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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Rodante D. Marcoleta called the session to order.

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

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). Everybody is requested to rise for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

Everybody rose for the silent prayer.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

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

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

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll of Members.
I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 46, dated February 19, 2020.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). Is

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

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business, and that the Secretary General be directed to read the same.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading and Communications which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6352, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY TO EXERCISE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER PROVINCIAL JAILS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6353, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SAUD BEACH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGUDPUD, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Fariñas (Ria) and Fariñas (Rudys Caesar)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6354, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CAPE BOJEADOR LIGHTHOUSE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Fariñas (Ria) and Fariñas (Rudys Caesar)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6355, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAIRA-IRA COVE OR ‘BLUE LAGOON’ IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGUDPUD, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Fariñas (Ria) and Fariñas (Rudys Caesar)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6356, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BASI REVOLT SHRINE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIDDIG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Fariñas (Ria) and Fariñas (Rudys Caesar)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6357, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS TO DISPLAY THE NUTRITION FACTS AND INFORMATION ON THEIR MENUS”

By Representatives Fariñas (Ria) and Fariñas (Rudys Caesar)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6358, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE RECRUITMENT QUOTA REQUIREMENT OF FEMALE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) OFFICERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 58 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1996’ ”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6359, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION TO INCREASE THE HEMODIALYSIS TREATMENT COVERAGE OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX (156) SESSIONS PER YEAR”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6360, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION TWO OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Abunda
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 6361, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY TANODS WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST SIX MONTHS OF SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6362, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL MINIMUM MONTHLY SALARY IN GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 6364, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF TUBLAY SCHOOL OF HOME INDUSTRIES IN BARANGAY CAPONGA, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBLAY, PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO ANDRES ACOP COSALAN SCHOOL OF HOME INDUSTRIES”

By Representatives Mangaoang and Go (Mark)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6366, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTOMATICALLY CONVERTING THE CAPITAL TOWN OF PROVINCES

WITH NO COMPONENT CITIES, INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITIES OR HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, INTO A COMPONENT CITY”

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6367, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF LA TRINIDAD”

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6368, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR STUDENTS’ RIGHTS AND WELFARE”

By Representative Rodriguez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6369, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, RENAMING IT AS THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE COUNSEL REDEFINING, EXPANDING, RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Rodriguez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6370, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE AUDIT, PROMOTING A BASELINE QUALITY OF LIFE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6372, entitled:

“AN ACT RE-NATIONALIZING THE RAGAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND SIPOCOT DISTRICT HOSPITAL, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF RAGAY AND SIPOCOT, CAMARINES SUR, PLACING THE SAME UNDER THE CONTROL AND

SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Andaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6375, entitled:

“AN ACT CONSOLIDATING ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS BANK, REENACTING FOR THE SAID PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PORTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3518, AS AMENDED, AND INTRODUCING FURTHER AMENDMENTS THERETO”

By Representatives Romualdez (Yedda), Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 726, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) TO PRESENT TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MINDANAO AFFAIRS THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE BANGSAMORO ORGANIC LAW”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 727, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr) TO SUBMIT TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MINDANAO AFFAIRS THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE MINDANAO RAILWAY PROJECT”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 728, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (CAAP) AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr) TO PRESENT TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MINDANAO AFFAIRS THE OPERATIONAL STATUS AND DECONGESTION PLAN OF ALL THE AIRPORTS IN MINDANAO”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 729, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DILG MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 121 SERIES OF 2019 AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE WELFARE OF SIDEWALK VENDORS”

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 3 February 2020 of Maria Catalina E. Cabral, Ph.D., CESO I, Undersecretary for Planning and Public-Private Partnership (PPP), Office of the Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), submitting to the House of Representatives the Project Briefers as of January 25, 2020, including the List of Priority Projects of PPP of the DPWH and Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), for implementation, ongoing, and completed by the DPWH.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated 7 February 2020 of Ryn R. Enriquez, Chairperson and CEO, National Youth Commission, informing the House of Representatives that the report on the utilization of Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Mandatory and Continuing Training Fund FAR 1 – Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances as of the quarter ending December 31, 2019 have been posted to the agency’s website - Transparency Seal on February 6, 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 13 and 14 February 2020 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 1073 dated 10 February 2020;
2. Circular No. 1074 dated 7 February 2020;
3. Circular No. 1075 dated 7 February 2020; and
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2020-009 dated 11 February 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session.

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

It was 3:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:20 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SINGSON-MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Alan 1 B. Ecleo from the Lone District of Dinagat Islands: Doandre Bill A. Ladaga, Municipal Mayor of Loreto, Dinagat Islands; Manuelito N. Piodo, Municipal Vice Mayor; Dario Fracks Apole; Joy B. Conales; Roldan Labastida; Rex Angelo Diaz; Jeffery Flores; Cesar Borja; Guillermo Autor; Mark Anthony Aray; Romeo Alvarez; Vencent Esmeralda; and Snooky Teorima. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The guests of Hon. Alan 1 B. Ecleo are recognized. Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SINGSON-MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, we move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Edgar M. Chatto of the First District of Bohol from the municipality of Calape: SK Chair John Ted Labajo, Bella Ancog, Maria Aileen Veloso. From the municipality of Corella: Danny Bandala, Lolong Ado, Neil Ochoco, Manuel Inguito, Tony Clarin, Roder Malloria, Josephine Ancog, Joseph Lumantao, Roel Tanjantajan, Kenneth Lao. From the municipality of Loon: Pedro Literatus, Ana Liza Go, Timoteo Legitimas, Zaidy Coritico, Judy Marie Veloso and Lucena Lanaja.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The guests of Honorable Chatto are recognized and are all welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. SINGSON-MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

It was 3:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:25 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 26, 2020.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 182 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). With 182 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). Before that, we will have to give the breakdown of the 182 Members who responded to the call.

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker.

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

PRIVILEGE HOUR

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

recognize Hon. Frederick “Fred” H. Castro of the Second District of Capiz.

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

The Chair declares a Privilege Hour. The Privilege Hour having been declared, the Chair recognizes Hon. Fred Castro.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, before I proceed, I would like to respectfully correct the Gentleman for having amended my name to Frederick instead of Fredenil. Although it is a welcome amendment, I would still prefer to be identified as what I am and for what I am. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The error is unintended. The Gentleman should proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASTRO (F.H.)

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, visitors around this hall of the people of the Republic of the Philippines, magandang hapon po sa inyong lahat. While I could deliver my privilege speech on the basis of my foreign tongue, the compulsion is so irresistible that I have to deliver it using our national tongue. For which reason, Mr. Speaker, allow me to speak in our very own Tagalog language which is the best language and the most beautiful language in the world.

Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, noong mga nakaraang buwan, ito pong inyong abang lingkod ay tumayo sa Plenaryong ito, ang bulwagan ng mga mamamayang Pilipino, at nagpaabot ng kaniyang pagpuri sa lahat ng kasapi ng Mababang Kapulungan sa kadahilanan ng kanilang kooperasyon, sama-samang pagtulong at sama-samang pagsisikap ay nairaos ng Mababang Kapulungan ang budget para sa taong 2020. Bagamat hindi ko napaabot ang aking kaparehong pagpuri sa mga kasapi ng Mataas na Kapulungan, sa ating mga Senador na kapareho ng lahat ng mga kasapi ng Mababang Kapulungan, sila ay nagsikap din na mairaos sa mas madaling panahon ang budget ng taong 2020, nairaos po ang budget na ito sa Mataas na Kapulungan nang walang narinig ang bawat isa na reklamo na kung mayroon mang alingasngas o mayroong mga usapan na hindi katanggap-tanggap na nangyari habang itong budget ng 2020 ay binabalangkas, G. Ispiker, nairaos natin nang matiwasay ang budget na ito hanggang sa ito ay malagdaan ng Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

Mr. Speaker, itong mga nakaraang araw, may mga naririnig po tayong kakaba-kaba sapagkat ayon sa mga

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

ibinubulong ng mga paru-paro sa palibot, ganoon din ang ibinubulong ng mga bubuyog na ating naririnig, na may pinaplanong pag-aklas laban sa liderato ng kasalukuyang Congress ng Mababang Kapulungan. Ito ay isang usapin na hindi natin dapat pagtuunan ng pansin. Ito ay isang usapin na hindi pa maaaring makatulong sa pangangailangan ng ating bansa. Ito ay usapin na matagal nang naisaayos sapagkat bago pa man naayos itong Eighteenth Congress ay naayos na ang liderato ng Mababang Kapulungan. Hindi dapat pag-aksayahan ng panahon ang mga usaping ito sapagkat nalalaman ng lahat na mayroong mga usapin na kritikal na nakahilera na dapat aktuhan at dapat bigyan ng pansin ng Mababang Kapulungan.

G. Ispiker, noong araw ng Lunes, samantalang ako ay nagmumuni-muni sa halamanan ng ating Mababang Kapulungan, isang paru-paro ang dumapo sa akin at ang paru-parong ito ay bumulong na ayon sa kaniya ay may isang ligaw na kaluluwa ang nagtatangka na harangin ang paglagay ng pondo sa alokasyon ng mga Congressmen—hindi lamang pagharang sa paglagay ng pondo sa alokasyon ng mga Congressmen pero mas malala pa ang binabalak ng ligaw na kaluluwa na ito. Ayon sa paru-paro ay binabalak din ng ligaw na kaluluwa na ito na harangin ang pagpapatupad ng mga proyektong nakahilera na dalhin bilang pasalubong ng mga Kinatawan ng buong bansang Pilipinas sa kanilang nasasakupan o sa mga mamamayang Pilipino. G. Ispiker, hindi ko alam kung bakit may nagtatangka na harangin ang alokasyon ng mga Kinatawan ng Mababang Kapulungan. Hindi ko rin maarok kung bakit ganito ang damdamin ng ligaw na kaluluwa sapagkat ang pagharang ng pondo sa pagpapatupad ng mga proyekto ng mga Kinatawan ng sambayanang Pilipino sa Mababang Kapulungan ay hindi lamang laban sa mga Kinatawan, subalit ito ay laban sa mga mamamayang Pilipino. Nalalaman ng lahat na ang pagharang ng pondo o alokasyon ng mga Kinatawan ng sambayanang Pilipino ay magdudulot ng kabiguan sa ating mga mamamayan na nangangarap na matanggap na nila ang kanilang pinapangarap na pag-unlad sa kabaranggayan, pag-unlad sa kabayanan at pag-unlad sa buong bansa.

Noong ako ay pumasok sa loob ng bulwagang ito, hindi ko nalalaman na ang ibinulong pala ng paru-parong ito ay pinag-uusapan na rin ng mga kasamahan ko sa loob ng bulwagang ito. Hindi ko alam na may pinaplano na isiwalat kung sino ang ligaw na kaluluwang ito sapagkat sila ay naghihimagsik, sila ay nanggagalaiti sapagkat, sa paniniwala ng aking mga kasamahan sa bulwagang ito, ang binabalak ng halang na kaluluwang ito ay hindi laban sa kanila subalit ito ay laban sa kanilang nasasakupan. G. Ispiker, ako ay nangibabaw sa mga kasamahan ko sa loob ng bulwagang ito, sila ay nakinig sa akin na huwag silang magpadala sa silakbo ng kanilang damdamin sapagkat hindi pa natin napupuruhan kung sino ang kaluluwang ito. G. Ispiker,

nangibabaw ang aking payo sa kanila na usisain muna natin kung sino talaga ang katauhan ng halang at ligaw na kaluluwang ito at kapag nalaman natin kung sino talaga ang kaniyang katauhan, iminumungkahi ko sa kanila at iminumungkahi ko sa lahat na nandidito ngayon na mga kasamahan ko sa bulwagan na ito, na tayo ay magsama-sama upang ipagtanggol ang karapatan ng ating mga mamamayan. Tayo ay magsama-sama upang hindi kabiguan ang madala natin sa ating mga mamamayan. Tayo ay magsama-sama upang ipagtanggol ang karapatan ng Mababang Kapulungan bilang bulwagan ng mga mamamayang Pilipino.

G. Ispiker, tatapusin ko po ang aking pagtatalumpati sa pagpapaabot sa aking mga kasamahan na ito ang pagkakataon, hindi lamang ngayon kung hindi sa mga darating na buwan, sa darating na taon, na dapat ay panindigan ng Mababang Kapulungan ang kapangyarihan na ibinigay sa kanila ng mamamayang Pilipino. Dapat na panindigan ng mga Kinatawan ng mamamayang Pilipino ang karapatan na kung ano ang kanilang hinihingi sa kanilang mga Kinatawan ay makaabot sa kanila at hindi maging isang kabiguan dahil lamang sa kagagawan ng isang ligaw at halang na kaluluwa.

Sa inyo lahat na aking mga ipinagpipitagan na mga kasamahan sa Mababang Kapulungan ng Kongreso, nawa ay magsama-sama tayo at nawa ay patnubayan tayo ng Maykapal upang maipagtanggol natin kung ano ang nararapat sa ating mga nasasakupan at kung ano ang nararapat sa mga mamamayang Pilipino.

Maraming salamat sa inyo, G. Ispiker, at maraming salamat sa mga ipinagpipitagan kong mga kasamahan sa Mababang Kapulungan ng Kongreso.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of Honorable Castro (F.H.) to the Committee on Rules for its proper disposition.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6123

Continuation

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we continue the consideration of House Bill No. 6123 as found in Committee Report No. 209 and that the Secretary General be directed to read the title of said measure.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the title of the Bill.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6123, entitled: AN ACT DEFINING THE OFFENSES OF DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF FIREARMS AND PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 254 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "REVISED PENAL CODE", AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT."

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize our esteemed Sponsor, the Chair of the Committee on Public Order and Safety, Hon. Narciso R. Bravo Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). Hon. Narciso "Bong" Bravo is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, our parliamentary status is that we have terminated the period of amendments.

I move now for the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6123.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 6123 on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 6123, please say *Aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6123 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 6123 is hereby approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5912 *Continuation*

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 5912 and

that the Secretary General be directed to read the title of the said measure.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the title of the Bill.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5912, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NATIONAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9645, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO ACT."

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize our esteemed Sr. Dep. Majority Leader, Hon. Jesus Crispin C. Remulla.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). Honorable Remulla is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, our parliamentary status regarding House Bill No. 5912 is that we have terminated the period of amendments.

I move for the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5912.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5912 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5912 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 5912 is now approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 5975

Continuation

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move now that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 5975, as contained in Committee Report No. 199, and that the Secretary General be directed to read the title of said measure.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the title of House Bill No. 5975.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5975, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL THANKSGIVING DAY.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the esteemed Senior Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. Jesus Crispin C. Remulla.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). Honorable Remulla is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, our parliamentary status is that we have terminated the period of amendments.

I move now for the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5975.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 5975 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 5975
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). As many as are against, please say *Nay*. (*Silence*) The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 5975 is now approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move now that we begin consideration of House Bill No. 6192 and for this purpose, could the Secretary General be directed to read the title of the said measure.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the recognition of Hon. Edcel C. Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. May we request that the titles of these bills, so that we will know the import of these measures, be flashed, as ordinarily made, so that we will know what we are approving.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we support the motion of the esteemed Lagman for the titles of the said House bills to be flashed on screen by the Secretariat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The Secretariat is hereby directed to flash the title of the Bill under consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6192

Continuation

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my motion that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 6192 and that the Secretary General be directed to read the title of the said measure.

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6192, entitled: AN ACT PRESERVING THE INDIGENOUS GAMES OF THE PHILIPPINES.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we enjoin the staff to please flash the title of the measure on the screen as moved by Honorable Lagman.

Mr. Speaker, with the title having been flashed on the screen, I move now for the recognition of the honorable Sr. Dep. Majority Leader, Hon. Jesus Crispin C. Remulla.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). Honorable Remulla is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, our parliamentary status regarding this measure is that we have terminated the period of amendments.

I move now for the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6192.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 6192 on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6192 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 6192 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on the following House bills for approval on Third Reading under the cluster of construction of national roads. I move that we vote on House Bills Nos. 497, 1079 and 5889 and that the Secretary General be directed to read the titles of said measures, and call the roll for nominal voting on these three measures.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to read the titles of the three bills under the cluster of construction of national roads and thereafter, to call the roll for nominal voting.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 497, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT (NORTH) TO THE SECOND DISTRICT (SOUTH) OF CEBU CITY;

House Bill No. 1079, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COASTAL ROAD CONNECTING THE CALOOCAN, MALABON, NAVOTAS AND VALENZUELA (CAMANAVA) AREA TO THE PROVINCES OF BULACAN, PAMPANGA AND BATAAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and

House Bill No. 5889, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL HIGHWAY FROM LANAO DEL NORTE INTERIOR CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALAKAG, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, WITH A CROSSROAD AT BARANGAY MALIMBATO, MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE AND CONNECTING ROADS TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN ILIGAN CITY THROUGH BARANGAY PUGAAN, ILIGAN CITY AND TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN MARAWI CITY THROUGH THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAPAI, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN UNITY HIGHWAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Secretary General called the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The results of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measures are reflected in Journal No. 48, dated February 26, 2020.*

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). With 174 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bills Nos. 497, 1079 and 5889 are all approved on Third Reading.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, we move to recognize Hon. Edcel C. Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). Hon. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

REP. LAGMAN. May I move for a short suspension so that this Representation can confer with the Majority Leader.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. AGLIPAY. I move for the suspension of session for a few minutes

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The session is suspended for one minute.

It was 4:11 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:13 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez of Cagayan de Oro City. They are Melchon Mag-Away, Irvin Zee Paasa and Roger Abaday Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The guests of Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, I also move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma of the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya. They are our visitors from the Municipality of Ambaguio, Nueva Vizcaya, namely: Geraldo Lino, Mando Balaso, Ronelio Danao, Leon Lino, Felix Dinang-watan, Lucas Bugtong, Elias Waya and Julio Manuel.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The guests of Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Representative of the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. AGLIPAY. Also, Mr. Speaker, we also move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Juliette T. Uy of the Second District of Misamis Oriental. They are from the Municipality of Villanueva, Misamis Oriental, namely: Vice-Mayor Edwin Dagasuhan, and the Kagawad/SB members: Celso Casino, Jeric Emano, Diosdado Balhon, Onie Abejo, Chichi Dacumos, Nilo Belgamo, Celso Yagma, Edgardo Permi, Chanime Bahade, Jubenil Jabineao, Sara Valledor, Clara Jabineao, Margie Emano and Minda Barangan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The guests of Hon. Juliette T. Uy, Representative of the Second District of Misamis Oriental, from the two municipalities of Misamis Oriental, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, we move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Alan 1 B. Ecleo, Representative of the Lone District of Dinagat Islands. They are Doandre Ladaga, Municipal Mayor of Loreto; Manuelito Piodo, the Vice Mayor of Basilisa; Dario Apole, Admin Aide; Joy Conales; Roldan Labastida; Rex Angelo Diaz; Jeffrey Flores; Cesar Borja; Guillermo Autor; Mark Anthony Aray; Romeo Alvarez; Vencent Esmeralda; and Snooky Teorima.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The guests of Hon. Alan 1 B. Ecleo of the Lone District of Dinagat Islands, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. AGLIPAY. Also, Mr. Speaker, we move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Eric Go Yap, Representative of ACT-CIS Party-List. They are from Tuba, Benguet, Vice Mayor Maria Carantes, Councilors Nestor Baban, Reachelle Takinan, Eugene Gabino, Garey Behis, Gloria Paus, Arnulfo Milo, Roger Kitma and Rebecca Apil, ABC President Oliver Paus, SB Sec. Adora Gabino and Mr. Mhenard Sudara.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The guests of Hon. Eric Go Yap, Representative, ACT-CIS Party-List, are welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. AGLIPAY. Also, we move to acknowledge the presence of guests of Hon. Lolita T. Javier of the Second District of Leyte. They are from the town of Capoocan, Leyte: Mayor Fe Claire Paragatos, Vice Mayor Federico Carolino Sr., Gracia Pigar, Emmanuel Arboso, Aleshyla Diaz, Arnel Cantalejo, Federico Carolino Jr, Reniel Capaycapay and Jaime Dalde Jr.; ABC President Florence Misagal and SK President Juno Apostol; and from the LGU of Mayorga, Leyte: SB Members Jeffrey Cabaobao, Marilou Sabusap, Jerwin Sugbo, Joselito Cochero, Malvin Pelino and Renante Caidoy; ABC President Dominador Tallecer, Wenceslao Velasco and Mark Cloyd Tan Piengco.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The guests of Hon. Lolita T. Javier, Representative of the Second District of Leyte, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. AGLIPAY. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Joselito “Joel” S. Sacdalan, Representative of the First District of North Cotabato, the Municipal Councilors of Alamada, Cotabato, namely: Jose Rommel Dearos, Democrito Diola, Eres Concepcion, Teresa Demitillo, Albert Bacat and Elmer Bona; and the Municipal Councilors of Midsayap, North Cotabato, they are Mark Ferven Avance, Maria Belen Sabio, Edgar Ostique, Justin Clio Ostique, Alan Mostrales, James Llavan and Vivencio Deomampo Jr.; and from the Public Employment Service Office of Pigcawayan, North Cotabato: Mr. Jose Neri Alminaza, Beverly Pacete-Yu, Anna Mae Escondida, Lowella Shene Martizano, Jessa Mae Castillo and Jonny Tenizo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The guests of Hon. Joselito “Joel” S. Sacdalan, Representative of the First District of North Cotabato, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. AGLIPAY. Mr. Speaker, another acknowledgement of the presence of the guests of Hon. Lianda B. Bolilia, they are from the Municipality of Taysan, Batangas headed by Mayor Grande Gutierrez, Councilor Nenita Perez, DepEd Taysan Supervisor Emiteria Villamor and the head teachers of various schools in Taysan, Batangas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The guests of Hon. Lianda B. Bolilia are all welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*
The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF REP. MERCADO AS DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Majority, I move to nominate and elect as Deputy Majority Leader, Cong. Roger C. Mercado.
I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Majority, I move for the election of the following Members to various Committees:

The Majority Leader, Rep. Bolilia, read the names of the House Members elected to the various Committees, per Journal No. 48, dated February 26, 2020.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

As member:
Rep. Jake Vincent Villa

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

As member:
Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

As member:
Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria

COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

As member:
Rep. Christian S. Unabia

COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

As members:
Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

As member:
Rep. Divina Grace Yu

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

As member:
Rep. Florencio G. Noel

COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

As members:
Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu
Rep. Ruth Mariano-Hernandez

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

As member:
Rep. Ruth Mariano-Hernandez

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

As member:
Rep. Enrico A. Pineda
I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we immediately send to the Senate copies of the measures earlier approved on Third Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is directed to immediately transmit to the Senate the aforementioned House Bills as approved today.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

It was 4:25 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:26 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the honorable Rep. Henry S. Oaminal, our Deputy Speaker. They are from the Philippine Councilors League of the Province of Misamis Occidental with the delegates from the Cities of Oroquieta and Ozamiz and the Municipalities of Baliangao, Bonifacio, Calamba, Clarin, Concepcion, Don Victoriano, Lopez Jaena, Panaon, Plaridel, Sapang Dalaga, Sinacaban, and Tudela.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). The presence of the guests of the distinguished Deputy Speaker Henry S. Oaminal are acknowledged and are all welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BOLILIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, March 2, 2020.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Marcoleta). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until Monday, March 2, 2020, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 4:27 p.m.