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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo called the session to order.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER**

Pursuant to Section 73, Rule XI of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, observed a minute of silent prayer.

**DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL**

On motion of Representative Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body deferred the Roll Call.

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 12, dated August 17, 2016.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On further motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

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

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 2882, entitled:

“AN ACT DEVELOPING, SUPPORTING AND PROVIDING VARIOUS INCENTIVES TO INNOVATIVE START-UP ENTREPRENEURS AND ITS INVESTORS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2883, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CONFERMENT OF A DOCTORATE DEGREE AS EQUIVALENT TO ENTRY LEVEL CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE OFFICER ELIGIBILITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2884, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY CAGBUNGA AND BARANGAY TAMBO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2885, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING NAGA CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF GAINZA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2886, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN CULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF TRIBAL HEALTH WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2887, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY MANAPAO, BARANGAY MALITBOG AND BARANGAY TARIRIK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINALABAC INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2888, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY GRIJALVO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2889, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY CARANAN AND BARANGAY MACAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PASACAO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2890, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF STALKING AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2891, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY BAHAY AND BARANGAY BUSAK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBMANAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2892, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY BAGADION AND BARANGAY MAMBULO NUEVO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBMANAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2893, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO AND BARANGAY IBID IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBMANAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2894, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY SAN JUAN AND BARANGAY CONCEPCION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBMANAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2895, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY SAN RAMON AND BARANGAY POBLACION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2896, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAHING-LAHING – CAMP ANDRES PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF OMAR AND LUUK, PROVINCE OF SULU, TO NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Arbison

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2897, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM TO ENABLE POOR FILIPINO FAMILIES TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE COLLEGE GRADUATE BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXPANDED STUDENT GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION (ESGP-PA) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 2898, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING THE DEPUTIZATION OF ANY UNIT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND/OR ANY OF ITS PARA-MILITARY GROUPS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES IN LABOR AND AGRARIAN DISPUTES”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2899, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE WITNESS PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFIT PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6981, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'WITNESS PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFIT ACT', AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2900, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BALIK SCIENTIST PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2901, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO (USM), KABACAN, COTABATO TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTH COTABATO TESDA TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tejada

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2902, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING THE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEES AND DELEGATING THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF NATIONAL, COMMUNAL, AND PUMP IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tupas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2903, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PENSION AND OTHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO RETIRED OLYMPIANS AND ELITE ATHLETES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2904, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION FOR MASS HOUSING ENDEAVORS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1267, AND OTHER LAWS AFFECTING THE NHMFC”

By Representative Belmonte (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2905, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MASBATE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE, FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2906, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY INCLUSION OF BASIC FARMING AND AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Ortega (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2907, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (NTC) DIRECT REGULATORY POWER TO IMPOSE FINE AND REVOKE FRANCHISE

OF ERRING TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS SERVICE PROVIDER ON UNSOLICITED OR UNWANTED MESSAGE OR MATERIAL VIA TEXT TO MOBILE PHONE USER/SUBSCRIBER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2908, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY AND APPROPRIATING 20 BILLION PESOS THEREFOR FROM THE FUNDS OF PAGCOR AND PCSO”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 2909, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TERMINAL FEES ALL SENIOR CITIZENS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2910, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF PCSO FUNDS FROM UNCLAIMED LOTTO PRIZES FOR DISPOSITION AND ADMINISTRATION BY DSWD FOR ITS SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 2911, entitled:

“AN ACT INCLUDING ACTS COMMITTED ON ACCOUNT OF ROAD RAGE IN THE AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES,

AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2912, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE RUBBER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2913, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE TRAUMA INSTITUTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2914, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE BUREAU OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2915, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF MINERALS PROCESSING AND IN THE PROCESS BANNING THE EXPORT OF IRON, NICKEL, CHROMITE, MANGANESE, BLACK SAND AND OTHER STRATEGIC METALLIC ORES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Paduano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2916, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF SLANDER BY DEED AND INCLUDING THE INTENTIONAL FILING OF A FALSE COMPLAINT IN COURT OR WITH ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY EXERCISING QUASI-JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS AS ONE OF ITS FORM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 359 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED PENAL CODE' ”

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2917, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING ONE PERSON CORPORATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 68 OR THE CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2918, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AS UNLAWFUL ANY GOVERNMENT PROJECTS TO BE NAMED OR IDENTIFIED AFTER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONS WHOSE NAME OR IDENTITY MAY IN ANY MANNER BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID OFFICIALS”

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2919, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TERMINAL FEES ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2920, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS, DISTRICT SUPERVISORS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, AND OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 99, PARAGRAPH (D) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2921, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9211, OR THE TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003, SECTION 13, ON WARNINGS ON CIGARETTE PACKAGES”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2922, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE AN ACUPUNCTURE BOARD”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2923, entitled:

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

By Representative Villanueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2924, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CRISTO REY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPAS, PROVINCE OF TARLAC”

By Representative Villanueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2925, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Villanueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2926, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANANA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTONIO O. FLOIRENDO, SR. BANANA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER' AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Gonzaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2927, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, CREATING FOR

THAT PURPOSE THE SAMAL ISLAND SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Floirendo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2928, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE FIRST 1,000 DAYS INTERVENTION PACKAGE UNDER THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2929, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOLOGICAL SANITATION AS A METHOD OF SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INTEGRATED SUPPORT AND FACILITIES TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE URBAN ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2930, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING AND EXTENDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (FORMERLY SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7294, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SMART) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS/COMPUTER/ELECTRONIC SERVICES AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR

PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Umali

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 2931, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ACCESS TO INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO VARIOUS INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2932, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT OF 1995, SECTION 3 ON THE DEFINITION OF WORK, EDUCATION OR TRAINING-RELATED SEXUAL HARASSMENT”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 2933, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING HIGHER PENALTIES FOR THE ACT OF THREATENING OR INJURING A MEMBER OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S FAMILY IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE, IMPEDE, OR RETALIATE AGAINST HIM”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2934, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE NOTICE ON ANY CHARGES OR CONVICTION



AGAINST THEM TO THEIR DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY HEAD”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2935, entitled:

“AN ACT LIMITING THE CONSECUTIVE HOURS OF WORK BY NURSES”

By Representative Roque (H.)

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

House Bill No. 2936, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COMPULSORY PSYCHO-TECHNICAL DRIVER ASSESSMENT TESTS AMENDING SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2937, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING USED CAR DEALERS TO PROVIDE CONSUMERS WITH A WRITTEN WARRANTY AGAINST DEFECTS AND REQUIRING PRIVATE SELLERS TO DISCLOSE ANY KNOWN USE OR SAFETY DEFECTS”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 216, entitled:

“RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN ONSITE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF

LEGISLATION, ON THE VIABILITY AND DISASTER VULNERABILITIES OF THE JALAU RIVER MULTIPURPOSE PROJECT STAGE II (JRMP), TO BE SITUATED ON TOP OF THE WEST PANAY FAULT WHICH IS AN ACTIVE FAULT AND THUS THREATENS THE LIVES AND LIVELIHOOD OF THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR DISASTER”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 217, entitled:

“RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SSS COMPUTER GLITCH AFFECTING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SSS MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS AND REMITTANCES”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 218, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED IRREGULARITIES IN THE SALE OF HOUSES AND LOTS BY REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER PRO-FRIENDS”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 219, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MS. HIDILYN DIAZ OF ZAMBOANGA CITY FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL AWARD IN THE WOMEN'S 53-KG WEIGHTLIFTING CATEGORY IN THE 2016 RIO DE JANEIRO SUMMER OLYMPICS IN BRAZIL ON AUGUST 5-21, 2016”

By Representative Panganiban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 220, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ASKING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE PHP530-MILLION FRAUD INVOLVING THE EMBASSY OF KUWAIT AND A PRIVATE COMPANY KNOWN AS WINSTON Q8 CERTIFICATION SOLUTIONS, INC. WITH KUWAIT-BOUND OFWS AS VICTIMS”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 221, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION ON THE MASSIVE FLOODING IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND ADJOINING MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA ON AUGUST 7, 8 AND 9 OF 2016”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 222, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, TO DIRECT THE RELEASE OF THE BALANCE OF THE CASH REWARD PLEDGED TO MANSUETO 'ONYOK' VELASCO FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 1996 ATLANTA OLYMPICS”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 223, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COLLECTIVE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRATULATE BROTHER EDUARDO V. MANALO FOR SEVEN (7) YEARS OF VICTORIOUS CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AS HE MARKS HIS 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AS THE EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2016”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 224, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COLLECTIVE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN FOR REAFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE MARITIME SECURITY OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 225, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION THANKING SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION, THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, MR. RAMON ANG, FOR ITS BID TO DONATE ONE BILLION PESOS TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING NEW DRUG REHABILITATION FACILITIES IN AREAS TO BE DETERMINED BY CONCERNED AGENCIES”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Resolution No. 226, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COLLECTIVE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THANK AND COMMEND SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION, THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, MR. RAMON ANG, FOR ITS OFFER TO DONATE ONE BILLION PESOS TO THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE END IN VIEW OF BUILDING NEW DRUG REHABILITATION FACILITIES IN STRATEGIC AREAS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Resolution No. 227, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO INSTILL E-4 ETIQUETTE FOR FILIPINOS”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Resolution No. 228, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING TNC (TheNet.Com) FOR WINNING 8<sup>TH</sup> PLACE IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST E-SPORT COMPETITION, THE INTERNATIONAL 6 (TI6) IN SEATTLE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FOR BRINGING HONOR TO THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

##### RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 257, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISTINCTION TO MS. HIDILYN F. DIAZ FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S WEIGHTLIFTING 53-KG CATEGORY IN THE 2016 RIO DE JANEIRO SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

With the permission of the Body, the following Members were made coauthors of the Bills and Resolutions hereunder indicated:

Reps. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Cristal L. Bagatsing, Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno and Lorna C. Silverio for House Bill No. 51;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Bills No. 3, 2294, 2295, 2333, 2350, 2353, 2354, 2356, 2357 and 2358;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 83, 169, 209, 263 and 264;

Rep. Franz E. Alvarez for House Bills No. 5, 630, 633, 1705 and 1709;

Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bills No. 192 and 2633;

Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel for House Resolution No. 46;

Rep. Tom S. Villarín for House Bill No. 904;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 20, 41, 43, 45, 56, 57, 195, 245, 268 and 270;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 26, 105, 118, 119, 121, 133, 135, 138, 140, 161, 202, 208, 324, 418, 447, 508, 513, 517, 524, 527, 530, 659, 821, 888, 889, 892 and 955;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 488, 554, 1716, 1863, 1886, 2214, 2215 and 2353;

Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes for House Bills No. 209, 210, 211, 1915 and 1916;

Rep. Carlo V. Lopez for House Bill No. 197;

Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria for House Bills No. 391, 392, 394, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579 and 2247;

Rep. Pablo C. Ortega for House Bills No. 392, 393, 394, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579 and 2247;

Rep. Michael John R. Duavit for House Bills No. 392, 394, 576 and 577;

Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo for House Bills No. 391, 576 and 578;

Rep. Pedro B. Acharon Jr. for House Bills No. 122, 123, 391, 392, 575, 576, 577 and 579;

Reps. Evelina G. Escudero and Victoria Isabel G. Noel for House Bills No. 391, 392, 393, 394, 575, 576, 578, 579 and 2247;

Rep. Arthur C. Yap for House Bills No. 391, 392, 393, 394, 575, 576, 577 and 579;

Reps. Carlito S. Marquez, Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D., Melecio J. Yap Jr., Napoleon S. Dy, Joey Sarte Salceda, Micaela S. Violago and Rolando G. Andaya Jr. for House Bills No. 391, 392, 393, 394, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579 and 2247;

Reps. Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Strike B. Revilla, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Arlene B. Arcillas, Luis Jose Angel N. Campos Jr., Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III, Jennifer Austria Barzaga, Richard C. Eusebio and Len B. Alonte-Naguiat for House Bill No. 3100;

Rep. Henry S. Oaminal for House Bill No. 122;

Reps. Joel Mayo Z. Almario, Isagani S. Amatong, Manuel F. Zubiri and Zajid G. Mangudadatu for House Bills No. 122 and 123;

Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, Lib. for House Bills No. 18, 47, 113, 123, 181, 267, 337, 338, 340, 348, 363, 461, 560, 597, 647, 691, 861, 907, 983 and 997;

Rep. Michelle M. Antonio for House Bills No. 2, 31, 187, 392, 393, 394, 465, 518, 576, 577, 578 and 579;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bills No. 556, 559 and 2049 and House Resolution No. 238;

Rep. Frederick W. Siao for House Bill No. 2580;

Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II for House Bills No. 208, 209, 210, 211, 1912, 1913, 1915 and 1916;

Rep. Carlito S. Marquez for House Bills No. 208, 209, 210 and 1916;

Rep. Jum J. Akbar for House Bills No. 122, 123, 2693 and 2696;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 2045, 2434 and 2435;

Rep. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño for House Bills No. 208, 209, 210 and 1911; and

Rep. Horacio P. Suansing Jr. for House Bills No. 208, 209, 210, 1911 and 1916.

## THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and recognized Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus from Gabriela Party-List to deliver her privilege speech.

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DE JESUS

As Rep. De Jesus assailed in Filipino the poor cellphone services as well as the penalties and hidden fees charged by telecommunications companies (telcos) to the consumers, she related her personal experience of customer service troubles as a postpaid subscriber who had used the same cellphone number in the last 13 years and had recently applied for an upgrade of her postpaid plan.

She recalled the difficulties she encountered because 1) she had to wait long as her transaction had to pass through customer service representatives in a call center; 2) she was charged for a decade-long bill that was never reflected in her statement of account so she was forced to stop the subscription for the particular cellphone number; 3) her application for a new postpaid plan was cut because she was told that she had to settle first her old account; 4) she suffered from a day-long disconnection that she had to personally talk to the OIC manager and put in writing her complaint.

Rep. De Jesus said that as she tackled her problem with her postpaid plan, she learned of the many stories about similar situations encountered by consumers with major telcos, as well as the numerous negative comments against them in social media since 2013, such as overcharging, lack of refund in instances when internet services were not provided, and slow and inefficient customer service.

It is about time, she said for these communications service providers to be made accountable for their inefficient services. She then expressed hope that her speech would be referred to the proper committee that will help solve the problems of the telco consumers.

## REFERRAL OF REP. DE JESUS' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. De Jesus to the Committee on Rules.

## MANIFESTATION OF REP. DAZA

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Raul A. Daza said that he was not objecting to Rep. Bondoc's motion but he would like to consent to the latter that the specific committee be now named to look into Rep. De Jesus' privilege speech. He then moved to amend said motion to refer the speech to the Committee on Legislative Franchises which has the jurisdiction to revoke the franchises of telecommunications companies.

The Chair asked whether Rep. Bondoc would accept Rep. Daza's amendment to which Rep. Bondoc posed no objection and explained that tradition holds that the Body refer the said speech to the Committee on Rules aside from the Committee on Legislative Franchises. He added that other committees, such as the Committee on Transportation, might also wish to join in the discussion. He expressed hope that Rep. Daza was satisfied with the referral of said speech.

#### **REP. DAZA'S AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION**

Rep. Daza said that he would be satisfied with Rep. Bondoc's explanation, provided that it be placed on record that the subject matter of the speech referred to the Committee on Rules would be referred to the Committee on Legislative Franchises considering that under Section 28 of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Committee on Legislative Franchises has the potential to correct the way the telephone companies should have been functioning and has the power to revoke or threaten to revoke franchises of telephone companies.

Upon agreement with the original movant, there being no objection, the Chair approved Rep. Daza's amendment to Rep. Bondoc's motion by referring the speech of Rep. De Jesus to the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

#### **REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair likewise reminded the Members that they are not prevented from seeking referral to other Committees once their speeches had been referred to the Committee on Rules.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. LOPEZ (M.)**

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, the Chair recognized Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez from the First District of Manila who spoke on two important events in Philippine history that happened in August 21: 1) the Plaza Miranda bombing during the *miting de avance* of the opposition Liberal Party; and 2) when Ninoy Aquino upon his return home after a three-year exile in the United States was gunned down at the tarmac of the old Manila International Airport.

He cited the important lessons that the people should learn from these two important events and expressed hope that the young would look back and reflect on the lessons learned on this very significant day and recall the sacrifice and heroism of these brave and courageous men as the country commemorate the events of August 21.

He then called upon the Members to rededicate themselves to the fundamental right of freedom of speech and independence; and to unite and take action whenever these primordial values are threatened.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. LOPEZ'S (M.) PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Lopez (M.) to the Committee on Rules.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Bondoc acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Florida "Rida" P. Robes and Jose L. Atienza Jr.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ATIENZA**

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Atienza from Buhay Party-List also stood up to speak on the same event on August 21, 1971 wherein he, together with the father of Rep. Lopez, the late Mayor Mel Lopez, gladly stood up in front of the people in Plaza Miranda to be proclaimed as candidates of the Liberal Party when the bombing took place.

He averred that the years in between have shown that the late former President Ferdinand E. Marcos had nothing to do with said bombing, and that according to research, a Senate hearing and former General Victor Corpuz, it was Jose Maria Sison who masterminded the whole thing. He asked whether the culprits have already been apprehended or charged since then, because if nothing has been done or if the truth is not uncovered, he said that the next generation will suffer for not being able to learn lessons from past history.

Thereafter, he spoke about the assassination of former Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. also on August 21 and wondered why despite having had two Aquino Administrations, no one seemed interested in speaking about the issues during said administrations, more importantly in identifying the brains behind the Plaza Miranda bombing and Ninoy's assassination. He expressed fear that the country would be going nowhere should there be no answer to these questions. He further underscored that the certainty of punishment is the best deterrent to the commission of any crime.

Whereupon, Rep. Atienza called on President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to do something and find out the masterminds behind the two dreadful events in order to ferret out the truth. He also expressed his support

for the burial of former President Marcos in the Libingan ng mga Bayani. Thereafter, Rep. Atienza asked everyone to look back and give a kinder eye on Mr. Marcos who was vilified and accused of doing evil when he only wanted to free the country then from a communist takeover.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. ATIENZA'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Atienza to the Committee on Rules.

#### **SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Likewise, on motion of Rep. Noel, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Noel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the youth members of the European Parliamentary Forum Delegation who were guests of Deputy Speakers Pia S. Cayetano and Sharon S. Garin, and Reps. Rodel M. Batocabe and Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

#### **RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Noel, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour and the Chair recognized Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes from the Lone District of San Jose Del Monte City for her privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ROBES**

Rep. Robes delved into the current water crisis affecting her Lone District in Bulacan which has been waterless for the past six days. She then commented on the ineptitude of the city's local water district in addressing the problem.

She said that the San Jose Del Monte City Water District's (SJDMCWD) plan to resort to borrowings will only result in the increase of the very high water charges that her constituents were already suffering from despite inefficient water services. As she complained about the SJDMCWD's lack of social responsibility, she discussed the contributory factors to the water crisis such as the poverty of her constituents, her district's lack of surface water and inability to benefit

from water passing through it that was transmitted to Metro Manila, and the increase in their urban poor migration.

Thereupon, Rep. Robes asked the national government to allow more private concessionaires to enter San Jose Del Monte City and to enact legislations to check the operations of local water districts and ensure the accountability of their directors; institutionalize early warning systems for water interruption; and grant local chief executives with greater supervision over local districts.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. BATOCABE**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe who sought more information about the water problem in San Jose Del Monte City. Rep. Robes said that she was not aware of what the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) was doing about it, not all of the barangays in her district had water connections, the Bulk Water Project of her district was not yet implemented, and the SJDMCWD was reportedly building treatment facilities in some barangays. She also affirmed that she was proposing the liberalization of the water industry, her poor constituents could not afford the prohibitive water rates, and the SJDMCWD did not consult the stakeholders about the new rates.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. ROBES' PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Gerald Anthony V. Gullas Jr., there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Robes' privilege speech and interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

On further motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Arnolfo A. Teves Jr. from the Third District of Negros Oriental for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TEVES**

Alleging that the governor of Negros Oriental had been using the provincial police director to harass his political opponents, Rep. Teves said that the former relieved several police chiefs for no reason at all and without offering the mayors concerned with several replacements for the same and planned to implicate him with possession of illegal drugs and firearms in his residence. He also alleged that the governor was using said police director to operate his money-making schemes.

Thereupon, Rep. Teves called for an investigation into the illegal activities in his province and requested Philippine National Police (PNP) Regional Director Conrad Capa to immediately relieve police Provincial Director Nestor Tiempo from his post as the mandate of the police is to protect the people and not to be a partisan to a provincial governor.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. TEVES' PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Teves to the Committee on Rules.

#### **REMARKS OF REP. TEVES**

Rep. Teves stated that he would like to submit to the Body a copy of his letter to PNP Regional Director Capa.

The Chair informed Rep. Teves that the contents of his letter had already been made part of his speech.

#### **EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for 30 minutes.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas., the Chair recognized Rep. Henry S. Oaminal from the Second District of Misamis Oriental for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. OAMINAL**

Rep. Oaminal spoke on the threat of illegal drugs which is among the greatest evils that the country faces and threatens to eat away at the very foundation it is built upon. As he worked hand-in-hand with his constituents to address the issue of illegal drugs, he informed the Body of some of the community-based programs and seminars he had initiated in the campaign against illegal drugs, such as the creation of the District 2 Anti-Drug Abuse Council and the Barangay Anti-Drug Clearing Program, establishment of community-based rehabilitation centers, and rewarding law enforcers for their accomplishments in the illegal drugs war, among others.

The Member also stated that the turn of events the previous months in his district has increased the Misamisnons' trust in government because they now believe that there are no sacred cows in the present Administration, and that they are happy because they feel that the President cares.

In the aftermath of President Duterte's announcement, he continued, some of the leaders and people in the province reported to him the insinuations made by the camp of Mayor Reynaldo "Aldong" Parojinog Sr. of Ozamiz City that Rep. Oaminal was responsible for making a report to the President that led to the inclusion of their names in the list and that the said mayor and company have retaliated by using their connections and resources to come up with dossiers that would connect Rep. Oaminal to illegal drugs. He thereafter denied said insinuations and expressed confidence that should the authorities receive such dossiers, they will properly validate and investigate any outrageous claims.

He then appealed to President Duterte, the House leadership, Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary Ismael Sueño and PNP Chief Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa to protect the lives of the people, including his family, friends and himself in their strong adherence to good governance and crusade against illegal drugs. He expressed support to Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe's call in his privilege speech the previous week for the inclusion in the 2017 national budget of a program to rehabilitate drug addicts, and called on his colleagues to support the President's fight against illegal drugs.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. OAMINAL'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Oaminal's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

#### **ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 257**

On successive motions of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 257, entitled, "RESOLUTION CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISTINCTION TO MS. HIDILYN F. DIAZ FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S WEIGHTLIFTING 53-KG CATEGORY IN THE 2016 RIO DE JANEIRO SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES"; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the session was suspended at 5:48 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:52 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

It was 5:53 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

**(Sgd.) ATTY. CESAR S. PAREJA**  
Secretary General

Approved on August 23, 2016