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CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 a.m., Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu 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.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, the Chair suspended the session at 10:02 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 1:23 p.m.

DEFERMENT OF ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll.

APPROVAL OF JOURNALS NO. 19 AND 20

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 19 dated September 12, 2018 and Journal No. 20 dated September 17, 2018.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions, including the Messages from the Senate, Communications, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees or consigned to the Archives as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8211, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SAMAL ISLAND SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Floirendo

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

House Bill No. 8212, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PIAS-GAANG CAMPUS IN BARANGAY PIAS NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF CURRIMAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AND SEPARATING IT FROM ITS MOTHER SCHOOL, THE CURRIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION 2, MUNICIPALITY OF CURRIMAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, HEREINAFTER RENAMED THE WILBUR C. GO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Fariñas and Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8213, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMULGATE A CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARD FOR EACH DURABLE INFANT OR TODDLER PRODUCT”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 8214, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE PHILIPPINE FILM INDUSTRY THROUGH AN ANNUAL FILM QUOTA AND OTHER SUPPORT MEASURES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 8215, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF DAVAO TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'ARAW NG DABAW', REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7551 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7685”

By Representative Garcia-Albano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8216, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9147, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'WILDLIFE RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT' ”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 8218, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING PROTECTION FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN THE CUSTODY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS/EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 8042”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 8219, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (NLRDB), PROVIDING FUNDS

THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8220, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING AND MODERNIZING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 8221, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND ALLOCATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FUND”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 8222, entitled:

“AN ACT PROFESSIONALIZING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY AND CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, UPGRADING AUDIOLOGIC EDUCATION, INTEGRATING AUDIOLOGISTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 8223, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPROVING THE DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 8224, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 8225, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FOR DETERMINING STATUTORY RAPE TO PROVIDE STRONGER PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8226, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING LONG-TERM CARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 8227, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, ALSO KNOWN AS 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, UNDER A REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 8228, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF SEPTEMBER 21 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF MARTIAL LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8229, entitled:

“AN ACT INCLUDING THE EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY – DULAG CAMPUS AS A REGULAR CAMPUS OF EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9311 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE LEYTE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (LIT) IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”

By Representative Ong (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8233, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO AWARD GRANTS FOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8234, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF ARTISTS' WELFARE”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8235, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE TERMINATION OF ANY POSTPAID SUBSCRIPTION WHENEVER SERVICES HAVE BEEN SUBSTANDARD OR DELINQUENT, TO FOSTER CONSUMER PROTECTION, PROVIDING PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 8236, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE MANILA, CEBU AND DAVAO AIRPORTS TO CONDUCT 24 HOURS A DAY TERMINAL OPERATIONS, TO FOSTER THE OPTIMAL STANDARDS FOR AIR CARRIER PASSENGER SERVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8238, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT 9994 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Martinez, Sandoval, Malapitan, Olivarez and Calixto-Rubiano

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2168, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR VOTERS REGISTRATION FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 TO JANUARY 13, 2019”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Resolution No. 2169, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE TOTAL BAN ON THE USE OF THERMAL PAPER ON RECEIPTS AND COMMERCIAL PAPERS SUCH AS BILLS FOR UTILITIES”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Resolution No. 2170, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE DST IMPOSITION TO PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE'S LOTTO AND THE MISUSE OF ITS CHARITY FUND”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2171, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OPPOSING THE DESIGNATION OF VALENZUELA CITY AS THE SITE OF THE INTERIM NORTHERN TERMINAL UNDER THE NEW MMDA POLICY ON PROVINCIAL BUSES”

By Representatives Gatchalian and Martinez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 2172, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE STUDENTS PROTESTING FOR THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO ORGANIZE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN, AND THE CONDEMNING UNIVERSITY POLICIES THAT REPRESS THE STUDENTS' RIGHT TO ORGANIZE”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 2173, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO PROBE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CENSORSHIP THREAT AGAINST HIMATI, THE OFFICIAL STUDENT PUBLICATION OF UP MINDANAO”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2174, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO PROBE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE POLICE KILLING OF 18-YEAR OLD JOSHUA LAXAMANA, AND FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL TO STRENGTHEN THE SEARCH FOR DISAPPEARED TEENAGER JULIUS SEBASTIAN”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2175, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RECENT KILLING OF 4-YEAR OLD SKYLER ABATAYO IN THE CROSSFIRE UNDER THE WAR ON DRUGS”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2176, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC) TO SCHEDULE THE FILING OF THE CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY (COC) AND CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE (CONA) ON THE 1ST OR 2ND WEEK OF JANUARY, 2019 FOR THE MAY 2019 MID-TERM ELECTIONS”

By Representatives Salimbangon, Castro (F.H.), Acop, Antonino, Barzaga, Vargas-

Alfonso, Bravo (M.V.), Bataoil, Cueva, Cuaresma, Roa-Puno, Pancho, Silverio, Revilla, Uy (J.), Ting, Alvarez (F.), Mercado, Ong (E.), Tambunting, Plaza, Belaro, Batocabe, Co, Bravo (A.), De Vera, Cortuna, Garbin, Marcoleta, Manalo, Salo, Sambar, Velasco-Catera, Antonio, Ortega (P.) and Pineda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Resolution No. 2177, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) COUNCIL'S POLICY OF BUYING RICE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S RICE BUFFER STOCKING PROGRAM AT P17 PER KILO AND THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE BUYING PRICE OF PALAY TO P22 PER KILO”

By Representative Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2179, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO REVISE THE PAYMENT SCHEMES OF SOCIAL PENSION PROGRAM FOR INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS PARTICULARLY DELIVERING THE PENSION ON A MONTHLY BASIS AND TO THE BANGAY LEVEL ESPECIALLY IN GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED AND DISADVANTAGED AREAS”

By Representative Aquino-Magsaysay

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Resolution No. 2181, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO RAINBOW CONCHA, JASSEF YZAIH TAMBIS, AND THEIR COACH MS. PRELYN SANDIMAS FOR

THEIR COMMENDABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE 2018 ASEAN CYBERKIDS CAMP”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 2182, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON RULES TO REVERT BACK HOUSE BILL NO. 8179 OR AN ACT GRANTING SOLAR PARA SA BAYAN CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTABLE POWER TECHNOLOGIES AND MINIGRID SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES FOR FURTHER DELIBERATIONS”

By Representatives Belmonte (R.), Lacson, Montoro, Romero, Pineda, Ty, Canama, Atienza, Salo, Calalang, Uybarreta, Belaro, Salimbangon, Dalipe and Aquino-Magsaysay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 28, entitled:

“A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET OF TEN BILLION PESOS (P10 B) TO BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED TO THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY AND DIRECTING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY TO EXCLUSIVELY USE THE AMOUNT TO URGENTLY PROCURE FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2018 TO JANUARY 2019 AT LEAST 500,000 METRIC TONS OF PALAY FROM LOCAL RICE FARMERS AT THE FARM GATE PRICE OF TWENTY PESOS (P20) PER KILOGRAM IN ORDER TO EASE THE RICE CRISIS THAT IS DEVASTATING THE POOR OF THIS COUNTRY”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated September 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on September 11, 2018, designated Senators Risa Hontiveros, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Grace Poe, Sonny Angara and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1305, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS FOR FEMALE WORKERS IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY, PROVIDING A PARENTAL LEAVE PERIOD FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS, AND GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS FOR SOLO MOTHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 4113, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED (100) DAYS FOR FEMALE WORKERS IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND GRANTING AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated September 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date, the Senate conferees to the Bicameral Conference on Senate Bill No. 1620 and House Bill No. 7436 was recalled.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated September 12, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted House Bill No. 7436 as an amendment to Senate Bill No. 1620, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER’S CHARGE COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT

NO. 8794, ENTITLED 'AN ACT IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated August 6, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 11055 which was signed into law on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated August 9, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 11056 which was signed into law on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-SABLAYAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letters dated August 17, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts, all of which were signed into law on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 11057, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURED TRANSACTIONS LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN THE PHILIPPINES, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION, PERFECTION, DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY, ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALIZED NOTICE REGISTRY, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL

PROPERTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

2. R.A. No. 11058, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”;

3. R.A. No. 11059, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM IN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AUGMENTING ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

4. R.A. No. 11060, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALBAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SUGAL, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE KALBAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS EMELIANO S. FONTANARES SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

5. R.A. No. 11061, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE GURELBOKOD-KABAYAN-ABATAN ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO CONG. ANDRES ACOP COSALAN ROAD”;

6. R.A. No. 11062, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN MUNTINLUPA CITY INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

7. R.A. No. 11063, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CALOOCAN CITY EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA INTO A REGULAR

LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 858), re H.R. No. 2178, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION OF THE LATE FAMED ARTIST MAURO 'MALANG' SANTOS TO FILIPINO CULTURE AND ARTS AND EXTENDING THE SYMPATHIES OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE TO HIS BEREAVED FAMILY AND LOVED ONES”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1099

Sponsors: Representatives Durano and Saveliano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 859), re H.B. No. 8237, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOLIDNORTH BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8089, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE SOLIDNORTH BROADCASTING SYSTEM A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7766

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Housing and Urban Development (Committee Report No. 860), re H.R. No. 2180, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO

GRANT AMNESTY TO ITS SOCIALIZED HOUSING BENEFICIARIES WITH DELINQUENT LOAN ACCOUNTS, CONDONING THEREBY ALL PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES ON UNPAID LOAN AMORTIZATIONS AND TO INSTITUTE A LOAN RESTRUCTURING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9507”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1511

Sponsors: Representatives Benitez, Belmonte (J.C.) and Palma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Welfare of Children and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 861), re H.B. No. 8239, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING POSITIVE AND NON-VIOLENT DISCIPLINE, PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM PHYSICAL, HUMILIATING OR DEGRADING ACTS AS A FORM OF PUNISHMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 516 and 6955

Sponsors: Representatives Yu, Nograles (K.A.), Herrera-Dy and Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 862), re H.B. No. 8240, entitled:

“AN ACT REVISING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BAGUIO”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1555

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Women and Gender Equality (Committee Report No. 863), re H.B. No. 8244, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT,

STRENGTHENING THE MECHANISMS TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE AND IN EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877, ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE 'ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT OF 1995' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 194, 508, 2591, 2932, 3691, 4822 and 5977

Sponsors: Representatives Herrera-Dy, Villarica, Bertiz, Andaya, De Jesus and Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 864), re H.B. No. 8247, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 266

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Villafuerte, and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 865), re H.B. No. 8248, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MASBATE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN MASBATE CITY, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, FROM ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (125) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS

MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2905

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Kho and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 866), re H.B. No. 8249, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BRITISH SCHOOL MANILA AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER GRANTING THE SCHOOL CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS DEVELOPMENT”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6306, as amended, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 6032 and 6063 reported out under Committee Report No. 503, which was recommitted to the Committee on 30 January 2018

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Lacson, Salo and Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability and the Committee on Energy (Committee Report No. 867), re recommitted Committee Report No. 632 on H.R. No. 1741, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) TO IMMEDIATELY RESOLVE THE SEVEN (7) POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT APPLICATIONS OF THE MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY (MERALCO), PROVIDED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND THE APPROPRIATE HEARINGS ON THE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED”

informing the House of the Committees’ findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Pimentel, Velasco, Suarez and the Members of the joint Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability and Energy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 868), re H.B. No. 8250, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ILIGAN CITY DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2431

Sponsors: Representatives Fernando, Nograles (K.A.) and Siao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 869), re H.B. No. 8254, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BAYANG HISTORICAL PARK AND CONVENTION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYANG, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4219

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Papandayan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated August 20, 2018 of Benjamin E. Diokno, Secretary, Department of Budget and Management, transmitting the consolidated Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances (SAAODB) of the national government agencies for the quarter ending June 30, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 842
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8165**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8165 contained in Committee Report No. 842 as reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, National Defense and Security, and Appropriations.

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

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

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. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, one of the Sponsors of the Bill, to defend the measure, and Rep. Arnel U. Ty for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE TY**

After being informed of the remaining time left of his previous interpellation, Representative Ty then proceeded to discuss with Representative Romualdo the kind of disasters the proposed Department of Disaster Resilience (DDR) will be responding to, and the responsibilities and tasks of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) under the current setup.

To Representative Ty’s concern that the BFP should be retained under the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) because of its functions like the issuance of permits, as well as its capacity to respond to fire incidents in small areas, Representative Romualdo said that this is also the concern of the other Members and stakeholders, and could be taken up during the period of amendments.

They thereafter discussed the advantages of attaching to the DDR the Geohazard and Engineering Geology Section (GEGS) of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), as well as the Health Emergency Management Bureau (HEMB) under the Department of Health (DOH).

The Sponsor said the Committee is open to suggestions and inputs on the possibility of retaining the HEMB under the DOH. They thereafter dwelled on the assets and functions of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) that would be transferred to the DDR.

To Representative Ty's view that it would be difficult to assign to one department all the tasks related to disaster response and preparedness, Representative Romualdo emphasized that such tasks and functions would now be the sole responsibility of the DDR.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair reminded Representative Ty that his time had already expired.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TY (Continuation)

Representative Ty said that he would like to proceed to his last point.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair however reiterated that Representative Ty's time had already expired.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TY

Representative Ty moved that he be given five more minutes to pursue his interpellation.

The Chair however said that he could not grant said request.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDO

Representative Romualdo thanked Representative Ty for his interpellation, and committed to work with him on his suggested inputs to the Bill at the appropriate time.

On motion of Rep. Ann K. Hofer, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman first inquired whether House Bill No. 8165 would be replaced by a more favored measure.

Representative Romualdo explained that he was defending the measure as one of the Sponsors

thereof which was crafted prior to his election as Chairperson of the Committee on Good Government. He said that he chaired the Committee on Government Reorganization that crafted the measure contained in the Committee Report before them; however, after its approval, they received inputs from other Members of the House and the Executive Branch, and for which reason they drafted a new version of the DDR Bill that will be proposed on the floor as a substitute measure at the appropriate time.

Representative Lagman stressed that the Body was debating on a Bill that would be replaced by an amendment by substitution, and opined that it should be referred back to the Committee on Government Reorganization so the Committee can reconcile it with the substitute measure.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas.

Representative Romualdo maintained that an amendment by substitution is a parliamentary tool allowed under the Rules of the House, and may be resorted to based on the outcome of the debate between the Members and the Sponsors.

Representative Lagman however said that an alleged substitute Bill had already been crafted on September 4, 2018, and that when it would be presented on the floor as an amendment by substitution, then the Members would no longer be allowed to interpellate on the floor. He opined that the measure should be referred back to the sponsoring Committee to consider the substitute measure or reconcile it with the present Bill.

Representative Romualdo stressed that the proposed substitute Bill is just a draft, and that any inputs and discussions from the interpellations would still be added to the Bill, either as new inputs to the Bill or as individual or Committee amendments.

Representative Lagman said that he would not like to interpellate on a Bill that would be replaced later, noted that there were no warm bodies to vote on the measure, and asked the Majority Leader on the proper motion that should be made.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Hofer, the session was suspended at 2:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:39 p.m., the session resumed.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8165**

On motion of Representative Hofer, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8165.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILLS**

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Hofer, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills contained in the Committee Reports as submitted by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the measures on motion of Rep. Doy C. Leachon, Chairperson of the Committee on Justice; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 8100 contained in Committee Report No. 820, creating one additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in Rosario, Batangas;
2. House Bill No. 8102 contained in Committee Report No. 822, creating one additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Seventh Judicial Region to be stationed in Larena, Siquijor; and
3. House Bill No. 8144 contained in Committee Report No. 833, creating two additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region to be stationed in Mati City, Davao Oriental.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Subsequently, Representative Hofer recognized Rep. Jeffrey D. Khonghun's guests.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Hofer, the Chair declared a recess at 2:50 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:03 p.m.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Hofer, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

House Bill No. 8241, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (SERVICE PROVIDER) TO CHARGE AND COLLECT RECONNECTION FEES, TO FOSTER CONSUMER-SUBSCRIBER PROTECTION, PROVIDING PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 8242, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING LAND, AIR, AND SEA TRANSPORT PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE PRIORITY SEATING FOR THE ELDERLY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257 AND 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 8243, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BEREAVEMENT LEAVE OF TWELVE (12) DAYS WITH FULL PAY TO ALL EMPLOYEES IN

THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMIT-
TEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFES-
SIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 8245, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
GABAS, CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE
OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS GABAS
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND AP-
PROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cari

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCA-
TION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8246, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DE-
CREE NUMBER 1341, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8251, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING FILIPINO CITI-
ZENS BORN ABROAD OF FILIPINO
MOTHERS OR FATHERS”

By Representative Ferrer (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION
AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 8252, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 22, 24,
25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 42, 51,
52, 54, 56, 57, 73, 108, 121, 122, 123, 127,
174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181,
182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189,
190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197,
198, AND 199 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE
CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Suansing (E.) and Suansing
(H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 8253, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 82
OF 1986, AS AMENDED, WHICH CRE-
ATED THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMIS-
SION FOR THE URBAN POOR, APPRO-
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sandoval

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COM-
MITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 8255, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOCATING SEVENTY-ONE
HECTARES OF THE MANGGAHAN
FLOODWAY SOCIALIZED HOUSING
PROJECT SITE IN TAYTAY, RIZAL,
FOR DISPOSITION TO QUALIFIED
BENEFICIARIES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8165**

On motion of Representative Hofer, there being
no objection, the Body resumed the consideration
on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8165 con-
tained in Committee Report No. 842 as reported out
by the Committees on Government Reorganization,
National Defense and Security, and Appropriations,
entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT
OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFIN-
ING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,

AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

Representative Hofer stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Representative Romualdo to sponsor the measure and Representative Lagman to continue with his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN
(Continuation)

After he was clarified that no substitute or favored Bill would be considered in lieu of the original version of House Bill No. 8165, Representative Lagman proceeded with his interpellation and discussed with Representative Romualdo the present agency tasked to address disaster prevention, mitigation, reduction, and resilience.

Representative Lagman then asked if by creating the DDR, the message that was being projected is that the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and the OCD are not performing their jobs well; whether the creation of the DDR would not demean the two agencies' functions; and why the DDR need to replace the two agencies as lead agency in disaster prevention, mitigation, and resilience.

Representatives Lagman and Romualdo also discussed the differences between the DDR and the NDRRMC on the aspect of coordination and collaboration with other government agencies, private sector and other stakeholders; the limitations of the OCD as a mere line bureau of the DND to coordinate with other departments even if it is currently doing its job well; the limitations of the NDRRMC under the current framework to speed up recovery efforts; and the infrastructure functions of the DDR under the proposed Bill as being limited to projects for recovery and reconstruction only.

Representative Lagman then inquired whether the sponsoring Committee has prepared a matrix of countries in the ASEAN region with offices or departments on disaster management and resilience. Both Members suggested suspending the session for a few minutes to allow the Sponsor to check on this matter.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Hofer, the Chair suspended the session at 3:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:41 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN
(Continuation)

After having been provided with a list of national disaster management agencies of different countries in the ASEAN, as well as those of Japan and Germany, Representative Romualdo described, in reply to Representative Lagman's questions, the organizational setup of each of these countries' agencies.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman thereupon moved that the Body suspend the consideration of the measure, citing the unpreparedness of the sponsoring committee when asked about Thailand's Department of Disaster, Prevention and Mitigation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair suspended the session at 3:43 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:46 p.m., the session resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN
(Continuation)

Upon resumption of session, Representatives Lagman and Romualdo continued the discussion on the different departments and offices in charge of disaster management in other countries specifically in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, and Germany.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman again moved to suspend the consideration of the measure until the end of the plenary deliberation on the national budget due to lack of warm bodies to listen to the discussion on the floor.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Hofer, the Chair suspended the session at 4:00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:22 p.m.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Whereupon, Majority Leader Rolando G. Andaya Jr. stated that on September 11, 2018, House Bill No. 8169 as contained in Committee Report No. 854, 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 NINETEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,” was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Upon authority granted to him by the Committee on Rules to act on House Bill No. 8169, and pursuant to Section 137, Rule XVIII of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, Majority Leader Andaya moved that the House be constituted into the Committee of the Whole to enable the House to consider the budget measure.

There being no objection to the Majority Leader’s motion, the Body approved the same.

DESIGNATION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Pursuant to Section 138, Rule XVIII of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Chair designated Majority Leader Andaya as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:24 p.m.

At this juncture, the Committee of the Whole House deliberated on House Bill No. 8169.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:07 p.m., the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro presiding.

CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8165

On motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8165 contained in Committee Report No. 842 as reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, National Defense and Security, and Appropriations, entitled:

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

Representative Marcoleta stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was still in the period of sponsorship and debate and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Romualdo for the sponsorship and Representative Lagman for his interpellation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman manifested instead that he was suspending his interpellation and reserved his right to interpellate considering that the instant Bill will be amended by substitution.

The Chair noted the manifestation.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA

There being no other Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, Representative Marcoleta moved to terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:11 p.m.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA

Upon resumption of session, Representative Marcoleta said that after conferring with Representative Lagman, the latter assured that he will forego with his interpellation if no substitute bill would be introduced. Representative Marcoleta then clarified that there will be no amendment by substitution on House Bill No. 8165, when asked by the Chair.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

Thereafter, there being no further interpellations, on a previous motion of Representative Mar-

coleta, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee and individual amendments, on motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8165

On motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body approved House Bill No. 8165 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUEST

At this point, the Chair recognized the presence in the Session Hall of former Congressman Marcelino “Nonoy” C. Libanan.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Marcoleta, the Chair suspended the session at 6:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until ten o’clock in the morning of Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

It was 6:15 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on September 19, 2018.