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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano 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 Rep. Sol Aragones delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Alejano
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Antonino
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Baguilat
Banal
Barbers
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez

Bernos
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
de Venecia
De Vera
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Elago
Eriguel
Escudero
Espina
Estrella
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas

Fernando	Papandayan
Ferrer (J.)	Pineda
Ferrer (L.)	Plaza
Flores	Primicias-Agabas
Fortun	Quimbo
Fortuno	Radaza
Garbin	Ramos
Garcia (J.E.)	Relampagos
Garin (R.)	Revilla
Garin (S.)	Roa-Puno
Gasataya	Rocamora
Go (M.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Gonzales (A.P.)	Roman
Gonzales (A.D.)	Romero
Gonzalez	Romualdez
Gullas	Romualdo
Hernandez	Roque
Herrera-Dy	Sagarbarria
Hofer	Salimbangon
Jalosjos	Salo
Javier	Salon
Kho	Sambar
Khonghun	Sandoval
Lagman	Santos-Recto
Lanete	Sarmiento (C.)
Laogan	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Lazatin	Savellano
Lee	Siao
Limkaichong	Silverio
Lobregat	Singson
Lopez (M.L.)	Suansing (E.)
Macapagal-Arroyo	Suansing (H.)
Maceda	Suarez
Madrona	Sy-Alvarado
Manalo	Tambunting
Mangaoang	Tan (A.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Tejada
Marcoleta	Teves
Marcos	Ting
Martinez	Treñas
Matugas	Tupas
Mellana	Ty
Nieto	Ungab
Noel	Unico
Nogralles (K.A.)	Uy (R.)
Nolasco	Uybarreta
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Vargas
Oaminal	Vargas-Alfonso
Olivarez	Velarde
Ong (E.)	Velasco-Catera
Ong (H.)	Veloso
Ortega (P.)	Villanueva
Ortega (V.N.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Pacquiao	Villarica
Paduano	Villarin
Palma	Violago
Pancho	Yap (V.)
Panotes	Zamora (R.)

Zarate
Zubiri

With 203 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ROA-PUNO

Thereafter, Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno moved for the approval of Journal No. 13 dated August 29, 2018.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Before the Body could act on the motion, Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. once again commended the Secretariat for its accurate recording of the number of Members who responded to the Roll Call and encouraged them to continue with their accurate recording.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 13

On a previous motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 13 dated August 29, 2018.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, 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 House Bills and Resolutions, including the Messages from the Senate and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8137, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA TO BE KNOWN AS THE CUYAPO POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8138, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING JULIA ORTIZ LUIS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAGABA, MUNICIPALITY OF STO. DOMINGO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA TO MATIAS G. ANDRES MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8148, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT OF STATE-OF-THE ART AIRCRAFT RECOVERY EQUIPMENT FOR THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NAIA) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gomez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8149, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING TABUK CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-BANTAY EXTENSION IN BARANGAY BANTAY, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE TABUK CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BANTAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8150, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICE

CHARGES AND CLIENT PROTECTION
AND WELFARE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FI-
NANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2094, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GEN-
DER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT AN IN-
QUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON
THE POSSIBLE DISCRIMINATORY IN-
CIDENT ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL
ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY
INVOLVING DENIAL OF ENTRY TO
JERVILI, MORE POPULARLY KNOWN
AS KALADKAREN DAVILA, AND
COMPANY TO A BAR IN MAKATI ON
ACCOUNT OF BEING MEMBERS OF
THE LGBT COMMUNITY”

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2095, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COM-
MENDING THE METROBANK FOUN-
DATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS
OF 2018”

By Representative Acop

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2096, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
AND COMMENDING HONORABLE
TERESITA DE CASTRO AS THE NEW
SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2097, entitled:

“RESOLUTION HONORING AND COM-
MENDING THE METROBANK FOUN-
DATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS
OF 2018”

By Representative Espino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2098, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVE-
STIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION
BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES TO MANDATE THAT ALL
COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS CON-
VERT INTO SUPERCRITICAL POWER
PLANTS WITHIN THREE YEARS”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2099, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE APPRO-
PRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CON-
DUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, INTO THE NECESSITY OF
MODERNIZING THE EQUIPMENT OF
THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS TO IM-
PROVE BORDER CONTROL AND PRE-
VENT SMUGGLING OF ILLEGAL SUB-
STANCES AND OTHER COMMODI-
TIES”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2100, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPART-
MENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES TO REVIEW THEIR PRO-
TOCOLS ON RESPONDING TO AIR-
PORT RUNWAY INCIDENTS AND
OTHER EVENTS THAT WILL POTEN-
TIALY DISRUPT AIRPORT OPERA-
TIONS”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2101, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING YUKA SASO FOR
WINNING GOLD IN THE WOMEN'S IN-
DIVIDUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ON

SUNDAY, 26 AUGUST 2018, AT THE
2018 ASIAN GAMES HELD IN THE
PONDOK INDAH GOLF AND COUN-
TRY CLUB, INDONESIA”

By Representative Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 2102, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING YUKA SASO, BIANCA
PAGDANGANAN, AND LOIS KAYE GO
FOR WINNING GOLD IN THE WOM-
EN'S TEAM GOLF TOURNAMENT ON
SUNDAY, 26 AUGUST 2018, AT THE
2018 ASIAN GAMES HELD IN THE
PONDOK INDAH GOLF AND COUN-
TRY CLUB, INDONESIA”

By Representative Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 2103, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING FILIPINA OLYMPIAN
HIDILYN DIAZ FOR HER INSPIRING
VICTORY IN WINNING THE GOLD
MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S 53-KILO-
GRAM WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION AT
THE 18TH ASIAN GAMES IN JA-
KARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Gomez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2105, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COL-
LECTIVE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRATU-
LATE BROTHER EDUARDO V.
MANALO FOR NINE (9) YEARS OF
VICTORIOUS CHURCH ADMINISTRA-
TION AS HE MARKS HIS 9TH ANNI-
VERSARY AS THE EXECUTIVE MIN-
ISTER OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO ON
SEPTEMBER 7, 2018”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated August 28, 2018, informing the
House of Representatives that the Senate on
even date passed Senate Bill No. 178, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULA-
TION AND SUPERVISION OF PAY-
MENT SYSTEMS”

in which it requests the concurrence of the
House of Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FI-
NANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Message dated August 28, 2018, informing the
House of Representatives that the Senate on
even date passed Senate Bill No. 1455, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE FILIPINO
SIGN LANGUAGE AS THE NATIONAL
SIGN LANGUAGE OF THE FILIPINO
DEAF AND THE OFFICIAL SIGN LAN-
GUAGE OF GOVERNMENT IN ALL
TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE
DEAF, AND MANDATING ITS USE IN
SCHOOLS, BROADCAST MEDIA, AND
WORKPLACES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the
House of Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SER-
VICES

Message dated August 28, 2018, informing the
House of Representatives that the Senate on
even date passed Senate Bill No. 756, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SEVEN-
TEENTH OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY
YEAR AS NATIONAL STUDENT
LEADER'S DAY”

in which it requests the concurrence of the
House of Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCA-
TION AND CULTURE AND THE COM-
MITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECH-
NICAL EDUCATION

Message dated August 28, 2018, informing the
House of Representatives that the Senate on
even date passed Senate Bill No. 747, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 25 OF EVERY
YEAR AS THE NATIONAL CAMPUS
PRESS FREEDOM DAY”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Message dated August 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1898, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 66 AND 67 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990', APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated August 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7522, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated August 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5577, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSERVATION OF GABALDON SCHOOL BUILDINGS NATIONWIDE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Message dated August 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on August 28, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Ralph G. Recto and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the

Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6065, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY (NSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, AS THE BILIRAN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY (BILSU) AND REMOVING THE PROHIBITION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9718, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE NAVAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE BILIRAN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BILIRAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated August 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on August 28, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Ralph G. Recto and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6715, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS, MARINE AND AQUATIC SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY (SPAMAST)-DIGOS CITY CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF DIGOS, DAVAO DEL SUR, FROM THE SPAMAST IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, DAVAO OCCIDENTAL AND CONVERTING IT INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO DEL SUR STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated August 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on August 28, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Ralph G. Recto and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the

Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6741, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ZAMBOANGA CITY STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated August 30, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed without amendment House Bill No. 5553, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SURRENDER OF GENERAL TOMOYUKI YAMASHITA, COMMANDER OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES, IN KIANGAN, IFUGAO”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 839), re H.B. No. 8155, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CATHOLIC BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5172, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7530”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4820

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 840), re H.B. No. 8156, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING

CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8164, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN BENGUET, IFUGAO, KALINGA, APAYAO, AND MOUNTAIN PROVINCE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MOUNTAIN PROVINCES)' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7129

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 841), re H.B. No. 8157, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TIRAD PASS RADIO TV BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8070, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE TIRAD PASS RADIO TV BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL AM-FM RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5702

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Government Reorganization, the Committee on National Defense and Security and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 842), re H.B. No. 8165, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 344, 6075, 108, 596, 2638, 3093, 4203, 4648, 138, 397, 454, 805, 1132, 1149, 1374, 1379, 1485, 1763, 1812, 2122, 2146, 2555, 2608, 2661, 2784, 2804, 2854, 3083, 3094, 3509, 3889, 4521, 4809, 5593, 6786, 6794, 6857, 7218, 7324, 7693, 7789 and 7968; House Resolutions Numbered 439, 645, 721, 724, 1714 and in consideration of Privilege Speeches Numbered 120, 160, 217 and 336

Sponsors: Representatives Romualdo, Espino and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Roa-Puno acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Jeffrey D. Khonghun, Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy, and Lawrence H. Fortun.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

It being a Monday, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA (J.E.)

Representative Garcia initially recalled a privilege speech which he delivered two years ago as a tribute to his best friend, mentor, and father, the late Rep. Enrique “Tet” T. Garcia Jr., who took the cudgels for everyone and tenaciously pursued worthwhile causes and issues, and whose untimely demise robbed him of the opportunity to leave a great legacy in public service.

Representative Garcia then adverted to the recent Supreme Court (SC) decision declaring that Congress had exceeded its constitutional boundary when it limited the base of computation of the just share of local government units (LGUs) to national internal revenue taxes alone.

After relating how his late father, as well as former Batangas Rep. Hermilando I. Mandanas and other local government officials, fought for their

long-standing argument and demand for a fair share in national taxes and arrears, and after many years of failed attempts for settlements, Representative Garcia shunned several misconceptions that the payment of the said arrears may be burdensome to the national government and could lead to a deficit in the economy. He added that the Constitution clearly encourages decentralization and as such, the national government can help realize this aspiration by giving the LGUs greater power to create their own sources of revenue and guarantee their just share in the national taxes.

Representative Garcia subsequently urged President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to order the immediate release of the LGUs’ just share based on the recent SC ruling to enable them to ultimately become self-sustaining and effective contributors to the national economy.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair thanked Representative Garcia (J.E.) for giving an update on the SC decision and congratulated the late older Garcia for a mission fulfilled.

On further motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI

At the outset, Representative Zubiri sought clarification on the national taxes that should be included in the base for computing the LGUs’ just share based on the recent SC decision.

Subsequently, the two Members discussed the devolved line agencies which LGUs could financially assist using their shares from national taxes; the payment by the national government of arrears through installment or monetization programs such as what was stated in former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo’s executive order thereon in 2006; the 30% increment that each LGU will receive for 2019; and the automatic release of the LGUs’ share.

Representative Zubiri expressed support for the advocacy of his colleague and said that the LGUs can effectively implement programs that they need as long as there is a system of checks and balances.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair asked whether the Supreme Court decision was final and what the position of the DBM was on the matter. Representative Garcia (J.E.) said that the DBM recently filed a motion for reconsideration and was questioning some items in said decision.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA'S (J.E.) PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Garcia to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Roa-Puno acknowledged the presence of the guests of Rep. Julieta R. Cortuna.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Zarate discussed the many faces of tyranny that currently envelope the entire country. He cited the wrongful suspicion, arrest, or killing of civilians in the anti-drug war; and violent disbandment of pickets and peaceful assemblies for just wages and human rights such as the recent demonstration for the boycott of NutriAsia products. He also cited the militarization of ancestral domain especially among Lumads in Mindanao and Igorots in Mountain Province; revival of a 10-year old case based on trumped-up charges against members of Bayan Muna Party-List; and continuous filing of similar cases against labor and farmer leaders as well as arrest and detention of political detainees.

Thereupon, Representative Zarate challenged his colleagues to defend the rights of the people against the forces of the State.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Zarate to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair next recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago who spoke about the 2019 theme of International Youth Day, "Safe Spaces for the Youth." She explained that it aims to address the need of the youth for spaces where they can come together, engage in activities in relation to their needs and interests, participate in decision-making, and freely express themselves.

To create a nation of safe spaces for all Filipinos, Representative Elago informed the Body that the Kabataan Party-List, along with national youth and student formations, has led a youth movement for new politics that aims to unite and advance the people and youth on the following agenda: education, genuine agrarian reform, decent wages and jobs for all, fight for national sovereignty and patrimony, battle against corruption, quality basic social services, pursuit of just and lasting peace, and upholding of the rights and welfare of the marginalized sectors of society.

She then thanked the student councils, student publications and university and college organizations all over the country for their participation and for coming up with the said agenda. She also called upon the youth, the Members of the House of Representatives, other public servants and fellow citizens to take part on the National Day for Action to be held on September 6 and 21, 2018 to help the youth defend their rights and well-being.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Elago to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Roa-Puno then acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Representative Marcoleta.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE MINORITY

Recognized by the Chair, Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez moved that the following Members be recognized as the new members of the

Minority bloc: Reps. Shernee Abubakar Tan, Rodel M. Batocabe, Salvador B. Belaro Jr., Christopher S. Co, Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Evelyn P. Mellana, Maria Valentina G. Plaza, and Strike B. Revilla.

The Chair noted Minority Leader Suarez' manifestation.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Recognized by the Chair upon Representative Roa-Puno's motion, Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao relayed to the Body the message of the Filipino small coconut farmers who attended the National Coco-Farmers Summit in Legazpi City on August 24 and 25, 2018: the sorry state of the country's coconut industry and their own miserable conditions as coconut farmworkers and farmers due to landlessness; the prevalent 60-40 crop sharing scheme in favor of the landlords; usury and other trade practices; low prices of coconut products but high cost of harvesting; and other devious practices that robbed them of the real value of their products.

With the fervent hope that the Members would listen to the coco farmers' plea, Representative Casilao then asked that they enact a rehabilitation and development program that will uplift the industry from a morass of backwardness and improve their quality of life anchored on a genuine agrarian reform program that distributes free lands to the farmers; and a poverty alleviation or elimination program that provides direct production support and innovative services to the small coconut farmers including a protection program that will eliminate bad trade practices. In closing, he urged the Members not to approve the bicameral committee report on the Coconut Levy Trust Fund but unfortunately, he noted that the same had been ratified already.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 818 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8083

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8083 contained in Committee Report No. 818 as reported out by the Committees on Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5, 20, 22, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 117, 119, 204, 222, 237, 237-A, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 275, 288, 290 AND ADDING SECTIONS 6-A, 282-A, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 301-A, 301-B, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, AND 314 UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Representative Roa-Puno stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, to answer the interpellation of Rep. Arlene D. Brosas.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Representatives Brosas and Cua exchanged views on several issues that included, among others: (1) the basis of the claim that the 30% corporate income tax rate is a major barrier to investors and lowering the corporate income tax rate to 20% from 30% is the key to attracting investments; (2) the findings of the World Economic Forum 2017 survey that tax regulations and tax rates are not the main problems of investors for doing business in the country but inefficient government bureaucracy, inadequate infrastructure, and corruption; (3) the empirical data that will support the claim that Package 2 of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Law or TRAIN 2 will draw investments to the country in the midst of a shortage of job opportunities; (4) the country's dependence on foreign investments and having an export-oriented economy; (5) the need to modernize the government's fiscal incentives menu to ascertain which sectors of the economy should enjoy such incentives; and (6) the breakdown of the latest corporate income tax collections from large enterprises as well as from micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to determine if the government will really benefit once the corporate income tax of big corporations is lowered.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:38 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Ron P. Salo.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:40 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS (Continuation)

Upon resumption of session, Representatives Brosas and Cua focused on the debate between the 2017 corporate income tax collections from large corporations as against the MSMEs; the lower tax rate that would be paid by the latter upon implementation of TRAIN 2; the assurance that the MSMEs will enjoy the incentives provided for projects or activities under the Strategic Investments Priority Plan (SIPP); the objectives of TRAIN 2 to enable small companies to grow, attract foreign investors and allow transparency in the granting of tax incentives; and the need for a law that would correct old law structures under the old Tax Code to allow the country to compete in the international market.

Thereupon, Representatives Cua and Brosas discussed the effect of potential job displacements due to the rationalization of fiscal incentives to workers. The sponsor stated that the objective of House Bill No. 8083 is to generate jobs and that there are safety nets in the proposed measure such as providing for a structural adjustment fund that would address the concerns of displaced workers, mitigate its negative impact, improve employability of workers, and provide a better environment for investors. Representative Brosas pointed out however that the proposed measure only favors big corporations and would only result in job losses.

Representative Cua stated that it is incumbent upon the Administration and the economic managers of the country to find better opportunities for the people and that he would welcome suggestions from Representative Brosas in order to strengthen the measure.

Both Members then delved into the rationale for giving the President the power to grant additional incentives to “highly desirable projects.”

Representative Brosas explained why the power to tax and grant tax incentives is a legislative power which should not be delegated to the President. She also pointed out that the ultimate objective of any tax reform measure is stable economic growth rate and a fair and reasonable taxation by sparing the ordinary taxpayers from indirect taxes, removing incentives and perks on big corporations, and giving priority to domestic agriculture industries in order to create a self-reliant, independent, and industrial economy.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair reminded Representative Brosas to wrap up her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS (Continuation)

Stressing the importance of prioritizing people’s rights on sovereignty over development as well as respecting and protecting democracy, transparency, and accountability, Representative Brosas opined that the instant Bill would likely cause more job losses and would rather be appropriately called as the “Tanggap-Trabaho Bill.”

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Salo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Aurora Enerio Cerilles.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BATOCABE

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Salo, Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe stated for the record the urgency of passing House Bill No. 8083 or the Tax Reform for Attracting Better and High-Quality Opportunities (TRABAHO) Bill and how it could help alleviate the lives of ordinary Filipino workers. He added that the instant Bill was necessary in order to end up fears of economic losses, unemployment, and reduced foreign investments as he urged Congress to consider its benefit in protecting not the big companies but the ordinary Filipinos.

On motion of Representative Salo, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for some administrative matters.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE MINORITY

Minority Leader Suarez presented on the floor the names of new and additional Minority members, to wit: Reps. Jonas C. Cortes, Peter John D. Caldeiron, Wilfredo S. Caminero, Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr., Gil “Kabarangay” P. Acosta, Benjamin C. Agarao Jr., Henry C. Ong, and Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr.

The Chair noted the manifestation.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE BATOCABE'S MANIFESTATION

On motion of Representative Salo, there being no objection, the Body referred the manifestation of Representative Batocabe to the Committee on Rules.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

On motion of Representative Salo, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman who discussed with Representative Cua the current rate of corporate tax evasion.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Cayetano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin.

To Representative Lagman's view on determining the exact tax liability of local corporations and foreign or multinational corporations for purposes of policy legislation, Representative Cua said he will make the necessary recommendations.

On why the Bill does not contain a provision specifically mandating the rationalization of tax incentives, the Sponsor explained that it is crafted in a manner that it amends the existing National Internal Revenue Code.

At this point, Representative Lagman asked for data on additional revenues that can be collected as a result of the rationalization of tax incentives. Representative Cua cited the total figure of ₱301 billion and gave a breakdown thereof in terms of income tax holiday, the five percent special rate on gross income earned, exemption from customs duties, exemption from certain local taxes such as local business tax and real property tax, and exemption from value-added tax (VAT).

Representative Lagman next asked about corporate activities that currently qualify companies to enjoy tax incentives. The Sponsor said that these could be found in the menu of incentives of different investment promotion agencies and promised to give his colleague a copy thereof.

Deputy Speaker Garin (S.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Cayetano.

Representatives Lagman and Cua then talked about the number and identity of foreign investors

that had been attracted to invest in the country because they can avail themselves of tax incentives. The Sponsor however said that it was impossible to gather the reasons of the investors for investing because this depends on their decision-making. He added that he cannot divulge the names of the companies being asked for because they are bound by the confidentiality clause as provided for in Article 81 of the Omnibus Investments Code but the Board of Investments can provide his colleague with a copy thereof.

On whether the rationalization of tax incentives would deprive some corporations of tax incentives and would be a disincentive to investors who invested because of tax incentives, Representative Cua agreed that it would be a disincentive to those who would no longer receive the incentives. He however stated for the record that the instant measure would provide ample time for transition and allow for renewal of incentive packages for deserving investors.

Representative Lagman then discussed with the Sponsor his concern over (1) corporations which are enjoying tax incentives but would be discouraged to continue investing because they would be deprived of such incentives under House Bill No. 8083; (2) how the rationalization of tax incentives will make the Philippines more competitive; (3) the matrix of incentives granted by other countries which are presently being granted by the Philippines; and (4) the renewal mechanism provided for under the proposed menu of incentives that sets the Philippines apart from its ASEAN neighbors.

Representative Lagman then requested if he could be provided with a copy of the matrix reflecting the comparison of incentives that the Philippines is granting and those being granted by other countries, to which the Sponsor gladly obliged.

QUERY OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

At this point, Representative Lagman asked if there were still other interpellators lined up because he can give way to the other interpellators and resume interpellation the next day since he had difficulty in standing due to a knee surgery.

With the permission of the Chair, Representative Salo said two more Members had registered to interpellate on the TRABAH0 Bill after the turn of Representative Lagman.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Salo, the session was suspended at 6:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:22 p.m.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

The Chair asked clarification from Representative Salo if Representative Lagman will continue his interpellation the next day with the remaining time that he had. Representative Salo replied that the latter will resume his interpellation once the two other interpellators shall have finished their respective turns.

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

After being informed that the TRAIN 2 or TRABAH0 Bill is part of the Duterte Administration's five tax package measures, Representative Zarate exchanged views with Representative Cua regarding the latest status of the implementation of TRAIN 1 vis-à-vis its implementing rules and regulations (IRR); the estimated tax collection from the first year of the implementation of TRAIN 1 and its impact on the supposed reforms that are being promoted by the incumbent Administration, including its highly publicized Build, Build, Build Program; and the possible contribution of TRAIN 1 to the country's rising inflation rate.

The two Members subsequently discussed how the TRAIN 2 Bill will provide assurance to the ordinary people that this will bring food to their table and give certainty to their work in the coming days. The Sponsor explained the various social safety measures that have been set up in view of TRAIN 1 in order to protect the poorest Filipinos around the country, such as the Unconditional Cash Transfer Program.

Representatives Zarate and Cua's debate next focused on the rationale for lowering the corporate income tax from 35% to 20% under the TRAIN 2 Bill, as well as the income that the government would lose until the end of President Duterte's term. Representative Cua explained that said loss would

redound to the benefit of MSMEs and not to the big corporations.

Representative Zarate however observed that TRAIN 1 has only burdened the poor and ordinary citizens; asked how the government would recover its loss from the tax incentives that would be given to big business enterprises; and expressed apprehension that the instant Bill would result in job loss and lack of employment opportunities.

In response, Representative Cua pointed to several factors that have affected the price of basic commodities, like the higher cost of petroleum. He maintained that the measure aims to help increase the salaries of poor wage earners, and allow a fair and equitable system of taxation to benefit the small business sector.

QUERY FROM THE CHAIR

To the queries of the Chair, the Sponsor affirmed that the purpose of lowering the corporate income tax under the instant measure is to make the country more competitive in the global market and to sustain its economic growth in view of its positive credit rating.

The Chair then suggested that the Department of Finance (DOF) should provide concrete figures to enable the Sponsor to explain to the Members the direct effect of lowering the corporate income tax especially to big corporations.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Marcoleta, the Chair recognized Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. on a manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GARBIN

Representative Garbin corrected the earlier manifestation of Minority Leader Suarez regarding the additional Minority members to the effect that the name Rep. Henry C. Ong should be REP. EDWIN C. ONG instead.

The Chair noted the manifestation of Representative Garbin.

CONCURRENCE WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 990

With the consent of the Committee on Local Government as well as the author thereof, on mo-

tion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body concurred with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 990, entitled: "AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF CALAMBA FROM THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF CALAMBA."

**DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7402
AND SENATE BILL NO. 1363**

On motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members to the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 7402 and Senate Bill No. 1363, adopting telecommuting as an alternative working arrangement: Reps. Randolph S. Ting, Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr., Sherwin N. Tugna, Joel Mayo Z. Almario, and Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 7:09 p.m. upon motion of Representative Marcoleta.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:14 p.m.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Marcoleta, the Chair recognized Representative Garbin.

**ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS
TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/
SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

On motion of Representative Garbin, there being no objection, the Body elected the following members of the Minority to the Committees/Special Committees specified hereunder:

Special Committee on Climate Change

(as Member)

Rep. Christopher S. Co

Committee on Constitutional Amendments

(as Member)

Rep. Ciriaco S. Calalang

Committee on Ethics and Privileges

(as Member)

Rep. Richard C. Eusebio vice Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III

Committee on Energy and
Committee on Housing and Urban Development

(as Member)

Rep. Abigail Faye C. Ferriol-Pascual

Committee on Public Works and Highways,
Committee on Tourism, and
Special Committee on Food Security

(as Member)

Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.

Committee on Games and Amusements

(as Member)

Rep. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer

Committee on Good Government
and Public Accountability

(as Member)

Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe

Committee on Higher and Technical Education

(as Member)

Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta

Committee on Legislative Franchises

(as Member)

Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta vice Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III

Committee on Local Government

(as Member)

Rep. Orestes T. Salon

Committee on Metro Manila Development

(as Member)

Rep. Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro

Committee on Mindanao Affairs

(as Member)

Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

Committee on National Defense and Security

(as Member)

Rep. Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro

Rep. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano vice Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III

Committee on Population and Family Relations

(as Member)

Rep. Edwin C. Ong

Committee on Rules

(as Deputy Minority Leaders)

Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III vice Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr.

Rep. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III vice Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera

Committee on Ways and Means

(as Member)

Rep. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay

Committee on Justice

(as Members)

Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe

Rep. Michelle M. Antonio

**ELECTION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ARBISON
AS DEPUTY SPEAKER**

Thereafter, on motion of Majority Leader Rolando G. Andaya Jr., there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Munir M. Arbison as Deputy Speaker of the House vice Rep. Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema.

**ELECTION OF
REPRESENTATIVE FLOIRENDO TO
THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS**

On further motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Antonio R. Floirendo Jr. to the Commission on Appointments vice Rep. Rosenda Ann Ocampo.

**ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS
TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/
SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

On successive motions of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body elected the following members of the Majority to the Committees/Special Committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Accounts

(as Member)

Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing vice Rep. Munir M. Arbison

Committee on Appropriations

(as Members)

Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan vice Rep. Munir M. Arbison

Rep. Francis Gerald A. Abaya vice Rep. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas

Rep. Edcel C. Lagman vice Rep. Rogelio J. Espina, MD

Rep. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo vice Rep. Ron P. Salo

Special Committee on Climate Change

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda vice Rep. Christopher S. Co

Committee on Constitutional Amendments

(as Member)

Rep. Micaela S. Violago vice Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali

Committee on Dangerous Drugs

(as Members)

Rep. Jesus "Boying" F. Celeste vice Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan vice Rep. Maximo B. Dalog

Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area

(as Member)

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe vice Rep. Mauyag "Jun" B. Papandayan Jr.

Committee on Ecology

(as Vice Chairperson)

Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua vice Arthur C. Yap

(as Member)

Rep. Emmanuel F. Madrona vice Imelda R. Marcos

Committee on Economic Affairs

(as Members)

Rep. Jorge T. Almonte vice Rodolfo T. Albano III

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe vice Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Committee on Energy

(as Members)

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama vice Rep. Henedina R. Abad

Rep. Dale "Along" R. Malapitan vice Rep. Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas

Rep. Eric M. Martinez vice Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta

Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes vice Rep. Prospero A. Pichay Jr.

Committee on Ethics and Privileges

(as Vice Chairperson)

Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia vice Rep. Evelina G. Escudero

Committee on Foreign Affairs

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Feliciano Belmonte Jr. vice Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go

(as Vice Chairperson)

Rep. Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella vice Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

(as Member)

Rep. Anna Katrina M. Enverga vice Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Special Committee on West Philippine Sea

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go vice Rep. Feliciano Belmonte Jr.

Committee on Games and Amusements

(as Vice Chairperson)

Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia vice Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

(as Members)

Rep. Jeffrey D. Khonghun vice Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go

Rep. Salvio B. Fortuno vice Rep. Lucy T. Gomez

Rep. Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo vice Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno

Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability

(as Member)

Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara vice Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali

Committee on Government
Enterprises and Privatization

(as Member)

Rep. Greg G. Gasataya vice Rep. Henedina R. Abad

Committee on Health

(as Member)

Rep. Arnel M. Cerafica

Committee on Higher and Technical Education

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Paolo Everardo S. Javier vice Rep. Ann K. Hofer

(as Member)

Rep. Zajid G. Mangudadatu vice Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga

Committee on Housing and Urban Development

(as Vice Chairperson)

Rep. Rogelio Neil P. Roque vice Rep. Aileen C. Radaza

(as Member)

Rep. Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella vice Rep. Lucy T. Gomez

Committee on Human Rights

(as Member)

Rep. Raul V. Del Mar vice Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

Committee on Information and
Communications Technology

(as Members)

Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte vice Rep. Aileen C. Radaza

Rep. Greg G. Gasataya vice Lucy T. Gomez

Committee on Justice

(as Member)

Rep. Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo vice Munir M. Arbison

Committee on Labor and Employment

(as Members)

Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao vice Rep. Mauyag "Jun" B. Papandayan Jr.

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda vice Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Committee on Legislative Franchises

(as Vice Chairpersons)

Rep. Dale "Along" R. Malapitan vice Rep. Aileen C. Radaza

Rep. Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos vice Rep. Jorge "Bolet" Banal

(as Member)

Rep. Jorge "Bolet" Banal vice Rep. Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos

Committee on Metro Manila Development

(as Member)

Rep. Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo vice Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III

Committee on Mindanao Affairs

(as Member)

Rep. Alberto T. Ungab vice Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga

Committee on Muslim Affairs

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema vice Rep. Mauyag "Jun" B. Papandayan Jr.

Committee on National Defense and Security

(as Member)

Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang vice Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

Committee on Natural Resources

(as Member)

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto vice
Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali

Special Committee on Peace,
Reconciliation and Unity

(as Member)

Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate vice Rep. Mauyag
"Jun" B. Papandayan Jr.

Committee on People's Participation

(as Member)

Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho vice Rep. Sitti
Djalía A. Turabin-Hataman

Committee on Population and Family Relations

(as Vice Chairperson)

Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr. vice Rep.
Kaka J. Bag-ao

(as Members)

Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao vice Rep. Mariano Mi-
chael M. Velarde Jr.

Rep. Edwin C. Ong vice Rep. Sitti Djalía A. Tu-
rabin-Hataman

Committee on Poverty Alleviation

(as Member)

Rep. Alberto T. Ungab vice Rep. Gloria
Macapagal-Arroyo

Committee on Public Order and Safety

(as Members)

Rep. Eric M. Martinez vice Rep. Rodolfo T. Al-
bano III

Rep. Juliette T. Uy vice Rep. Ruwel Peter S.
Gonzaga

Committee on Public Works and Highways

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Bayani F. Fernando vice Rep. Celso L.
Lobregat

(as Vice Chairperson)

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe vice
Rep. Munir M. Arbison

(as Members)

Rep. Dale "Along" R. Malapitan vice Rep.
Rodolfo T. Albano III

Rep. Rogelio "Ruel" D. Pacquiao vice Rep.
Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga

Committee on Rules

(as Deputy Majority Leaders)

Rep. Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II vice Rep.
Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr.

Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno vice Rep.
Roger G. Mercado

Rep. Ron P. Salo vice Rep. Arnel U. Ty

(as Assistant Majority Leaders)

Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing vice Rep. Cristina
"Chiqui" Roa-Puno

Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun vice Rep. Ron P. Salo

Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara vice Rep. Christo-
pher V.P. de Venecia

Committee on Small Business
and Entrepreneurship Development

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Dennis C. Laogan vice Rep. Peter "Sr.
Pedro" M. Unabia

(as Vice Chairperson)

Rep. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso vice Rep. Ru-
wel Peter S. Gonzaga

Committee on Tourism

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon vice Rep. Lucy T. Gomez

(as Members)

Rep. Micaela S. Violago vice Henedina R. Abad

Rep. Melecio J. Yap Jr. vice Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali

Committee on Trade and Industry

(as Vice Chairperson)

Rep. Milagrosa “Mila” T. Tan vice Rep. Lucy T. Gomez

Committee on Transportation

(as Members)

Rep. Anna Katrina M. Enverga vice Rep. Aileen C. Radaza

Rep. Suharto T. Mangudadatu vice Rep. Lucy T. Gomez

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri vice Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali

Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare

(as Member)

Rep. Juliette T. Uy vice Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Special Committee on Visayas Development

(as Members)

Rep. Rogelio J. Espina, MD vice Rep. Aileen C. Radaza

Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado vice Rep. Lucy T. Gomez

Committee on Women and Gender Equality

(as Members)

Rep. Arlene D. Brosas vice Rep. Henedina R. Abad

Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus vice Rep. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas

Committee on Youth and Sports Development

(as Member)

Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago vice Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 7:29 p.m., on motion of Majority Leader Andaya.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:31 p.m., the session resumed.

ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

Whereupon, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body elected the following members of the Majority to the Committee on Justice:

Rep. Doy C. Leachon as member no. 1

Rep. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso as member no. 2

Rep. Henry S. Oaminal as member no. 4

Rep. Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella as member no. 5

Rep. Roy M. Loyola as member no. 8

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas as member no. 9

Rep. Jerry P. Treñas as member no. 10

Rep. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas as member no. 11

Rep. Bayani F. Fernando as member no. 12

Rep. Suharto T. Mangudadatu as member no. 13

Rep. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora as member no. 14

Rep. Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II as member no. 15

Rep. Horacio P. Suansing Jr. as member no. 16

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles as member no. 17

Rep. Antonio R. Floirendo Jr. as member no. 19

Rep. Romeo M. Acop as member no. 20

Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun as member no. 21

Rep. Ferjenel G. Biron, MD as member no. 23

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers as member no. 24

Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu as member no. 26

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva as member no. 27

Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez as member no. 28

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda as member no. 29

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo as member no. 30

Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma as member no. 32

Rep. Zajid G. Mangudadatu as member no. 33

Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna as member no. 35

Rep. Michael L. Romero, PhD as member no. 36

WITHDRAWAL OF ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ONG (E.)

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body approved the withdrawal of election of Rep. Edwin C. Ong from the Committee on Population and Family Relations.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Upon recognition by the Chair, Representative Lagman thanked Majority Leader Andaya for moving for his election as a member of the Committee

on Appropriations but clarified that he was accepting said election only as a member of the Independent Opposition. The Chair took note of the same.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE SALON TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

On motion of Representative Garbin, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Orestes T. Salon as an additional Minority member of the Committee on Local Government.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN (Continuation)

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Marcoleta, the Chair recognized Representative Lagman to continue with his interpellation of Representative Cua on House Bill No. 8083. He further asked about the new revenue laws for corporations to qualify in a new round of incentives, the possible impact of corporations losing tax incentives on the retrenchment of personnel and employees, and if a presidential grant of tax incentives is automatically a grant of tax exemption.

After agreeing that an absolute majority vote is needed to pass a measure proposing tax exemptions, Representatives Lagman and Cua examined the instant Bill's provision on the President's delegated power to grant incentives and thereafter agreed to include an amendment to specifically provide the standards for the exercise of the same.

On motion of Representative Salo, the Chair next recognized Rep. Victor A. Yap for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE YAP (V.)

Representative Yap asked about the current laws on incentives and their effect on foreign direct investments and exports; the Bill's concept of simplifying current fiscal incentives and its impact on industries such as business process outsourcing (BPO); and the safeguards to mitigate the effects of the measure once enacted. He also questioned the seemingly different treatment of individual taxpayers who pay a graduated type of tax as against corporate taxpayers who enjoy a lower tax rate.

Representative Cua said that the Committee will propose mitigation measures in the proposed 2019 national budget; and promised his colleague a copy of the DOF's study on the beneficial effects of

the instant Bill on the local economy, global competitiveness, and job generation.

The two Members then discussed the overall intent of the Bill that would redound to the creation of jobs for the people in the future. Representative Yap said that he was satisfied with the response of the Sponsor and expressed belief the Bill provides for a clearer and better understanding of tax incentives for foreign investors as well as to the local companies.

On motion of Representative Salo, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

At the outset, Representative Castro said that the TRABAH0 Bill is a misnomer when the truth is that more jobs would be lost because of the provisions of Section 312 of the Bill regarding Structural Adjustment Fund. She and Representative Cua then discussed several issues pertinent to the instant measure including, among others, of whether the ₱26 billion earmarked for job losses had been included in the 2019 General Appropriations Act; the ₱500 million appropriations targeted for trainings of displaced workers; the skills training that will address the problem on job losses; the study of the World Economic Forum for 2017 on what drives the investors to invest in the country; the Sponsor's stand on the ₱15 billion appropriation for development of infrastructure in the economic zones that would benefit mostly foreign investors; the efficiency of collection or revenue productivity of other Asian countries as of 2016; the list of MSMEs that would benefit from the rationalization of tax incentives; and the preferential tax rate for nonperforming proprietary schools and hospitals.

Thereupon, Representative Castro stated that the Filipinos had been "burned" by TRAIN 1 because it promised that it would have little impact on inflation. She explained how the effects of TRAIN 2 will impact on the people, and expressed concern on severe unemployment among the poor while large corporations benefit from tax cuts and income in the country.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair called on the DOF, being the lead agency behind the Bill, to work with other agencies to ensure that the services that the

Filipinos are well known for, are even further enhanced through the senior high schools, colleges, universities, and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). She said this is the only way to take advantage of available technologies. She also asked the Sponsor to ensure that the DOF takes note of this and works to address the concerns of her colleagues.

Representative Cua took note of the inputs of the Chair as well-taken and rounded with sound advice.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Salo, the Chair recognized Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Representatives Casilao and Cua discussed the estimated or projected ₱26 billion earmarked for job losses as provided for in the Bill. Representative Casilao opined that it was unfortunate that the proponents cannot present statistical data as to the projected jobs to be created or lost with the passage of the Bill into law.

He then discussed with the Sponsor the incentives for agricultural crops, this as he expressed apprehension that the cost of basic products like rice and vegetables would be affected by the measure. The Members also debated on the incentives provided under the measure for less developed areas or indigenous communities, or those places affected by typhoons and armed conflicts.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Salo, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin for her manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER GARIN (S.)

Deputy Speaker Garin, after stressing that the agriculture sector is the most important sector in the country but has remained in dire need of tax incentives, commended Representative Cua for his efforts to rationalize fiscal incentives and allow the government to be more responsive to the needs of various industries. She emphasized that companies that do not deserve incentives should be eradicated, but those that hire more people, reinvest or recapitalize, should be given incentives. She noted that the

more than 300 laws for incentives have not been effective in attracting investors and achieving a stable economy, and expressed hope that Congress could pursue a more rational tax incentives scheme.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair expressed hope that at the appropriate time, she and Deputy Speaker Garin (S.) could work on an amendment to the Bill to ensure that manufacturers who reinvest on machines for use by senior high school students to make them job-ready would be given incentives. This, as she noted that in other countries, companies directly invest in machines to equip the students.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other interpellators, on motion of Representative Salo, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8083

On motion of Representative Salo, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8083.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Salo, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

It was 8:48 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

(Sgd.) **MR. DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING**
Acting Secretary General

Approved on September 5, 2018.

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*** Attending meetings of CA/HRET/Conference Committee/Committee meetings authorized by Committee on Rules

**** Officially notified the House, through the Secretariat, of their absence

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