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RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 1:00 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano presiding.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5748, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE THE FARE RATES OF TRANSPORT NETWORK COMPANIES AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK VEHICLES SERVICE”

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5749, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC VETERINARY CLINIC IN EVERY PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Panotes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5750, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALABANGA TESDA TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bordado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5751, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING COMPOSTELA VALLEY STATE COLLEGE INTO THE DAVAO DE ORO STATE COLLEGE”

By Representative Zamora (Way Kurat)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5752, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE, USE, SALE, PACKAGING, DISTRIBUTION AND ADVERTISEMENTS OF VAPOR PRODUCTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla

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

House Bill No. 5753, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS ABS-CBN CORPORATION, UNDER

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7966, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5754, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING (BPO) WORKERS AND THE RECOGNITION OF THEIR RIGHTS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

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

House Bill No. 5755, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN PORO ISLAND, TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PORO AND TUDELA, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Frasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5756, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAMOTES GROUP OF ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Frasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5757, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN PONSON ISLAND OF THE CAMOTES GROUP OF ISLANDS, TRAVERSING THE BARANGAYS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Frasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5758, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME INSTRUMENTS OF WHICH THE PHILIPPINES IS A STATE-PARTY”

By Representative Sarmiento
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5759, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING ACTS OF ROAD RAGE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5760, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN MANUEL, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN MANUEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5761, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002’ AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belmonte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 584, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY TO ASSIST DAVAO ORIENTAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICES IN DAVAO ORIENTAL”

By Representative Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Resolution No. 585, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ‘ACT OF HEROISM’ OF MR. ROGER CASUGAY DURING THE SURFING COMPETITION OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEAG) 2019 IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION”

By Representative Ortega
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 586, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED POOR PERFORMANCE OF 15-YEAR-OLD FILIPINO STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA) EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD) IN THE YEAR 2018”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 588, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DISPLACEMENT OF AETA COMMUNITIES IN CAPAS, TARLAC BY THE BASES CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CLARK CITY”

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

House Resolution No. 589, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE 31ST INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) ASSEMBLY FOR REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY AND ENSURING THAT THE PHILIPPINES IS REFLECTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) UNDER CATEGORY C FOR THE BIENNIUM 2020 TO 2021”

By Representative Sarmiento
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 590, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION WITH THE STATUS OF THE COUNTRY’S COMPLIANCE WITH THE EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY FINDINGS”

By Representative Sarmiento
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 591, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED D. VARGAS OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY AS ONE OF ‘THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN’ (TOYM) OF THE PHILIPPINES 2019, AWARDED AND HONORED BY THE JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL-PHILIPPINES, INC., AND TOYM FOUNDATION, INC.”

By Representative Belmonte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 592, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE SPEAKER ALAN PETER CAYETANO, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE PHILIPPINE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (PHISGOC), AND THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE ABRAHAM ‘BAMBOL’ TOLENTINO, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (POC), AND ALL OTHER ORGANIZERS OF THE 30TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS OF THE 30TH SEA GAMES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 593, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINE CLAIM ON SABAH”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 594, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED D. VARGAS OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY FOR BEING AWARDED AS ONE OF □THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN□ (TOYM) OF THE PHILIPPINES 2019, AWARDED AND HONORED BY THE JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL-PHILIPPINES, INC., AND TOYM FOUNDATION, INC.”

By Representative Romualdez (Ferdinand)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 130), re H.B. No. 5777, entitled:

“AN ACT TAXING PERSONS ENGAGED IN PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 25 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 150-C OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5267

Sponsor: Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 5

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we begin consideration of House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, as contained in Committee Report No. 99.

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

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to read only the title of the measure.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Concurrent

Resolution No. 5, entitled: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY RAUL S. HERNANDEZ, FORMER AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM 28 MAY 2014 TO 30 APRIL 2019, TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE “ORDER OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE MERIT, FIRST CLASS” FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize our esteemed Sponsor, the Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Hon. Ann K. Hofer.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Ann K. Hofer, the Committee Chairperson on Foreign Affairs, is hereby recognized.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADOPTION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 5

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Concurrent Resolution No. 5.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

REP. HOFER. Thank you.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 554

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 554, under the Calendar of Business for the Day.

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

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to read only the title of the measure.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 554, entitled: RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOVEN R. CUANANG AS A NEUROLOGIST, ART PATRON AND A HUMANITARIAN, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH (80TH) BIRTHDAY ON DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND HIS SIXTIETH YEAR AS A DOCTOR, AND FOR HIS EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THAT ENRICHED PHILIPPINE MEDICINE, ARTS AND CULTURE AND THE SOCIETY IN GENERAL, WHICH BROUGHT HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Rules, I move that we recognize Asst. Majority Leader, Hon. Kristine Singson-Meehan.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Kristine Singson-Meehan is recognized.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 554

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 554.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 66

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 66, contained in Committee Report No. 118, as reported out by the Committee on Labor and Employment.

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

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to read only the title of the measure.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 66, entitled: RESOLUTION COMMENDING ACT TEACHERS PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE FRANCE L. CASTRO FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2019 ARTHUR SVENSSON INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR TRADE UNION RIGHTS.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Labor and Employment, Hon. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay is hereby recognized.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 66

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 66.

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.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

It was 1:11 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 1:16 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following local bills

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

contained in the Calendar of Business for Thursday and Friday; to consider the respective Explanatory Notes of the bills as the sponsorship speeches thereon; to close the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measures; to open the period of amendments; to approve the Committee amendments, if any; to approve the individual amendments submitted to the Committee on Rules, if any; to close the period of amendments, there being no more Committee or individual amendments; and to approve the same on Second Reading:

1. House Bill No. 5579, contained in Committee Report No. 86;
2. House Bill No. 5580, contained in Committee Report No. 87;
3. House Bill No. 2582, contained in Committee Report No. 88;
4. House Bill No. 1799, contained in Committee Report No. 89;
5. House Bill No. 2444, contained in Committee Report No. 90;
6. House Bill No. 5643, contained in Committee Report No. 97;
7. House Bill No. 5644, contained in Committee Report No. 98;
8. House Bill No. 831, contained in Committee Report No. 100;
9. House Bill No. 5682, contained in Committee Report No. 114;
10. House Bill No. 1230, contained in Committee Report No. 116;
11. House Bill No. 5692, contained in Committee Report No. 119;
12. House Bill No. 5697, contained in Committee Report No. 120; and
13. House Bill No. 5698, contained in Committee Report No. 121.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). As many as are in favor of the approval of the bills enumerated in the omnibus motion, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

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

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

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

REP. BOLILIA. Mme. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of the following measures:

1. House Bill No. 568, granting scholarships to persons with disabilities (PWDs) and their children, from the Committee on Social Services, to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
2. House Bill No. 3900, creating the National Commission on Disability Affairs, from the Committee on Social Services, to the Committees on Government Reorganization and Social Services; and
3. House Bill No. 4567, changing the term of office of elective barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan from three years to four years, from the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, to the Committee on Local Government.

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.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

It was 1:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 1:26 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5666 ON SECOND READING

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5666, contained in Committee Report No. 110, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to read only the title of the measure.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5666, entitled: AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the esteemed Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Ching Veloso is hereby recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the author of that Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I reiterate the motion of Hon. Ching Veloso to adopt the Explanatory Note of the measure as his sponsorship speech.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or to speak against the measure, I move to close the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 5666.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments on House Bill No. 5666. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5666 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5666 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Louder please.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5666 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5666 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5614
ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5614, contained in Committee Report No. 92, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to read only the title of the measure.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5614, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, the Hon. Vicente "Ching" S. E Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Escudero). Hon. Ching Veloso is recognized.

REP. VELOSO. May I move that the Explanatory Note of House Bill No. 5614 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure, 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. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5614 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5614 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5614
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5614 is approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5615
ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5615, contained in Committee Report No. 93, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5615, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIALCOURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move to recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Ching Veloso is hereby recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

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

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the author of House Bill No. 5615 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments and approve the Committee amendments, if any, as contained in the Committee Report on the aforementioned Bill.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no individual amendment, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5615 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5615 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5615 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5615 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5616
ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5616, contained in Committee Report No. 94, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to read only the title of the measure.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5616, entitled: AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. May we recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Ching Veloso is hereby recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the author of House Bill No. 5616 be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure, 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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments and approve the Committee amendments, if any, as contained in the Committee report of the aforementioned Bill.

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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no individual amendment, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5616, contained in Committee Report No. 94.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5616 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5616
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano).

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 5616 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5617
ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5617, contained in Committee Report No. 95, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to read only the title of the measure.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5617, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move we open the period of sponsorship and debate. Mr. Speaker may we recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

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

Hon. Ching Veloso is hereby recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I am the author of House Bill No. 5617 and this is covered by Committee Report No. 95. I move that my Explanatory Note for the said Bill,

Mr. Speaker, be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments and approve the Committee amendments, if any, as contained in the Committee report of the aforementioned Bill.

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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no individual amendment, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5617 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5617 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5617
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5617 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5618
ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5618, contained in Committee Report No. 96, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5618, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. May we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship of the measure.

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

Hon. Vicente "Ching" Veloso is recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5618 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5618 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye.*

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5618
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5618 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5657
ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5657, contained in Committee Report No. 101, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5657, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. May we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

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

Hon. Vicente “Ching” Veloso is recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5657 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5657 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5657
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5657 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5658
ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5658, contained in Committee Report No. 102, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5658, entitled: AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(I) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. May we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

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

Hon. Vicente “Ching” Veloso is recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no

Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5658 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5658 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5658 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5658 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5659 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5659, contained in Committee Report No. 103, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5659, entitled: AN ACT CREATING TEN (10) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. May we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

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

Hon. Vicente "Ching" Veloso is recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5659 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5659 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5659 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5659 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5660 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5660, contained in Committee Report No. 104, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5660, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(D) AND 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. May we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

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

Hon. Vicente “Ching” Veloso is recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5660 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5660 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5660 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5660 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5661 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5661, contained in Committee Report No. 105, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5661, entitled: AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. May we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

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

Hon. Vicente “Ching” Veloso is recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5661 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5661 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5661 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5661 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5662 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5662, contained in Committee Report No. 106, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5662, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. May we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

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

Hon. Vicente “Ching” Veloso is recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5662 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5662 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5662
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5662 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5663
ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5663, contained in Committee Report No. 107, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5663, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF DAPITAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate. May we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso III, to begin the sponsorship on the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Is

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

Hon. Vicente “Ching” Veloso is recognized to sponsor the measure.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of Hon. Romeo Jalosjos Jr. be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 5663 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5663 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5663 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5663 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5664 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5664, contained in Committee Report No. 108, as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations.

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5664, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATANAUAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso III.

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

Hon. Vicente “Ching” Veloso is hereby recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of Hon. Aleta C. Suarez on the said measure as the sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 5664.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Is

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5664 under Committee Report No. 108.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5664 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5664 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5664 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5665 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we

consider House Bill No. 5665, contained in Committee Report No. 109, as reported out by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations.

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5665, entitled: AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(L) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED."

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente "Ching" Veloso.

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

Hon. Ching Veloso is hereby recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of the author of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 5665.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5665 under Committee Report No. 109.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5665 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5665 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5665 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5667 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5667, contained in Committee Report No. 111, as reported out by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations.

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

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5667, entitled: AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente "Ching" Veloso.

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

Hon. Ching Veloso is hereby recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Explanatory Note of Hon. Greg G. Gasataya as the sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 5667.

Thank you, 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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the said Bill, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5667 under Committee Report No. 111.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5667 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5667 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5667 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5668 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 5668, contained in Committee Report No. 112, as reported out by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Is

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5668, entitled: AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Hon. Vicente "Ching" Veloso.

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

The Hon. Ching Veloso is hereby recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt as the sponsorship speech the Explanatory Note of the author of House Bill No. 5668.

Thank you, 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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on or speak against the said Bill, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. There being no Committee or individual amendment, I move that we close the same.

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. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 5668 under Committee Report No. 112.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5668 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5668 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5668 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we please acknowledge the presence of the guests of Deputy Speaker Luis Raymund “Lray” F. Villafuerte Jr. They are from the Vice Mayors League of Camarines Sur Chapter, as follows: Vice Mayor Marissa Velitario-Hao, Vice Mayor Josefa Fabi, Vice Mayor Venancio Regulado, Vice Mayor Senen Bermas, Vice Mayor Marilyn Sotto, Vice Mayor Marivic Solano, Vice Mayor Jose Malazarte, Vice Mayor Jofred Balagot, Vice Mayor Glenn Gontang, Vice Mayor Victor De Villa, Vice Mayor Belyn Prades, Councilor Donna Ann Oñate, Councilor Maria Eleanor Occiano-Luzon, Councilor Rochelle R. Balagat, Crizel Placides, Jomarbel Hernandez, Vice Mayor Marivic Solano, Hon. Nerio Brazal, Hon. Lenuel Kent Amiel Tormes, Hon. Efren Amesola, Hon. Augusto Camano and Maria Nelía Doble.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The guests of the honorable Deputy Speaker Lray Villafuerte, please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we please acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Lady from the Second District of Quezon City, Hon. Precious Hipolito Castelo. They are the guests from Singapore: Ms. Haidee Peña-Mangalonzo, Bea Mangalonzo and Jeanne Mangalonzo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The guests of Hon. Precious Hipolito Castelo are welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we please acknowledge the presence of the guests of Rep. Alberto “Bobby” D. Pacquiao of the OFW FAMILY Party-List. They are George B. Bisnar, National Vice President for Barangay Councilors League of the Philippines; John Salvador D. Demdam, SK Federation President, General Santos City; Andrea N. Lorica, Local Legislative Staff Assistant III; and Dra. Irene Peñamante.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The guests of Hon. Alberto Pacquiao, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up House Resolution No. 554 which was adopted earlier. For this purpose, may I request that the Secretary General be directed to read the title of the said Resolution.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The Secretary General is hereby directed to read the title of the measure.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 554, entitled: RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOVEN R. CUANANG AS A NEUROLOGIST, ART PATRON AND A HUMANITARIAN, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH (80TH) BIRTHDAY ON DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND HIS SIXTIETH YEAR AS A DOCTOR, AND FOR HIS EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THAT ENRICHED PHILIPPINE MEDICINE, ARTS AND CULTURE AND THE SOCIETY IN GENERAL, WHICH BROUGHT HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE.

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

RECONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION
OF H. RES. NO. 554

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the adoption of House Resolution No. 554 to give way to some perfecting amendments.

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. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Rules, I move that we recognize the Asst. Majority Leader, Hon. Kristine Singson-Meehan, to propose amendments to House Resolution No. 554.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Kristine Singson-Meehan is hereby recognized.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENT

REP. SINGSON-MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, may I respectfully propose an amendment completely deleting the last “WHEREAS” paragraph, on page 2, to be replaced with the following: WHEREAS, FOR MORE THAN THIRTY (30), HIS UNSELFISH DEVOTION IN THE PROMOTION OF ARTS AND CULTURE, AND SIXTY (60) YEARS AS A DOCTOR, HE HAS TOUCHED THE LIVES OF EVERY FILIPINO, AND IT IS ONLY PROPER TO HONOR HIM, HIS WORKS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AS HE IS TRULY AN OUTSTANDING AND EXEMPLARY FILIPINO WHO IS AN INSPIRATION TO EVERYONE;

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 554, AS AMENDED

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution No. 554, as amended.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

House Resolution No. 554, as amended, is hereby adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate of the Party-List BAYAN MUNA for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Carlos Zarate is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

G. Ispiker, malala na ang krisis sa ating lipunan sa kasalukuyan. May tahasang krisis sa ekonomiya na kung saan ay nananalasa ang patakarang neoliberalismo na nagbunsod ng pribatisasyon ng mga mahahalagang serbisyong panlipunan katulad ng tubig, kuryente at transportasyon na sa kasalukuyang panahon ay nagpapahirap sa ating mga mamamayan.

Malala rin ang krisis sa ating ekonomiya ang idinulot ng patakarang liberalisasyon at pagsandig sa importasyon ng ating agrikultura na siya ngayong dahan-dahang pumapatay sa ating mga magsasaka, lalo na ang ating mga magsasaka sa palay.

May malalang krisis din, G. Ispiker, sa ating serbisyong pangkalusugan na sa kasalukuyan ay sinasalamang kulang o kawalan ng mga pasilidad ng ating mga pampublikong ospital—kulang o kawalan, o maging kawalan ng libre o murang serbisyo ng mga health professionals sa mga pampublikong ospital, kulang o kawalan ng mga libreng gamot at mga medical procedures na kailangan ng ating may sakit na mga kababayan.

Mayroong krisis din, G. Ispiker, sa ating klima at kalikasan dahil sa kasakiman sa malaking tubo ng mga negosyante at mga kapitalista na nagresulta sa pagkasira ng ating kalikasan at dahan-dahang pagkamatay ng ating mundo.

Subalit hindi doon nagtatapos ang krisis, G. Ispiker. May malalang krisis din sa karapatang pantao sa ating bayan sa kasalukuyan. Sa kabila ng mga pagtatakip, paninira at pagtanggap ng kasalukuyang administrasyon, naging tanda na ng pamahalaang ito ang kawalan nito ng paggalang sa karapatang pantao. Ang pamahalaang

ito ay nagpabaha ng dugo sa libo-libong pinatay sa kampanyang brutal laban sa droga. Ilang daan rin ang naging biktima ng pulitikang pamamaslang. Libo-libo ang pinalayas sa kanilang mga komunidad at mga lupang ninuno habang nananalasa ang militarisasyon sa kanayunan. Mahigit 600 ang mga nakakulong dahil sa mga gawa-gawang kaso at libo-libo ang naging biktima ng harassment, red-tagging, panggigipit at pananakot dahil sa sila ay mga aktibista o mga kritiko ng kasalukuyang pamahalaan.

Kahapon lamang, G. Ispiker, ginunita natin ang ika-71 na Pandaigdigang Araw ng Karapatang Pantao. Sinaksihan din natin kung paano binabalasubas pa rin ang ating mga karapatan sa kasalukuyan. Ayon sa organisasyong KARAPATAN, habang ang pagpatay pa rin sa ngalan ng drug war ang pinakamadugong record ng administrasyong Duterte, hindi rin biro ang ginawang atake nito sa mga progresibong grupo at mga tinatanghal nitong kritiko at kalaban ng estado. Nakapagtala ang KARAPATAN ng 293 political killings kung saan 167 ay human rights defenders. Mayroong 204 na na-torture, 429 na biktima ng frustrated extrajudicial killings, 11 ang sapilitang winala o desaparecido at 94,075 ang naging biktima ng mga pananakot at harassment.

Sa kabilang banda, sa halip na manilbihan para sa katarungan ang ating mga batas, sa kasalukuyan ay ginagawa itong pamamaraan upang mas lalo pang sikilin ang mga karapatan ng ating mamamayan. Mayroon ngayong nakapiit na 629 political prisoners kung saan 382 o mahigit na 60 porsiyento ay inaresto at ikinulong sa loob lamang ng tatlong taon ng kasalukuyang administrasyon.

G. Ispiker, ito ay resulta ng pagkabulok ng ating pulitika sa ilalim ng militaristang liderato ng kasalukuyang pamahalaan. Kahit ang mga sibilyang ahensiya ay mga militar na ang nasa uluhan nito at ang kultura ng represyon, kamangmangan at kawalan ng pagkilala sa karapatang pantao ng institusyong militar ay dumadaloy maging sa mga tagapaghatid ng mga batayang serbisyo. Busog na sa budget at iba pang benepisyo ang mga lumalabag sa karapatang pantao ng ating mamamayan, na para bang bayad sa kanila at sa kanilang kaluluwa upang walang awang patayin at abusuhin ang karapatan ng ating mamamayan.

Sa kasalukuyan, G. Ispiker at mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, nakalatag ang mga patakaran o polisiya ng pamahalaan na yumuyurak sa karapatan ng ating mamamayan mula sa kontra-rebelyon o kontra-insurhensiyang programa na Oplan Kapanatagan na mga aktibista at mga kritiko ang tinutudla, ang karimlan ng overextended na martial law sa Mindanao, ang Memorandum Order No. 32 na nagdala ng dagdag pasismo sa Bicol, Negros at Samar, at ang pagkatatag ng National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict or NTF-ELCAC na nilikha ng Executive Order No. 70.

Ang mga ito ay mga sandatang nakatutok sa karapatan

ng mamamayan. Ito ang mga mukha ng militaristang pamamahala na mayroon tayo sa kasalukuyan—mga polisiya at programang sistematikong umaatake sa karapatan ng mamamayan.

Mabigat ang kamay ng pamahalaan, G. Ispiker. Ito ay malinaw sa mga sinasambit ng Pangulo at ng mga alipores nito hinggil sa mga tumutuligsa sa kanilang pamamahala. Lalo itong malinaw sa dami ng pinatay ng mga puwersa ng pamahalaan at ng mga berdugo nito ngunit ang katotohanan, G. Ispiker, sila ay takot. Takot sila sa bawat pag-iimbestiga sa kanilang mga kabulukan, kabuktutan, pangungurakot at katiwalian. Takot sila dahil maging sa ibang mga bansa ay kinokondena ang ganitong karahasan, at lalo silang takot sa mga mamamayan dahil alam nila na kailanman ay hindi magwawagi ang mga tirano sa ating kasaysayan. Lahat ng mga tirano, diktador at pasista ay babagsak sa kamay ng mamamayang lumalaban.

G. Ispiker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, habang ating ginugunita ang Pandaigdigang Araw ng Karapatang Pantao, tayo rin sana ay magnilay kung ano ang naging papel natin habang ang mga karapatan ng ating mamamayan ay inaatake sa ating harapan. Halimbawa, sa loob ng Kongresong ito ay samu't saring mga panukala ang inihain na lumalabag sa civil and political rights, economic and social rights, at maging sa mga cultural rights ng ating mga mamamayan, mga karapatang bunga ng mga ipinaglaban ng mga nakaraan at maging ng kasalukuyang henerasyon.

Dumaan sa ating mga kamay, halimbawa, ang Rice Tariffication Law na sumaling sa karapatan sa pagkain at food security. Nariyan din ang ating pambansang badyet sa taong 2020 na muling nagbigay ng pondo para sa giyera laban sa droga, sa lumolobong badyet ng pulis at military bagamat sila ay batbat sa mga isyu ng karapatang pantao, pero ano po ang ating ginawa?

Nakahain rin sa mga komite ang iba't iba pang mga panukala na sumasaling naman sa karapatan ng ating mga kabataan, halimbawa, tulad ng lowering the age of criminal responsibility. Gayundin, G. Ispiker, mayroon ding ilang panukala ang nakahain upang gawin pang mas mabangis ang Human Security Act at tuluyan nang kinansela ang mga karapatan na nakasaad sa ating Saligang Batas.

Marami pa tayong kakaharapin na mga isyu, panukalang batas at resolusyon sa loob ng Kamara at inaanyayahan ko, G. Ispiker, ang bawat isa na tingnan nito sa lente ng isang tagapagtaguyod ng karapatang pantao. Hinahamon ko ang bawat isa na pumanig sa pagtatanggol sa karapatang pantao. Hinihimok at hinahamon natin ang lahat ng ating mga kapwa Mambabatas na kondenahin, itakwil at labanan ang lahat ng mga panukalang sasaling at lalabag sa bawat karapatan ng ating mga mamamayan.

Kasama ng mamamayan, G. Ispiker, tumulong tayo sa paglikha ng lipunang tunay na makatao, makabayan at may paggalang sa mga karapatan ng bawat mamamayan.

Laban Bayan!

Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

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

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to refer the speech of Honorable Zarate to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE CONF. CTTEE. ON H.B. NO. 4228

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on the National Budget: for the Majority, Hon. Ronaldo B. Zamora, Hon. Ron P. Salo and Hon. Eric Go Yap.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

It was. 2:25 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:32 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. John Reynald M. Tiangco, the students from the Kaunlaran High School, San Roque National High School and the Tangos National High School.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The guests of Hon. John Reynald M. Tiangco, please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

It was 2:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:51 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 4228

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 4228, the 2020 General Appropriations Bill. In accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). As many as are in favor of ratifying the Conference Committee Report, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The *ayes* have it; the said Conference Committee Report is hereby ratified. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Hon. Arlene D. Brosas who wishes to make a manifestation.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Arlene Brosas is hereby recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. BROSAS

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

Mr. Speaker, this is a manifestation on the ratification of the P4.1-trillion 2020 national budget.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa Kinatawan, hindi po masisikmura ng Kinatawang ito mula sa GABRIELA Women's Party ang isang pambansang budget na sagana sa pondo sa pagpaslang, pagdukot at pagkulong sa oposisyon subalit salat na salat sa pondo para tiyaking may isasaing ang mahihirap na pamilya at maaayudahan ang naghihingalong kalagayan ng mga magsasaka.

Hindi maaaring kaltasan pa ang budget ng NFA at ang pondong pambili ng palay ng ating mga magsasaka. Hindi maaaring mapunta para sa grandiyosong programang Build, Build, Build at iba pang proyektong imprastruktura na magtataboy sa mas maraming komunidad at wawasak sa mga palayan at palaisdaan.

Hindi katanggap-tanggap ang isang pambansang budget na may pondo para paandarin ng todo ang National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict o NTF-ELCAC, na siyang nagpapakansela ng rehistro ng Gabriela Women's Party at pangunahing responsable sa pangha-harass at pagre-red-tag sa mga aktibista, progresibo at oposisyon. Nagresulta ito sa napakaraming human rights violations. Alam po natin ang halaga ng human rights at dapat itong igalang sa kasalukuyan ng ating gobyerno.

Mr. Speaker, hindi maitatangging nakabuslo ang maraming proyekto sa 2020 budget sa bulsa ng mga kontraktor at mga kasosyong pulitiko, at habang umaapaw ang ganansiya ng iilan, umaalog naman ang bigasan ng mas maraming mahihirap na kababaihan at mamamayan.

Pinapaalala ko lang, Mr. Speaker, sabi nga sa Preamble ng Universal Declaration of Human Rights, na nagsasaad:

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law, x x x

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Hon. France L. Castro for her manifestation.

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

MANIFESTATION OF REP. CASTRO (F.L.)

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, this Representation of the ACT TEACHERS Party-List voted "No" on this budget because of the following:

Number one, the proposed 2020 budget rejects national industrialization and genuine agrarian reform and incentivizes semi-manufacturing of goods, export of services, cheap agricultural products and raw materials and the massive exodus of Filipino workers overseas.

Number two, the proposed P1.23 trillion for Build, Build, Build Program caters to the needs of the foreign investors and takes away funding from the much-needed infrastructure for social services and other basic services. Funding for education, health, housing and social welfare will continue to be inadequate as the government will continue to use public funds to subsidize and privatize, for more profit, the delivery of basic services like education, health and housing.

Number three, Mr. Speaker, in the face of the growing resistance from the poor and the oppressed, the 2020 budget proposes massive funding against people as it alarmingly contains huge proportions that will only enable further repression and more violations of basic human rights.

The President's very own Budget Message outline is an iron fist and militaristic approach, utterly

disregarding the historic roots of social unrest. He declares that peace can only be attained by combating criminality and terrorism but it seems that the national budget is geared towards a Kill, Kill, Kill Program because the Duterte administration's definition of peace is the peace of the grave and the silence of repression.

Another aspect of the budget is that it seems that it has the biggest presidential pork in history which, some reports say, amounts to P1.7 trillion or more than a quarter of P4.1 trillion. This is all under the Special Purpose Funds which have no specific details for they are but for the President and his alter egos as they have direct control of the proposed 2020 Budget.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, the national budget should not be used against the Filipino people and instead, should be utilized in addressing the social ills and incite armed conflicts, free land distribution, living wage and the national industrialization—all these should be the thrust of the administration and not repressing or killing its constituents.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to recognize Hon. Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat of the Party-List BAYAN MUNA for her manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Fem Cullamat is hereby recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. CULLAMAT

REP. CULLAMAT. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, sa ngalan ng BAYAN MUNA at sa buong pambansang Minorya, nais ko pong irehistro ang aking boto na "No."

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

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to recognize Hon. Ferdinand R. Gaité of the Party-List BAYAN MUNA for his manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Ferdinand Gaité is hereby recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. GAITE

REP. GAITE. Sa kagalang-galang na ating Speaker, sa haponing ito, nirerehistro po ng Kinatawag ito ang pagtutol o pagboto ng "No" sa panukalang batas para sa budget for 2020. Hindi lamang sa usapin na walang pagkakataon o panahon na aralin nang maigi ang nilalaman nitong Conference Committee sa approved

version ng naturang budget for 2020, kung hindi noon pa man ay nakita na natin na itong budget for 2020 ay budget para sa giyera at hindi para sa kapayapaan.

Hindi budget para sa social services, kung hindi lalo pa sa paggamit ng pandarahas sa taumbayan. Hindi budget para sa pagtaas ng sahod ng mga kawani at manggagawa, kung hindi budget para sa maraming kuwestyonableng budget for services which we deemed unnecessary or not beneficial to the people. Kaya po ang Kinatawag ito ay bumoboto ng "No" sa naturang panukalang batas sa usapin ng 2020 Budget.

Salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The manifestation is duly noted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Sarah Jane Elago from the Party-List KABATAAN for her brief manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago is hereby recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. ELAGO

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This Representation from KABATAAN Party-List would like to expressly put that her vote for the ratification of the 2020 Budget is "No."

The allocation for intelligence, confidential, police and military budgets are at a historic high. The Office of the President's budget which houses the biggest black budget of all is around P4.5 billion, or about P12 million per day remains untouchable.

Mr. Speaker, we are putting billions in public funds, and to use a popular song right now, it is "Into the Unknown." Napakalaki po niyang bilyon-bilyon na napupunta sa pondo na napakaliit ng mga mekanismo para matiyak na iyan ay mapupunta para sa kapakinabangan ng mga mamamayan. Even worse, Mr. Speaker, this would spell a budget for a more intensified black ops against critics and dissenters. Nakita na po natin iyan nitong mga nakaraang taon sa paglobo ng black budget, sa paglobo ng Confidential and Intelligence Funds, at ngayon nababahala tayo sa pagdoble ng black budget na iyan, lalo pang lalala at titindi ang atake sa mamamayan sa pamamagitan ng walang habas na pananakot, harassment, pagsampa ng mga gawa-gawang kaso laban sa mga kritiko at independent voices, hindi lamang dito sa loob ng Batasan, kung hindi ang lahat ng mamamayan na nag-e-exercise ng kanilang political civil rights para ipaglaban ang kanilang mga karapatan.

This is a budget for further consolidation of power through anti-democratic measures, implementation

of a nationwide *de facto* martial law and further human rights violations. Hundreds of millions po ang nakalagay sa NTF-ELCAC samantalang kulang na kulang pa rin ang mga pondo ng ating mga pampublikong ospital, ang pondo para matugunan ang mga hamon sa basic education, ang pondo para sa pagpapatupad ng libreng edukasyon at ng universal healthcare. Ang kailangan po natin ay hindi budget para pangigiyera sa karapatan ng mga mamamayan, kung hindi ang kinakailangan ay ang budget para sa social services, budget para sa transparency and accountability, budget para sa good governance, ang budget para sa hustisya, ang budget para sa pagkilala ng pag-iral ng ating batas, at higit sa lahat, ang pondo, ang budget na gagamitin para sa kapakanan ng ating bayan, magtatanggol sa ating soberanya, at magtatanggol sa karapatang pantao at sa dignidad ng bawat mamamayang Pilipino.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The manifestation is duly noted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize our distinguished Deputy Minority Leader, the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The distinguished Deputy Minority Leader is hereby recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Salamat, G. Ispiker.

Nirerehistro ng Kinatawag ito ng BAYAN MUNA Party-List ang kaniyang pagtutol sa ratipikasyon ng ating Pambansang Budget sa 2020. Gaya ng nabanggit ng aking mga kasamahan, ang sinasalamin nito ay hindi budget para matugunan ang batayang pangangailangan ng ating mga mamamayan, kung hindi ito ay budget para mas lalo pang paigtingin ang sistema ngayong sinusupil ang karapatan ng ating mamamayan, ang tiranikong pamamahala sa ating bayan.

Sinasalamin din nito, G. Ispiker, ang budget na kung saan taun-taon na lang mula noon hanggang ngayon, budget na kung saan tinatapyasan ang mga pangunahing serbisyong panlipunan kagaya ng kalusugan, edukasyon, pabahay at iba pa, samantalang lumolobo naman ang budget ng pangigiyera at iba pang budget na napupunta lamang sa mga proyektong hindi naman pangunahing pangangailangan ng ating mamamayan, gaya ng mga sinasabing Build, Build, Build Projects na ang pangunahing nakikinabang nito ay ang mga oligarkiya at ang mga malalaking negosyante sa ating bayan.

G. Ispiker, kailangang panalaminan natin ito, lalo

at higit sa araw na ito na sinasabing sa panahon ng ratipikasyon ng budget nandiyan pa rin at buhay na buhay ang sinasabi nilang “pork barrel,” o ang tinatawag na congressional insertions at iba pa.

Sa kadahilanang iyan, G. Ispiker, muli po nirerehistro ng Kinatawag ito ang kanyang pagtutol sa ratipikasyon ng ating 2020 Budget.

Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 567

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 567, contained in Committee Report No. 122, as reported out by the Committee on People’s Participation.

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

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 567, entitled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE COORDINATING AGENCY (PNVSCA) ON ITS 55TH ANNIVERSARY AND COMMENDING ITS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize our esteemed Chairperson of the Committee on People’s Participation, Hon. Florida “Rida” P. Robes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). Hon. Florida “Rida” P. Robes is hereby recognized.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 567

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 567.

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

House Resolution No. 567 is hereby adopted.

REP. ROBES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Floor Leader.

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

REP. SINGSON-MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that we include additional coauthors on House Bills No. 831, 1230, 1799, 2444, 2582, 4553, 5579, 5580, 5614, 5615, 5616, 5617, 5618, 5643, 5644, 5657, 5658, 5659, 5660, 5661, 5662, 5663, 5664, 5665, 5666, 5667, 5668, 5673, 5682, 5692, 5697 and 5698; House Resolution Nos. 66, 554, 565 and 567; and House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, as contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

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. SINGSON-MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Jeffrey D. Khonghun from the First District of Zambales. We have the 14 alumni of St. Mary's College, Batch 1990 from Tagum City, Davao del Norte, to wit: Ma. Agnes R. Degamo, Karina Sandra Dumaguing, Marichu Valdez, Joy B. Erfe, Daryl Maloles, Grace Mongaya, Ivy Fritzie Petallana, Ma. Fatima Godinez, Michelle Lausa, Ma. Lourdes Boiser, Roderica Fontanilla, Filipinas E. Balangue, Oliver Balangue and Rozza Vicca Gisma.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The guests of Hon. Jeffrey Khonghun are welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees:

1. House Resolution No. 522, to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
2. House Resolution No. 524, to the Committee on Cooperatives Development;

3. House Resolution No. 527, to the Committee on National Defense and Security;

4. House Resolution No. 528, to the Committee on National Defense and Security, and the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

5. House Resolution No. 529, to the Committee on National Defense and Security;

6. House Resolution No. 531, to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;

7. House Resolution No. 534, to the Special Committee on Bases Conversion;

8. House Resolution No. 536, to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;

9. House Resolution No. 537, to the Committee on Justice;

10. House Resolution No. 538, to the Committee on Welfare of Children;

11. House Resolution No. 539, to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;

12. House Resolution No. 540, to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;

13. House Resolution No. 542, to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;

14. House Resolution No. 546, to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;

15. House Resolution No. 555, to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

16. House Resolution No. 556, to the Committee on Ways and Means;

17. House Resolution No. 558, to the Committee on Energy;

18. House Resolution No. 563, to the Committee on Metro Manila Development;

19. House Resolution No. 566, to the Committee on National Defense and Security, and the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

20. House Resolution No. 569, to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, and the Committee on Public Accounts;

21. House Resolution No. 442, to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, and the Committee on Public Accounts;

22. House Resolution No. 483, to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and the Committee on Public Works and Highways; and

23. House Resolution No. 501, to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, and the Committee on Public Accounts.

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.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 3:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees:

1. House Resolution No. 495, to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
2. House Resolution No. 496, to the Committee on Health;
3. House Resolution No. 497, to the Committee on Games and Amusements;
4. House Resolution No. 499, to the Committee on Justice;

5. House Resolution No. 500, to the Committee on National Defense and Security;

6. House Resolution No. 501, to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, and the Committee on Public Accounts;

7. House Resolution No. 506, to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;

8. House Resolution No. 508, to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

9. House Resolution No. 516, to the Committee on Natural Resources;

10. House Resolution No. 519, to the Committee on Justice; and

11. House Resolution No. 520, to the Committee on Mindanao Affairs.

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.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session until 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 16.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Savellano). The session is suspended until December 16, Monday, at 3:00 p.m.

It was 3:21 p.m.