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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 a.m., Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez 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.

**ROLL CALL**

On motion of Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acop  
Acosta  
Advincula  
Aggabao  
Albano  
Alejano  
Almario  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amatong  
Aquino-Magsaysay  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Bataoil  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Benitez  
Bernos  
Biazon  
Billones  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Brosas  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Castro (F.L.)

Castro (F.H.)  
Cerafica  
Chipeco  
Cortuna  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Datul  
Daza  
De Jesus  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Dimaporo (A.)  
Dimaporo (M.K.)  
Dy  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Espina  
Espino  
Fariñas  
Ferrer (J.)  
Flores  
Fortuno  
Garbin  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Garcia-Albano  
Gasataya  
Gatchalian  
Geron  
Go (M.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Hernandez  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Jalosjos  
Khonghun  
Lacson  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Lazatin  
Leachon  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (C.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Loyola  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Maceda  
Madrona  
Malapitan

Mangaoang  
 Marcoleta  
 Martinez  
 Matugas  
 Mercado  
 Noel  
 Nograles (K.A.)  
 Nolasco  
 Nuñez-Malanyaon  
 Ocampo  
 Olivarez  
 Ong (H.)  
 Ortega (P.)  
 Paduano  
 Palma  
 Pancho  
 Panganiban  
 Panotes  
 Papandayan  
 Pimentel  
 Pineda  
 Primicias-Agabas  
 Ramirez-Sato  
 Ramos  
 Revilla  
 Rodriguez (I.)  
 Roque (H.)  
 Roque (R.)  
 Sacdalan  
 Salimbangon  
 Salo  
 Salon  
 Sambar  
 Sandoval  
 Sarmiento (C.)  
 Savellano  
 Sema  
 Siao  
 Singson  
 Suansing (E.)  
 Suansing (H.)  
 Suarez  
 Tambunting  
 Tan (A.)  
 Tiangco  
 Ting  
 Tolentino  
 Treñas  
 Tugna  
 Unabia  
 Ungab  
 Unico  
 Uybarreta  
 Velarde  
 Velasco-Catera  
 Veloso  
 Vergara  
 Villanueva

Villaraza-Suarez  
 Yap (M.)  
 Yap (V.)  
 Yu  
 Zamora (M.C.)  
 Zamora (R.)  
 Zarate  
 Zubiri

With 151 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also the Appendix 1)

### **APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On successive motions of Representative Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of Journal No. 19, dated September 6, 2017; and thereafter approved the same.

### **REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, 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, which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 6339, entitled:

“AN ACT DEVELOPING DAVAO GULF AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE DAVAO GULF DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WITH THE DAVAO GULF SPECIAL ECONOMIC FREEPORT ZONE AND THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMALAS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE UNDER ITS JURISDICTION, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Nograles (K.A.), Gonzaga, Cagas, Bautista-Bandigan, Almario and Zamora (M.C.)

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

House Bill No. 6340, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES (TNCs) TO INSTALL CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN THEIR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK VEHICLE SERVICE (TNVS) UNITS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6341, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING POWER DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES FROM COLLECTING SYSTEM LOSSES FROM CONSUMERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7832, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 6342, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STRICTER PENALTY CERTAIN CYBERCRIME OFFENSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 10175 OR THE 'CYBERCRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2012' ”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6343, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING CAMP OFELIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LINTANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUCO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LINTANGAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6344, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE NAYONG AGUILAR YLANG YLANG PLANTATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGUILAR, PROVINCE OF PAN-GASINAN AS AN AGRITOURISM DESTINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6345, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING AND MODERNIZING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY (MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE) IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING, FOR THE PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 5527 AND 6138 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOS. 498 AND 1534”

By Representative Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 6346, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6347, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ADVANCED MEDIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8061, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE ADVANCED MEDIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representative Ferrer L.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE  
FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6348, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER  
TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE  
FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RAVEN  
BROADCASTING CORPORATION UN-  
DER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8084, ENTI-  
TLED 'AN ACT GRANTING RAVEN  
BROADCASTING CORPORATION A  
FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAIN-  
TAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TEL-  
EVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS  
WITHIN LUZON AND OTHER AREAS  
IN THE PHILIPPINES WHERE FRE-  
QUENCIES AND/OR CHANNELS ARE  
STILL AVAILABLE FOR RADIO AND  
TELEVISION BROADCASTING' ”

By Representative Ferrer L.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE  
FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6349, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE SIARGAO DE-  
VELOPMENT AUTHORITY, PRE-  
SCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS  
AND DUTIES PROVIDING FUNDS  
THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PUR-  
POSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 6350, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL LOCAL GOV-  
ERNMENT UNITS TO ESTABLISH AND  
PROVIDE COMMUNAL AND HY-  
GIENIC TOILET AND SHOWER FACIL-  
ITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURIS-  
DICTIONS FOR THE USE OF THEIR  
CONSTITUENTS, APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOV-  
ERNMENT

House Bill No. 6351, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
386 ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL  
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES BY EX-  
PRESSLY PROVIDING A REFINED  
AND UPDATED DEFINITION OF FOR-  
TUITOUS EVENTS”

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 6352, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE  
KNOWN AS BARANGAY LA  
MEDALLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
PIODURAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY”

By Representative Gonzalez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOV-  
ERNMENT

House Bill No. 6353, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING ELEVATED  
WALKWAYS AND BIKE-LANES  
ALONG EDSA”

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6354, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EN-  
FORCEMENT OF THE FIRE CODE OF  
THE PHILIPPINES IN THE ECO ZONES  
AND AUTOMATICALLY INSTITUTING  
THE CRISIS MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
IN A GIVEN CRISIS SITUATION,  
THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 9 OF  
RA 7916, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
PEZA LAW AND FOR OTHER PUR-  
POSES”

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER  
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6355, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE MEASURES AGAINST CREDIT CARD FRAUD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 8484, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ACCESS DEVICES REGULATION ACT OF 1998' AND REPUBLIC ACT 10175, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CYBERCRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2012' ”

By Representative Garcia (J.E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6356, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY FOR PATIENTS WITH END STAGE RENAL DISEASE, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY FACILITIES IN HOSPITALS NATIONWIDE, COMPLIANT WITH THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Villarica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6358, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE COFFEE INDUSTRY PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6359, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF AEROPONICS TECHNOLOGY TO BE APPLIED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF HIGH VALUE-ADDED CROPS AND VEGETABLE FARMING TO ADDRESS THE COUNTRY'S FOOD SECURITY CONCERNS AND JUDICIOUSLY UTILIZE SCARCE FERTILE LAND RESOURCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6360, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN AGRICULTURAL PENSION FUND TO PROVIDE PENSION BENEFITS TO FARMERS AND FISHER FOLK”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6361, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL DOCTOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

#### RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1284, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NAGKAKAISANG MAGSASAKA AGRICULTURAL PRIMARY MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE OF TALAVERA, NUEVA ECIJA FOR CONFERRING THE 2017 GININTUANG GAWAD PITAK DURING LANDBANK GAWAD SA PINAKATANGING KOOPERATIBA (GAWAD PITAK) HELD LAST AUGUST 14, 2017 AT PHILIPPINE CONVENTION CENTER, PASAY CITY”

By Representatives Geron, Bravo (A.) and Canama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1285, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS TO BUENAVISTA DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE (AGRICULTURE BASED) OF GUIMARAS AND SACRED HEART SAVINGS COOPERATIVE (NON-AGRICULTURE BASED) OF GALIMUYOD, ILOCOS SUR FOR WINNING THE 2017 LAND-BANK GAWAD SA PINAKATANGING KOOPERATIBA (GAWAD PITAK) HALL OF FAME AWARD HELD LAST AUGUST 14, 2017 AT PHILIPPINE CONVENTION CENTER, PASAY CITY”

By Representatives Geron, Bravo (A.) and Canama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1286, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLONGED CUSTODY OF THE BAHAY ARUGA PASIG YOUTH FACILITY OF MINORS ARRESTED IN THE AUGUST 31, 2017 DISPERSAL IN EAST BANK FLOODWAY, BRGY. STA. LUCIA, PASIG CITY, AND ON THE REFUSAL OF THE FACILITY TO BE VISITED BY THE MINORS' PARENTS, LAWYERS, LAWMAKERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS”

By Representatives Brosas, De Jesus, Zarate, Tinio, Castro (F.L.), Casilao and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1287, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDOLING WITH THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ENGR. DAVID 'DM' MENDOZA CONSUNJI, THE FATHER OF CONTEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND BUILDER OF LANDMARKS”

By Representative Marquez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1288, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE AWARDEES OF THE 2017 METROBANK OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC.”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1289, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CLEAN WATER ACT TO URGE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS NEAR BODIES OF WATER TO DISPOSE THEIR WASTES PROPERLY”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Resolution No. 1290, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A 2011 WORLD BANK REVIEW OF CORE BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY OF THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1291, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONTINUOUS DECLINE OF THE QUALITY OF PHILIPPINE SPORTS AS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE 2017 SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES DEBACLE”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1292, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO ACTRESS AND CONGRESSWOMAN VILMA SANTOS-RECTO FOR WINNING THE MOST COVETED MOVIE ACTRESS OF THE YEAR AWARD IN THE 33<sup>RD</sup> PHILIPPINE MOVIE PRESS CLUB'S STAR AWARDS FOR MOVIES FOR THE FILM 'EVERYTHING ABOUT HER' ”

By Representative Villarica

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:

Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar for House Bill No. 2741;

Rep. Lorna C. Silverio for House Bill No. 3016 and House Resolution No. 1210;

Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bill No. 5152;

Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada for House Bills No. 2625, 4344, 4703, and 6026;

Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez for House Resolutions No. 1210 and 1236;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bill No. 4722;

Rep. Danilo E. Suarez for House Bill No. 4982;

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bills No. 1234, 2625, 4344, and 4703;

Rep. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D. for House Bill No. 5675;

Rep. Strike B. Revilla for House Bill No. 6059;

Rep. Ricardo "RJ" T. Belmonte Jr. for House Bills No. 37, 2447, and 6016;

Rep. Arthur C. Yap for House Bill No. 5000;

Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato for House Bills No. 2192, 2193, 5213, and 6026;

Rep. "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bill No. 6137;

Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon for House Bill No. 177;

Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr. for House Bill No. 6308;

Rep. Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano for House Bill No. 2716; and

Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for House Resolution No. 1292.

### APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5828

On motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 5828, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 31, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the amended Provisional Rules of the House.

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

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PUBLIC SERVICE ACT', AS AMENDED.”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

### MANIFESTATIONS OF SEVERAL MEMBERS

During the voting, Reps. Arlene D. Brosas, France L. Castro, Emmi A. De Jesus, Edcel C. Lagman, Antonio L. Tinio, and Carlos Isagani T. Zarate reserved their right to explain their negative votes.

### RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

*Affirmative:*

Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acop  
Acosta



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Advincula	Lanete
Aggabao	Lazatin
Alejano	Leachon
Almario	Lobregat
Alvarez (F.)	Lopez (B.)
Alvarez (P.)	Lopez (C.)
Amatong	Lopez (M.L.)
Aquino-Magsaysay	Macapagal-Arroyo
Arenas	Maceda
Atienza	Madrona
Bataoil	Malapitan
Belaro	Mangaoang
Belmonte (F.)	Marcoleta
Belmonte (J.C.)	Martinez
Benitez	Matugas
Bernos	Mercado
Biazon	Noel
Billones	Nogralles (K.A.)
Bolilia	Nolasco
Bondoc	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Bordado	Olivarez
Bravo (A.)	Ong (H.)
Bravo (M.V.)	Ortega (P.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Paduano
Castro (F.H.)	Palma
Cerafica	Pancho
Chipeco	Panganiban
Cortuna	Panotes
Cuaresma	Papandayan
Cueva	Pimentel
Dalipe	Pineda
Datol	Primicias-Agabas
De Vera	Ramirez-Sato
Defensor	Ramos
Dimaporo (A.)	Revilla
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Dy	Roque (H.)
Ermita-Buhain	Roque (R.)
Escudero	Sacdalan
Espina	Salo
Espino	Salon
Fariñas	Sambar
Ferrer (J.)	Sandoval
Flores	Sarmiento (C.)
Fortuno	Savellano
Garbin	Sema
Garcia (J.E.)	Siao
Garcia-Albano	Singson
Gasataya	Suansing (E.)
Geron	Suansing (H.)
Go (M.)	Suarez
Gonzales (A.D.)	Tambunting
Gonzalez	Tan (A.)
Herrera-Dy	Tiangco
Hofer	Ting
Jalosjos	Tugna
Khonghun	Unabia
Lacson	Ungab

Unico  
Uybarreta  
Velarde  
Velasco-Catera  
Velo  
Vergara  
Villanueva  
Villaraza-Suarez  
Yap (M.)  
Yap (V.)  
Yu  
Zamora (M.C.)  
Zubiri

*Negative:*

Brosas  
Castro (F.L.)  
Daza  
De Jesus  
Del Mar  
Lagman  
Tinio  
Zarate

*Abstention:*

None

With 135 affirmative votes, eight negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 5828.

### EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

The following Members explained their votes:

1. Speaking in Filipino, Rep. Arlene D. Brosas explained that she was voting against the measure because it would lead to commodity price increase contrary to what its proponents were saying; and because it contradicted the protectionist clause of the Constitution. Speaking on behalf of the Gabriela Women's Party, she stressed that House Bill No. 5828 was anti-poor, anti-women, and anti-citizen.
2. Also speaking in Filipino, Rep. France L. Castro stated that she was against the measure because it was an attempt to circumvent the 1987 Constitution and will lead to public utility deregulation. She added that more competition will not lead to better services; and foreign investment will not lead to economic growth because foreign investors will always protect their interest.

3. Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus initially underscored that the privatization of public utilities will lead to the industry's deregulation and would open an opportunity for the abuse of natural resources and the labor force. Finally, she stated that the answer to the country's economic problem is not foreign investment or ownership but national industrialization.
4. Rep. Edcel C. Lagman expressed his frustration as all of his proposed amendments to the measure were rejected by the Body. He said that the measure was a subtle attempt to allow foreign ownership of public utilities without complying with the citizenship requirement. He added that the Bill deleted from the enumeration of public utilities, traditional and common carriers and telecommunication companies which are presently operating and Filipino-owned. He then cast a negative vote.
5. Rep. Antonio L. Tinio pointed out that the intention of the measure was to go around the prohibition on foreign ownership of public utilities and pave the way for imperialism and a free-market ideology. Speaking in Filipino, he added that there had been unrelenting attempts to remove the nationalistic economic provisions of the Constitution; and the measure was the one that was able to accomplish the same.

He also said that the proposed measure was unconstitutional; and removing telecommunications, water and transportation in the definition of "public utilities" would not protect people's interests and would deprive Filipinos of their rights to basic services.

6. Representative Zarate maintained his "no" vote as he stressed that the removal of telecommunications, water, transportation from the definition of "public utility" would further remove the government's control over them, thus working against the interest of the consumers. He opined that the government should strengthen its control over vital industries considering that they are already monopolies.

### REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Jose L. Atienza Jr. questioned the Roll Call count. He

said that his counters in the Session Hall had recorded only 139 Members present contrary to 151 as reported by the Secretariat.

#### REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

Even as Representative Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc lauded Representative Atienza's consistency and efforts for maintaining a quorum every session day, the former stated that the House had been performing well especially in terms of attendance. He explained that the Secretariat reported a figure of 151 because although 139 Members were actually present, the 12 Members attending the hearing of the Commission on Appointments are considered present pursuant to Section 71 of the House Rules.

#### REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Accepting Representative Bondoc's explanation, Representative Atienza congratulated the House leadership and adhered to his stand for constant vigilance and for following the House Rules.

#### REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

Representative Bondoc said that some Members were also attending the pre-plenary conferences being conducted in various holding rooms of Congress by the Department of National Defense and Department of Transportation, whose budgets will be taken up that day.

#### APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6221

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 6221, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 4, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House.

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

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

#### MANIFESTATIONS OF SEVERAL MEMBERS

During the voting, Representatives Brosas, Castro, and De Jesus reserved their right to explain their negative votes.

#### RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

*Affirmative:*

Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
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Alejano  
Almario  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amatong  
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Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Castro (F.H.)  
Cerafica  
Chipeco  
Cortuna  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Dato  
Daza

De Vera	Panotes
Defensor	Papandayan
Del Mar	Pimentel
Dimaporo (A.)	Pineda
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Primicias-Agabas
Dy	Ramirez-Sato
Ermita-Buhain	Ramos
Escudero	Revilla
Espina	Rodriguez (I.)
Espino	Roque (H.)
Fariñas	Roque (R.)
Ferrer (J.)	Sacdalan
Flores	Salo
Fortuno	Salon
Garbin	Sambar
Garcia (J.E.)	Sandoval
Garcia-Albano	Sarmiento (C.)
Gasataya	Savellano
Geron	Sema
Go (A.C.)	Siao
Go (M.)	Singson
Gonzales (A.D.)	Suansing (E.)
Gonzalez	Suansing (H.)
Herrera-Dy	Suarez
Hofer	Tambunting
Jalosjos	Tan (A.)
Khonghun	Tiangco
Lacson	Ting
Lagman	Tugna
Lanete	Unabia
Lazatin	Ungab
Leachon	Unico
Lobregat	Uybarreta
Lopez (B.)	Velarde
Lopez (C.)	Velasco-Catera
Lopez (M.L.)	Veloso
Macapagal-Arroyo	Vergara
Maceda	Villanueva
Madrona	Villaraza-Suarez
Malapitan	Yap (M.)
Mangaoang	Yap (V.)
Marcoleta	Yu
Martinez	Zamora (M.C.)
Matugas	Zubiri
Mercado	
Nieto	<i>Negative:</i>
Noel	
Nogralles (K.A.)	Brosas
Nolasco	Casilao
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Castro (F.L.)
Oaminal	De Jesus
Olivarez	Elago
Ong (H.)	Tinio
Ortega (P.)	Zarate
Paduano	
Palma	<i>Abstention:</i>
Pancho	
Panganiban	None

With 142 affirmative votes, seven negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6221.

## EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

The following Members explained their votes:

1. Speaking in Filipino, Rep. Arlene D. Brosas said that she was voting against the Bill because it was hard to trust in the government once again in view of the breach of data under the management of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) in 2016. She added that the measure subjects citizens to the exclusion of services if they did not have national identification cards. To conclude, she stressed that she will not agree to ignore the right to privacy and right to life and liberty.
  2. Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao voted “No” for the following reasons: the government seems to establish a police State in the guise of convenience, redundancy or ease in access of public services; the intention and objective of the Bill was to create a system of mass surveillance; red tape and corruption will continue to exist in a national identification system; the system will be administered by foreign corporations using Filipino technology and local taxes; the personal information gathered in the database might put persons at risk; and existing identification cards (IDs) containing basic information could just be centralized.
  3. As she voted “No” to House Bill No. 6221, Rep. France L. Castro explained that the national ID system was a violation of the people’s right to privacy which includes the right to be left alone and to control one’s information. Speaking in Filipino, she added that it would not reduce the delay in government services. It is not an economic and social tool towards the attainment of a progressive society, she stressed.
  4. Speaking in Filipino, Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus voted in the negative. She pointed out that the national ID system would not expedite and improve the experience of Filipinos with the government’s social services but rather complicate the process thereon.
  5. Speaking in Filipino, Rep. Antonio L. Tinio explained his negative vote by saying that the national ID system is an encroachment to the right to privacy since the State would get all information from an individual including his biometrics, genetic information, medical records, and political affiliations. He also expressed his aversion to the same because a non-ID holder cannot avail of public services as was the right of all Filipinos.
  6. In explaining his negative vote, Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate maintained that the measure violates the constitutional right to privacy and safety. He expressed doubt on the professed reason behind the national ID system, which is to make government transactions more convenient and easier. He said that the risk of hacking is too much when citizens’ records are placed in one central database. He also said that the system would not prevent terrorism; could monitor the movement of citizens and subject them to perpetual surveillance; and would foster a new form of discrimination and even harassment.
  7. Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago underscored that the national ID system is an unwarranted invasion of a person’s privacy and becomes a useful instrument for political persecution, even as she recognized the need to streamline, organize, and systematize government service.
- Voting in the negative, she opined that personal information that was found in current government-issued IDs was sufficient enough. She said that instead of looking into costly and superficial solutions to improve public service delivery, the government should address graft, red tape, and corruption.

She added that it would create discrimination and restrict the right of those who would criticize the government inasmuch as race or ethnic origin, religious, and philosophical or political affiliations were included in the database. It will infringe on the right to privacy, she also said, and could mean intensified surveillance and State profiling and lead to more killings in the hands of a regime that heavily relies on dictatorial and fascist methods.

## **TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF BILLS APPROVED ON THIRD READING**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bon-doc, there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretariat to immediately transmit to the Senate the recently-approved House Bills on Third Reading.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 363 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6215**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215 as embodied in Committee Report No. 363 and reported out by the Committee on Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Representative Herrera-Dy stated that the parliamentary status of the bill was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE PCOO AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATION**

On motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) and its attached agencies/corporation.

Representative Herrera-Dy then acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials of the PCOO; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Eric L. Olivarez to sponsor their budget.

### **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE OLIVAREZ**

Representative Olivarez stated that the proposed budget of the PCOO stood at ₱1.351 billion.

On motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, the Chair then recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Representative Atienza discussed with Representative Olivarez the government’s ability to communicate with the public and the adequacy of the PCOO budget to do the same.

Thereupon, Representative Atienza proposed a triple increase of the PCOO’s current appropriations because the government will not succeed without an effective agency that will communicate its vision, programs, and activities.

On motion of Representative Herrera-DY, the Chair recognized Representative Manuel F. Zubiri.

## **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI**

Reiterating the importance of communication as a key to the success of any government, Representative Zubiri stated his support for the increase in the PCOO budget and acknowledged the agency’s request for additional funding. He asked the Body to review and grant the appropriations needed for the PCOO to enable it to upgrade its services and provide proper and credible information.

On motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, the Chair next recognized Representative Tinio.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO**

Representative Tinio expressed his concern about the absence of appropriations for the National Printing Office (NPO) which means that it does not have funds for the salary of its employees. Representative Olivarez assured him that at the appropriate time, the amount for said salaries will be restored.

## **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez first sought clarification on the dissemination of copies of a document, entitled, “Former President’s Policy Statement.” He then highlighted the need for the PTV 4, RPN 9, and IBC 13 television stations to come up with a comprehensive marketing plan to make them profitable.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE PCOO AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATION**

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Herrera-Dy on behalf of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the PCOO and its attached agencies and corporation.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOTr AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS**

On motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and its attached agencies/corporations.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, the Chair suspended the session at 12:30 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 12:34 p.m.

Representative Herrera-Dy acknowledged the presence of the DOTr family headed by Secretary Arthur P. Tugade; and on motion of Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, the Chair recognized Reps. Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II and Zarate for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

**INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

Representative Zarate initially delved into the expansion and rehabilitation of the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) Line 3 and on the deficiencies of the light rail vehicles (LRVs) which remain inoperative.

Representative Zarate then delved into the unliquidated rehabilitation funds for Light Rail Transit (LRT) Lines 1 and 2; and on the possible penalization of the Light Rail Transport Authority (LRTA) by the private contractor with which it made a concession agreement.

Representative Zarate next tackled with the Sponsor the unreasonable toll rates of the NAIA Expressway (NAIAX). He also focused on the program to phase out old public utility vehicles (PUVs) despite the non-implementation of several funds such as the Special Pollution Control Fund or of projects such as the Motor Vehicle Inspection System which can fund or help in the rehabilitation of said vehicles.

After Representatives Zarate and Sandoval discussed alternative programs and opportunities for drivers and operators who will be affected by the aforesaid phase-out, they analyzed the effects of the plan to transfer the DOTr central office and some of its attached agencies to Clark, Pampanga.

**INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Recognized by the Chair upon Representative Savellano's motion, the Minority Leader raised concerns about the DOTr's low utilization of its previous budget and long-term plans to ensure the proper implementation of the 2018 budget; as well as the rationale behind having the DBM as its procurement arm.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon request of the Minority Leader, the Chair suspended the session at 1:44 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 1:49 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ (Continuation)**

Next focusing on the MRT, the two Members focused on the reduction or elimination of incidents of train removal, service interruption, and unloading of passengers; the current service provider; and cost of and rationale for a common station in North Avenue, Quezon City.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Sandoval, the Chair suspended the session at 2:00 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 2:03 p.m.

### **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

(Continuation)

With the Minority Leader next asking questions about the Land Transportation Office (LTO), the Sponsor then gave information about the retention of its earnings; funds for pollution control; implementation of a mobile emission testing system; extension of the validity of drivers' licenses; issuance of license plates; impounding of vehicles; and the contributions of UBER and Grab transportation companies to the country.

The two Members thereafter talked about the hotline of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Sandoval, the Chair suspended the session at 2:18 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 2:19 p.m.

### **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

(Continuation)

Thereupon, the Members talked about the filing of complaints in the LTFRB and the conduct of comprehensive study on the number of tricycles in the country. They also delved into regulating the height of buildings near airport runways.

The Minority Leader ended his interpellation by saying that during the deliberation on the budget of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), he will ask about his bill proposing new number coding scheme.

The Sponsor affirmed that the MMDA Chairperson will be present at that time.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Savellano, the Chair suspended the session at 2:28 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 2:28 p.m.

### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOTr AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS**

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Savellano, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DOTr and its attached agencies and corporations.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Hernandez relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Frederick F. "Erick" Abueg.*

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PHLPost**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Johnny Ty Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost).

Representative Pimentel acknowledged the presence of the PHLPost family headed by Postmaster General /CEO Joel Otarra; and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Sandoval and Minority Leader Suarez for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PHLPost**

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the PHLPost.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE MTRCB**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB).

Representative Pimentel acknowledged the presence of the officials of the MTRCB headed by Chairperson Ma. Rachel Arenas; and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Eric L. Olivarez and Representative Atienza for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.



**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE OLIVAREZ**

Representative Olivarez said that the proposed budget of the MTRCB amounted to ₱28,732,000.00 for Personnel Services only, considering that it was a self-liquidating agency.

**INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Representative Atienza proposed to double the budget of the MTRCB.

**INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez who asked whether Congress could review the validity of the deletion of X-rated or R-rated films. He then proposed to realign amounts taken from other government agencies, to the MTRCB.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE MTRCB**

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the MTRCB.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE FDCCP**

On successive motions of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCCP); and the Chair recognized Representative Olivarez to sponsor the same.

**INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Pimentel, Representative Atienza inquired on the programs and projects of the FDCCP that will improve the Philippine film industry and the quality of films being produced by local filmmakers to be appreciated in the international market.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE FDCCP**

There being no other interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Atienza and Herrera-Dy, representing the Minority and the Majority respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the FDCCP.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE OMB**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Optical Media Board (OMB).

Representative Pimentel acknowledged the presence of the OMB family headed by Chairman/CEO Anselmo Adriano; and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Olivarez to sponsor the same.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE OLIVAREZ**

Representative Olivarez said that the OMB's proposed 2018 budget at P57.1 million was higher than its 2017 level.

**INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez who discussed with the Sponsor the budget that the OMB proposed and the amount that the DBM approved.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE OMB**

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Pimentel, representing the Minority and the Majority respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the OMB.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE NICA, NSC, CONGRESS, AND LEDAC**

On successive motions of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), National Security Council (NSC), Congress of the Philippines

(Congress), and Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC). He thereafter moved for the recognition of Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations, to sponsor said budgets.

At this point, Representative Pimentel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of NICA Deputy Director General Alex Paul Montegudo; as well as the NSC Adviser, General Hermodenes Esperon.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE NICA, NSC, CONGRESS, AND LEDAC**

There being no interpellations, on successive joint motions of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the NICA, NSC, Congress, and LEDAC.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the session was suspended at 3:09 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:00 p.m.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215**

On motion of Rep. Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215.

**ROLL CALL**

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acop  
Acosta  
Adiong  
Aggabao  
Albano  
Alejano  
Almario

Alvarez (P.)  
Aquino-Magsaysay  
Aragones  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Barbers  
Bataoil  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Bertiz  
Biazon  
Billones  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Brosas  
Bulut-Begtang  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Campos  
Casilao  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Cerafica  
Chavez  
Chipeco  
Cortuna  
Crisologo  
Cua  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Datol  
Daza  
de Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (A.)  
Dimaporo (M.K.)  
Dy  
Elago  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Espina  
Espino  
Fariñas  
Fernando  
Ferrer (J.)  
Floirendo  
Fortun  
Fortuno  
Garbin  
Garcia (G.)

Garcia (J.E.)	Sahali
Garcia-Albano	Salo
Gasataya	Salon
Go (A.C.)	Sambar
Go (M.)	Sandoval
Gonzales (A.P.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Gonzales (A.D.)	Savellano
Gonzalez	Sema
Gullas	Siao
Hernandez	Silverio
Hofer	Singson
Kho	Suansing (E.)
Lacson	Suansing (H.)
Lagman	Sy-Alvarado
Lanete	Tambunting
Lobregat	Tan (S.)
Lopez (B.)	Teves
Lopez (C.)	Tiangco
Macapagal-Arroyo	Ting
Maceda	Tinio
Madrona	Tugna
Malapitan	Ty
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Unabia
Marcoleta	Ungab
Martinez	Unico
Matugas	Uy (J.)
Mending	Uybarreta
Mercado	Vargas-Alfonso
Montoro	Velarde
Noel	Velo
Nolasco	Vergara
Núñez-Malanyaon	Villanueva
Oaminal	Villarica
Olivarez	Violago
Ong (E.)	Yap (A.)
Ong (H.)	Yap (M.)
Ortega (P.)	Yap (V.)
Ortega (V.N.)	Yu
Paduano	Zarate
Palma	Zubiri
Pancho	
Panotes	
Papandayan	
Pimentel	
Pineda	
Plaza	
Primicias-Agabas	
Quimbo	
Ramirez-Sato	
Ramos	
Revilla	
Roa-Puno	
Robes	
Rodriguez (I.)	
Romualdez	
Romualdo	
Roque (R.)	
Sacdalan	

With 167 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 2)

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION  
ON SECOND READING  
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215**

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215 as contained in Committee Report No. 363 and reported out by the Committee on Appropriations, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DND AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES**

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of National Defense (DND) and its attached agencies.

Representative Pimentel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials of the DND family headed by Secretary Delfin Lorenzana; and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon to sponsor the budget.

### **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BIAZON**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Representative Biazon presented the 2018 proposed budget of the DND and its attached agencies in the amount of ₱195.476 billion.

The Chair then recognized Representative Zarate for his interpellation, upon Representative Pimentel's motion.

### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

Focusing on the Citizen Armed Forces Geographical Units (CAFGUs), Representatives Zarate and Biazon exchanged views regarding their demobilization, recruitment process, and alleged human rights violations. They also discussed the action that the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) will take against CAFGUs who have committed crimes such as murder; and the total budget needed to sustain the CAFGU program up to 2028.

Thereupon, they discussed the number of internal security programs that had already been launched and the funds expended for the same. They also analyzed the continued failure in solving the five-decade long insurgency problem that could not be addressed by mere military solution because it involves the people's hearts and minds.

Representative Zarate then inquired on the money spent for strengthening the country's external capabilities and internal operations, and whether the amount would be sufficient to counter threats by other nations; the DND's stand in countering China's aggressive activities in the West Philippine Sea; and the allocation of a counterpart fund in line with the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA).

### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Rep. Ron P. Salo, Representative Lagman focused on the amount spent by the DND to sustain its military and allied operations in general and in Marawi City in particular.

At this point, the Sponsor took note of Representative Lagman's request for data on the amount spent for the military campaign against (1) the Hukbong Bayan Laban sa Hapon (Hukbalahap) and (2) Muslim separatists before May 23, 2017; and asked for time to research thereon.

Thereafter, the Members discussed how the Marawi fund was sourced and how it could have been used to address the basic needs of other beneficiaries, as well as the additional funds needed to augment it; the over-budget allocation for the defense and military establishments; the amount taken from the President's contingency funds for the Marawi war; and the damage inflicted to Marawi City and its environs.

Subsequently, Representative Lagman inquired on the effects of the declaration of martial law in Mindanao; the budget needed to rehabilitate Marawi City and if it was included in the 2018 General Appropriations Bill (GAB); and the policy of “destroy first and rehabilitate later.”

He also discussed with the Sponsor the budget of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) for the province of Catanduanes and the First District of Albay; and the Calamity Fund which was already depleted in the middle of the fiscal year. Representative Biazon stated that he would direct the DND to submit a report thereon.

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

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**

Representative Castro inquired from the Sponsor about the DND's confidential, intelligence, and extraordinary expenses for intelligence and surveillance activities in civilian government agencies.

*At this point, Deputy Speaker Abueg relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu.*

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

At 6:00 p.m., the session was suspended, on motion of Representative Biazon.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:02 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**  
(Continuation)

After being enlightened on the two line-item budgets under the weapons and ammunitions program, Representative Castro sought clarification on the involvement of the CAFGUs in various human rights violations; and on the sanctions taken by the AFP thereon. She also asked how the AFP dealt with alleged military activities in schools in Southern Mindanao.

On Representative Salo's motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Brosas to interpellate the Sponsor.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

Representative Brosas enumerated cases of alleged extrajudicial killings and arrests of individuals by police officers; expressed concern about the requirement of the *cedula* and identification cards in Mindanao; and asked about the number of people arrested and detained during martial law in Mindanao.

As regards the EDCA, she asked on the location of EDCA facilities to be constructed; the EDCA counterpart fund's legal basis and activities and programs, and the rechanneling of the same to other government projects. The Sponsor committed to submit a breakdown of the said fund.

She further asked on the involvement of the AFP engineering brigades in the "Build, Build, Build" program of the Duterte Administration especially in conflict and remote areas; and expressed concern about the militarization of communities that might result therefrom.

On motion of Representative Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia II, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Minority Leader Suarez first asked why the DND did not fully utilize its budget from 2013 up to 2016.

Then adverting to the war in Marawi, he sought information on the number of rebels in the country; failed airstrikes; failed intelligence; sufficiency of military supplies; implementation of the AFP Modernization Law; and the facilitation of the procurement process. Representative Biazon stated that the DND Secretary will study the Minority Leader's suggestion to adopt the Marcos Administration's "red tag" system of procuring supplies.

Minority Leader Suarez inquired about the development of Benham Rise, the status of aircraft and seacraft including donations from other countries, and joint military assistance.

Then ending his interpellation, the Minority Leader cited his bill extending the retirement age of military personnel and the length of military service. The Sponsor relayed the AFP's comment that such an extension would mean more mature leadership.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), the Chair suspended the session at 7:19 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 7:19 p.m.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Representative Tinio to interpellate Representative Biazon.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE TINIO**

Representative Tinio focused on the role of the AFP in the Marawi siege and discussed the following issues with the Sponsor: the status of the war, the number of barangays which were not yet under military control, the number of enemy combatants, the operation of government offices and business establishments, and the time frame for the AFP to resolve the situation. He expressed concern about the use of air strikes and the resulting displacement of the people of Marawi.

Subsequently, Representatives Tinio and Biazon debated on the government's use of a military rather than a political solution in dealing with terrorists; and the additional funds being sought by the DND for the Marawi war which could instead be used for other programs and sectors.

As regards the situation in the West Philippine Sea, Representative Tinio subsequently sought clarification on the alleged presence of Chinese navy and fishing vessels and occupation of sand bars.

As regards AFP pensions, he asked about funds for the same; monitoring systems; and problems such as stale checks and overpayment of checks.

#### **REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR**

At this point, the Chair reminded Representative Tinio that pursuant to Section 91 of the House Rules, Members should not be allowed to speak for more than one hour; and that the latter's time limit had already lapsed.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. Elago for her interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

Representative Elago sought information about the AFP's request to build a military reservation inside the University of the Philippines (UP)-Mindanao Campus as well as the plan to conduct intelligence operations in the campuses of the UP and other State Universities and Colleges (SUCs).

Representative Elago then delved into the AFP's action on hazing practices in the Reserved Officers' Training Corps (ROTC); and the Sponsor gave the AFP Chief of Staff's commitment to give her an investigation report thereon.

On motion of Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., the Chair next recognized Representative Casilao for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO**

Representative Casilao's initial questions were on the allotments for human rights education, protection, and information dissemination; the structure of the AFP's human rights office; and human rights training programs or materials for dissemination to members of the AFP. Representative Biazon said that the AFP will give his colleague a report on the specific expenditures made for the promotion of human rights.

Representative Casilao's next questions were about OPLAN Kapayapaan, extrajudicial killings involving leaders of progressive peasant organizations, and information-gathering about lumads and farmers. Representative Biazon said that the AFP commits to investigate the same and he will act on the pertinent data submitted by his colleague.

On the war on drugs, Representative Casilao then sought information about the memorandum of agreement between the AFP and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) for the exchange and sharing of information. The Sponsor promised to give his colleague a copy thereof; and relayed the AFP Chief of Staff's assurance that the memorandum will be reviewed and applied only in areas where the State's enemies were stronger than the PDEA, and will not be abused.

At this point, Representative Casilao sought clarification on reports that women and children were also engaged in combat against government troops.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Rep. Roger G. Mercado.*

He also asked on the AFP's policy on the activities of paramilitary groups that were helpful in the government's counterinsurgency operations.

*Whereupon, Representative Mercado subsequently relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Abu.*

Representative Casilao then said that at the proper time, he will propose the rechanneling of the budget for the CAFGU to human rights education in the AFP.

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Gary C. Alejano for his manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ALEJANO**

Representative Alejano urged the Body and the nation to give importance to and express support for the AFP and DND in return for their service to the country.

Initially, he cited the AFP's various functions and responsibilities as regards counterinsurgency; humanitarian and emergency response; and external threat.

Subsequently, he proposed to (1) increase defense spending by two percent of the gross domestic product (GDP); (2) revise the Government Procurement Reform Act and AFP Modernization Act; (3) establish a clear national security strategy; (4) address the pension system of retirees so as to raise the base pay of active personnel; and (5) delineate the functions of the AFP and the Philippine National Police (PNP).

**REMARKS OF  
REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)**

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., who expressed support for Representative Alejano's manifestation. He said that the issues raised were valid and if addressed, will further strengthen the AFP.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF  
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE  
PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DND  
AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES**

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Bravo (A.) and Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DND and its attached agencies.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until ten o'clock in the morning of Monday, September 11, 2017.

It was 9:51 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on September 11, 2017.

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