLIANCE OF SELF-HELP SOCIETIES-SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE CENTER (MASS-SPECC) COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR SPEARHEADING ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND ALLEVIATING POVERTY IN MINDANAO”

By Representative Canama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 425, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING BARBAZA MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP AS A COOPERATIVE AND FOR ITS SIGNIFICANT ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION TO COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT”

By Representative Canama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 426, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING WORLD CHAMPION FILIPINO BOXER NESTHY PETECIO FOR HER OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION OF THE 2019 AIBA WOMEN’S WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 427, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CARLOS YULO AS THE FIRST SOUTHEAST ASIAN MALE GOLD MEDALIST IN WORLD ARTISTIC GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN STUTTGART, GERMANY”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 428, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE SOUTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (SLEX) OPERATORS TO SUSPEND THE PAYMENT OF, OR LOWER THE RATES OF THE TOLL FEES”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 429, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FILIPINO TEEN GYMNAST CARLOS EDRIEL YULO FOR CAPTURING A HISTORIC GOLD MEDAL, DURING THE RECENTLY HELD 2019 WORLD ARTISTIC GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 430, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE COMPULSORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP)”

By Representatives Suarez (David), Villaraza-Suarez and Suarez (Aleta)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 431, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE EXORBITANT FEES CHARGED FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL SERVICES BY HIMLAYANG PILIPINO, INC. AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS IN METRO MANILA, AND TO REVIEW EXISTING LAWS PERTAINING TO SUCH”

By Representative Belmonte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 432, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CARLOS EDRIEL YULO FOR WINNING THE FIRST-EVER GOLD MEDAL IN THE 49TH FIG WORLD ARTISTIC MEN’S FINALS GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD ON OCTOBER 4-13, 2019 IN HANS SCHLEYER HALLE IN STUTTGART, GERMANY”

By Representative Estrella
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 433, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING NESTHY PETECIO FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2019 AIBA WOMEN’S BOXING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD ON OCTOBER 3-13, 2019 AT THE FSK SPORTS COMPLEX IN ULAN-UDE, RUSSIA”

By Representative Estrella
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 434, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PRIDE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO NESTHY A. PETECIO FOR WINNING THE FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION IN THE 2019 AIBA WOMEN’S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ULAN-UDE, RUSSIA”

By Representative Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 435, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CARLOS EDRIEL YULO FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE MEN’S FLOOR EXERCISE CATEGORY DURING THE 2019 ARTISTIC WORLD GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS LAST OCTOBER 12, 2019 IN STUTTGART, GERMANY”

By Representative Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 436, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS (DPWH) TO STOP CUTTING
DOWN CENTURIES-OLD TREES IN
THE CITIES OF CARCAR AND NAGA IN
CEBU”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 437, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING CARLOS EDRIEL YULO
FOR WINNING THE PHILIPPINES’
FIRST EVER GOLD MEDAL IN THE 49TH
FIG ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 438, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING NESTHY PETECIO FOR
WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE
2019 AIBA WOMEN’S WORLD BOXING
CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN ULAN-UDE,
RUSSIA”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 439, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES AND ITS LEADERSHIP
TO STAND BEHIND THE FARM WORKERS,
MILL WORKERS AND SMALL PLANTERS
OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY IN OPPOSING
THE PLAN OF ECONOMIC MANAGERS
OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO
IMPLEMENT THE FULL LIBERALIZATION
OF THE INDUSTRY”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaité, Brosas
and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Resolution No. 440, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO

CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GROSS
VIOLATION BY POLICE OFFICERS AND
MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 3, RULE 15.4 OF
THE REVISED PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
POLICE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES
MANUAL ON THE CONDUCT OF ITS ANTI-
CRIME CAMPAIGNS, PARTICULARLY THE
ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUGS OPERATIONS”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat and
Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 441, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT A JOINT
INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE INCREASING MISSIONARY
SUBSIDIES, NOW RUNNING TO BILLIONS,
FOR LARGE OFF-GRID ISLANDS AND THE
RESULTING INCREASED UNIVERSAL
CHARGE TO ELECTRIC CONSUMERS”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 442, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO CONDUCT
AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE IRREGULARITIES
OF SETTING WATER RATES BY WATER
CONCESSIONAIRES MANILA WATER
AND MAYNILAD, LIKE THE SUPPOSED
780% INCREASE FOR MANILA WATER
RATES DUE TO THE SUPREME COURT
FINE AS WELL AS INCLUDING BUT NOT
LIMITED TO PASS-ON CHARGES OF
CORPORATE INCOME TAX, OPERATING
EXPENSES, ADVANCED COLLECTION FOR
FUTURE PROJECTS AND REDUNDANT
COLLECTION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE
RECOVERY ADJUSTMENTS”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 443, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE JESUS
IS LORD (JIL) CHURCH WORLDWIDE ON
ITS 41ST FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 444, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE

ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF ACCEPTANCE OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSPORT NETWORK COMPANY ACCREDITATION FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK VEHICLE SERVICES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 445, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO GYMNAST CARLOS YULO FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE 49TH FIG ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN STUTTGART, GERMANY”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 446, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE THE STAGGERING NUMBER OF KILLINGS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

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

House Resolution No. 447, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL ARREST OF MELISSA COMISO, COORDINATOR OF THE LITERACY AND NUMERACY PROGRAM OF THE RURAL MISSIONARIES OF THE PHILIPPINES - NORTHERN MINDANAO REGION IN BRGY. LIMAHA, BUTUAN CITY”

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

House Resolution No. 448, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY THE ELEMENTS OF CIDG AND COMBINED

FORCES OF PNP AND AFP, ON VIRGILIO ‘KA YOYONG’ LINCUNA, WHICH INCLUDE ILLEGAL ARREST AND FILING OF TRUMPED UP CHARGES”

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

House Resolution No. 449, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROPERLY IMPLEMENT THE GRANT OF SPECIAL HARDSHIP ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AS PROVIDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 4670 OR THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Castro (France)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 450, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXER NESTHY PETECIO FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2019 AIBA WOMEN’S WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN ULAN-UDE, RUSSIA”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 451, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE YOUNG MAN FROM LEVERIZA, MALATE, MANILA, CARLOS EDRIEL YULO FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE FLOOR EXERCISE OF THE 2019 ARTISTIC GYMNASTIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN GERMANY”

By Representative Bagatsing
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 452, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE JESUS IS LORD (JIL) CHURCH WORLDWIDE ON ITS 41ST FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Duterte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 453, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT THE INCREASE IN BASE

PAY OF NURSES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO SALARY GRADE 15”

By Representative Defensor (Michael)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 454, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10754 OR THE ACT EXPANDING THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD) AND ON THE PROCESS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR THE PWD”

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 455, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT AQUILINO ‘NENE’ Q. PIMENTEL, JR, STALWART OF TRUTH, DEFENDER OF JUSTICE, PILLAR OF DEMOCRACY, ARCHITECT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AND A TRUE STATESMAN”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 456, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE JESUS IS LORD (JIL) CHURCH WORLDWIDE ON ITS 41ST FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

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

House Resolution No. 457, entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STRICTLY PROHIBIT POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE ADMISSION OF PATIENTS AND RENDERING OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND ALL OTHER HEALTH FACILITIES”

By Representative Sarmiento
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 458, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT

OF HEALTH TO DRAFT A PATIENTS’ BILL OF RIGHTS AND TO POST THE SAME AT THE ENTRANCE OF EVERY HOSPITAL, CLINIC, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITY AND IN OTHER CONSPICUOUS AREAS THEREIN”

By Representative Sarmiento
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 459, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE JOINT INVESTIGATION AND PHYSICAL INSPECTION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONDITION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND OTHER PRISONERS IN THE NEW BILIBID PRISON”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 460, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FILIPINO BOXER NESTHY PETECIO FOR WINNING THE FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION IN THE 2019 AIBA WOMEN’S WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN ULAN-UDE, RUSSIA”

By Representatives Albano (Antonio), Albano (Rodolfo) and Dy (Ian)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 461, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND TO EXTEND HIGHEST COMMENDATION TO GYMNAST CARLOS YULO FOR HIS HISTORIC WIN OF THE COUNTRY’S FIRST EVER GOLD MEDAL IN THE 49TH ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Albano (Antonio), Albano (Rodolfo) and Dy (Ian)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 462, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT AQUILINO ‘NENE’ PIMENTEL JR.”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 463, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HONORABLE DIOSDADO PERALTA AS THE NEW SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

BATTALION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN URGENT INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE SAME”

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

House Resolution No. 464, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO ERNEST JOHN OBIENA FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2019 SUMMER UNIVERSIADE POLE VAULT”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 469, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ENERGY TO CONDUCT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, AN INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE UNPAID UNIVERSAL CHARGES AMOUNTING TO PHP 238.3 MILLION BY MULTIPLE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES NATIONWIDE”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 465, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO BOXER, NESTHY PETECIO, FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION IN THE 2019 AIBA WOMEN’S WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 470, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE THE PRESENT STATE OF BANGON MARAWI COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY PROGRAM AS MANDATED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 03, AS AMENDED, CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE RECOVERY, RECONSTRUCTION, AND REHABILITATION OF THE CITY OF MARAWI AND OTHER AFFECTED LOCALITIES”

By Representatives Hataman and Sangcopan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 466, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO GYMNAST, CARLOS YULO, FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2019 WORLD ARTISTIC GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS ON OCTOBER 12, 2019”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 467, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT, THE HONORABLE AQUILINO ‘NENE’ QUILINGING PIMENTEL, JR.”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 471, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS KILLING OF A MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU) STUDENT, IVAN POLINAR ALMEDA”

By Representative Adiong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 468, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE FRUSTRATED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLING OF TEACHERS ZHAYDEE AND RAMIL CABAÑEZ BY SUSPECTED AGENTS UNDER THE 8TH INFANTRY

House Resolution No. 472, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WARMEST GREETING OF THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 63RD BIRTHDAY OF KA EDUARDO V. MANALO, EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.).
The Majority Leader is recognized.

House Resolution No. 473, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PRESENT IMPLEMENTATION AND POLICY EFFECTIVENESS OF REPUBLIC ACT (R.A.) 10533 OR THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Secretary General be directed to transmit immediately the bills earlier approved on Third Reading to the Senate.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is directed to transmit to the Senate the House bills approved on Third Reading.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

House Resolution No. 474, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY ZHAO JIANHUA AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE PHILIPPINES IN FOSTERING STRONGER PHILIPPINES-CHINA BILATERAL RELATIONS AND CONFERRING UPON HIM THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT”

REP. PALMA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until November 5, at three o’clock in the afternoon.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Gonzales, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, November 5, Tuesday.

It was 8:11 p.m.