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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 166

Submitted by the Committee on Housing and Urban Development on MAR 13 2017  
 Re: House Bill No. 159  
 Recommending its approval without amendment  
 Sponsors: Representatives Benitez and Belmonte

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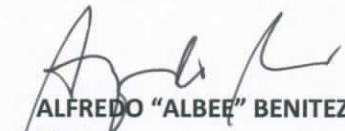
Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Housing and Urban Development to which was referred House Bill No. 159 introduced by Reps. Belmonte (J. C.), Romualdo, Paduano, Revilla, Dimaporo, Castelo, Abu, Abellanosa, Chipeco, Fortun, Banal, Relampagos, Panotes, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF GOVERNMENT TO EXPROPRIATE LANDS FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 9, 10, AND 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992"”;

has considered the same and recommends its approval without amendment with Reps. Belmonte (J. C.), Romualdo, Paduano, Revilla, Dimaporo, Castelo, Abu, Abellanosa, Chipeco, Fortun, Banal, Relampagos, Panotes, Benitez, Bertiz III, De Vera, Ungab, Ramos, Pancho, Quimbo, Nograles (J.), Alejano, Garbin, Jr., Palma II, Cortuna, Lacson, Sarmiento (C), Savellano, Romero, Batocabe, Teves, Nava, Roque, Salo, Evardone, Villarin, Radaza, Lopez (M. L.), and Sarmiento (E) as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

  
**ALFREDO "ALBEE" BENITEZ**  
 Chairman  
 Committee on Housing and Urban Development

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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# FACT SHEET

**House Bill No. 159**

(As Approved on February 22, 2017)

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*Introduced by:* **REPRESENTATIVES BELMONTE (J. C.), ROMUALDO, PADUANO, REVILLA, DIMAPORO, CASTELO, ABU, ABELLANOSA, CHIPECO, FORTUN, BANAL, RELAMPAGOS, PANOTES, BENITEZ, BERTIZ III, DE VERA, UNGAB, RAMOS, PANCHO, QUIMBO, NOGRALES (J.), ALEJANO, GARBIN, JR., PALMA II, CORTUNA, LACSON, SARMIENTO (C), SAVELLANO, ROMERO, BATOCABE, TEVES, NAVA, AND ROQUE**

*Committee Referral:* **COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
*Committee Chairperson:* **REP. ALFREDO "ALBEE" B. BENITEZ**

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- To strengthen the right of government to expropriate lands for purposes of socialized housing
- To enable the proper expropriating agency or the local government units to identify and prioritize the particular area to be acquired for socialized housing in accordance with their development plans, subject only to the provisions of the Constitution and pertinent laws on expropriation

### **KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Removes the priorities set in the acquisition of land for socialized housing
- Relaxes the rule that makes expropriation the last mode to be resorted in land acquisition
- Allows the expropriation of land even if its ownership is subject of a pending litigation

### **RELATED LAWS:**

- Republic Act No. 7279 - Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992
- Republic Act No. 7160 - Local Government Code of 1991