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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

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

DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On successive motions of Representative Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr., there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll as well as the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (A.D.), 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, including the Message from the Senate and Communication, which were referred to the appropriate Committees or consigned to the Archives as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 3518, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING 20% DISCOUNT ON TRAVEL TAX TO SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES”

By Representative Arcillas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 3519, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE IN THE

CURRICULUM OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE INTERNET, VIDEO/PHOTO EQUIPMENT, SMART PHONES AND THE LIKES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Arcillas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3520, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING EACH CITY OR MUNICIPALITY TO SET ASIDE A PORTION OF ITS TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION FOR FOREST PARKS AND PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE THEREOF”

By Representative Arcillas

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 3521, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE G SIS-SAMPAGUITA ROAD IN BARANGAY CALENDOLA, CITY OF SAN PEDRO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF”

By Representative Arcillas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3522, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES ON THE LENDING INSTITUTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE AND UNDERCOMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF R.A. NO. 10000, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE ARGI-AGRA REFORM CREDIT ACT OF 2009', AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3523, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3524, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE FINES FOR LESS SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURIES AND SLIGHT PHYSICAL INJURIES AND MALTREATMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 265 AND 266 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 3525, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY 201, ZONE 20 IN THE CITY OF PASAY, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3526, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 20 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 3527, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO UTILIZE ALL ITS INCOME FOR HOSPITAL OPERATIONS PARTICULARLY MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) AND CAPITAL OUTLAY”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3528, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 84, 86, 89, 90 AND 97 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 3529, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF THE PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE PROFESSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3530, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF DAY CARE WORKERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Unabia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF
CHILDREN

House Bill No. 3531, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL SHOPPING MALL OWNERS TO PROVIDE ROAD

SETBACKS ON THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3532, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY INFORMANT REWARD PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bernos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3533, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE AUTHORITY TO TAX AND TO ISSUE PERMITS TO EXTRACT SAND, GRAVEL AND OTHER QUARRY RESOURCES FROM THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR TO THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY MAYOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,' AS AMENDED”

By Representative Limkaichong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3534, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1467, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8175, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION ACT”

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3535, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING AND PROMOTING THE SEED INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7308, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SEED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992' ”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3536, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE, AND SUPPORT, AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HIV AND AIDS PLAN, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998,' AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3537, entitled:

“AN ACT REVITALIZING THE COCONUT INDUSTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3538, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PHILIPPINE MANGO, MANDATING THE CREATION OF A FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3539, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGIES AND APPROACHES FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3540, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE SCIENTIFIC PROPAGATION, PROCESSING, UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PHILIPPINE NATIVE ANIMALS, HEREBY CREATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIVE ANIMAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3541, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF ETHNICITY, RACE, RELIGION OR BELIEF, SEX, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSIONS, LANGUAGE, DISABILITY, HIV STATUS, AND OTHER STATUS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 3542, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PROVISION OF A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3543, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE (NSO) IN EVERY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT NATIONWIDE”

By Representative Bolilia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 3544, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO PROCESS AND TO PAY CLAIMS OF LEGITIMATE CLAIMANTS AND BENEFICIARIES WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS UPON FULL SUBMISSION OF ALL NECESSARY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3545, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE FROM PLAYING IN CASINOS AND PRESCRIBING FINES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 3546, entitled:

“AN ACT RE-NUMBERING THE THREE (3) DPWH DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE (DEO) CONFERRING INTO THE LEGISLATIVE NUMBERING WITHIN THE THREE (3) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THREE (3) REPUBLIC ACTS GOVERNING THE CREATION OF THESE THREE (3) DPWH DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES”

By Representative Jalosjos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3547, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN AGRICULTURE
AND FISHERY INSTITUTE IN THE PROV-
INCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, TO
BE KNOWN AS THE ZAMBOANGA DEL
NORTE INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
AND FISHERIES (ZNIAF) IN THE MU-
NICIPALITY OF SERGIO OSMEÑA, ZAM-
BOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRI-
ATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jalosjos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3548, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 8 OF
EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN CELEBRATION
OF SIDLAKASILAK FESTIVAL”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 3549, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 443, 454
AND 463 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERN-
MENT

House Bill No. 3550, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SOCIAL SE-
CURITY COMMISSION TO CONDONE
PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT CONTRI-
BUTIONS AND TO DETERMINE THE
MONTHLY SALARY CREDITS, THE
SCHEDULE AND RATE OF CONTRIBU-
TIONS AND THE RATE OF PENALTY ON
DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND

UNPAID LOAN AMORTIZATIONS,
THEREBY FURTHER AMENDING RE-
PUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL
SECURITY LAW”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3551, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING NATURAL RE-
SOURCESS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE
MANAGEMENT THROUGH TOURISM
WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ENVIRON-
MENTAL FEES OR 'GREEN FEES' FOR
THE USE, PRESERVATION, CONSERVA-
TION, DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION
AND PROTECTION OF THE COUNTRY'S
NATURAL RESOURCES AND CUL-
TURAL HERITAGE”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 3552, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING AND STRENGTH-
ENING THE NATIONAL PARKS DEVEL-
OPMENT COMMITTEE, RENAMING THE
SAME 'URBAN PARKS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY,' AND FOR OTHER PUR-
POSES”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3553, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE STOP SHOP
LAND TRANSPORTATION SATELLITE
OFFICE IN TICA O ISLAND, PROVINCE
OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Bravo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTA-
TION

House Bill No. 3554, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-PURPOSE AQUACULTURE ECOSYSTEM BASED BREEDING FARM FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF HIGH BREED CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN TICA0 AND BURIAS ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bravo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3555, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY (SOGI) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Villarin
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 3556, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE OUTSOURCING OF WORK AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 106 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3557, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING TRAVEL TAX EXEMPTION TO INCLUDE THE COUNTRY'S REPRESENTATIVES TO INTERNATIONAL SPORTS TOURNAMENTS, ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND BEAUTY PAGEANTS, AMENDING PD 1183 AS AMENDED”

By Representative Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 3558, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN CASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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

Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D. for House Bills No. 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 796, 797, 798, 1870, 1871, 1872, 2287, 2396, 2514, 2531 and 3532 and House Resolution No. 328;

Reps. Celso L. Lobregat, Franz E. Alvarez and Vini Nola A. Ortega for House Bill No. 287;

Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson for House Bills No. 287, 288, 1430, 1431, 1433, 1434, 1435, 1436, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1444, 1445, 1447, 1448, 1449, 1450, 1452, 1454, 1456, 2798, 3350, 3351, 3352 and 3353;

Reps. Manuel F. Zubiri and Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 2564, 2565, 2566 and 2567;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bill No. 2565;

Rep. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño for House Bills No. 458 and 3181;

Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel for House Bills No. 876, 877 and 3469;

Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera for House Resolution No. 328;

Rep. Dale "Along" R. Malapitan for House Bills No. 477, 478, 479, 480, 1871, 2287, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Reps. Enrico A. Pineda, Ricardo T. Belmonte Jr., Salvador B. Belaro Jr. and Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro for House Bills No. 287 and 288;

Rep. Antonio R. Floirendo Jr. for House Bill No. 2;

Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bill No. 2659;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bills No. 2804, 3105, 3236, 3261 and 3390;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No. 159, 568, 635, 1592 and 3050;

Reps. Alberto T. Ungab and Dale "Along" R. Malapitan for House Bills No. 262, 264 and 2430;

Reps. Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas, Imelda R. Marcos, Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo, Randolph S. Ting, Marisol C. Panotes, Emmi A. De Jesus, Greg G. Gasataya, Roger G. Mercado, Joel Mayo Z. Almario, Roy M. Loyola, Lorna C. Silverio, Dale "Along" R. Malapitan, Doy C. Leachon, Ron P. Salo, Salvador B. Belaro Jr., Rene L. Relampagos, Evelina G. Escudero and Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica for House Bill No. 2798;

Rep. Wilfredo S. Caminero for House Bill No. 3410;

Rep. Greg G. Gasataya for House Bills No. 477, 478, 1871, 2287, 2396 and 2514;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 923, 3146 and 3223;

Rep. Lorna C. Silverio for House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Bill No. 18;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bills No. 290, 592, 593, 1309, 1312, 1316, 1320, 1323, 1325, 1415, 1537, 1593, 1595, 1596, 1614, 2264, 2478, 2482, 2542, 2743, 2909, 3016 and 3049 and House Resolution No. 328;

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles for House Bill No. 3532 and House Resolution No. 328;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 921, 925, 926, 928, 1983, 1998, 1999, 2019, 2231, 2236, 2238, 2258, 2363, 2684, 2776, 2778, 2916, 2917, 2918, 3134, 3135, 3177, 3178, 3218, 3219 and 3220;

Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia for House Bills No. 3169 and 3469;

Rep. Erlpe John "Ping" M. Amante for House Bills No. 2389, 2915 and 3470;

Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes for House Bill No. 2491;

Rep. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas for House Bills No. 1204, 1205, 1212, 2977 and 3159;

Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon for House Bills No. 1204, 1211, 1213, 2977 and 3159;

Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria for House Bills No. 1204, 1205, 1213, 2973 and 2977;

Reps. Michael John R. Duavit and Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao for House Bills No. 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 2812, 2973, 2974, 2975, 2976, 2977 and 3159;

Rep. Ruby M. Sahali for House Bill No. 344;

Rep. Roy M. Loyola for House Bill No. 554;

Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento for House Bills No. 5, 9, 50, 87, 89 and 210;

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva for House Bill No. 1208 and House Resolution No. 17;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bills No. 119, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 299, 304, 337, 396, 417, 448, 449, 515, 1226, 2349, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355 and 2798 and House Resolution No. 174;

Reps. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Carlo V. Lopez and Emmanuel F. Madrona for House Bill No. 56;

Rep. Rogelio J. Espina, M.D. for House Bill No. 59;

Reps. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr., Christopher S. Co and Rodel M. Batocabe for House Resolution No. 334; and

Rep. Ronaldo B. Zamora for House Bills No. 334, 1208 and 2798 and House Resolution No. 17.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated September 13, 2016, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1112, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG

KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated 25 July 2016 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts, all of which lapsed into law on 21 July 2016 pursuant to Art. VI, Sec. 27 (1) of the Constitution:

1. R.A. No. 10891, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE FIRST BAY POWER CORP. (FBPC) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAUAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS”

2. R.A. No. 10892, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO IBAAN ELECTRIC CORPORATION (FORMERLY IBAAN ELECTRIC AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION) TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRIC LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBAAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7578”

3. R.A. No. 10893, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MASBATE COM-

MUNITY BROADCASTING CO., INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7510, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE MASBATE COMMUNITY BROADCASTING CO., INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLANDS OF MASBATE AND ROMBLON AND THE WHOLE OF THE VISAYAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

4. R.A. No. 10894, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING TO ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE PHILIPPINE TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION (PT&T) TO ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE WIRE AND/OR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, LINES, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4161, AS AMENDED”

5. R.A. No. 10895, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE AVOCADO BROADBAND TELECOMS, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

6. R.A. No. 10896, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PEOPLE’S BROADCASTING SERVICE, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7477, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9213”

7. R.A. No. 10897, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE AMA TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

8. R.A. No. 10898, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING THE INFINIVAN, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”
9. R.A. No. 10899, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING VERITAS MEDIA ARTS INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND THE VISAYAS”
10. R.A. No. 10900, entitled:
“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BELL TELECOMMUNICATION PHILIPPINES, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7692, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING TO BELL TELECOMMUNICATION PHILIPPINES, INC., A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”
11. R.A. No. 10901, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING THE PILIPINAS ASIAN PEARL AIRWAYS, INC. A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES”
12. R.A. No. 10902, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING THE METRO CONNECTIONS AND TELECOM CORP. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”
13. R.A. No. 10903, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING THE MEGAMANILA TELECOM CORP. A FRANCHISE TO
- CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”
14. R.A. No. 10904, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING THE PILIPINAS RADIO WAVES CORP. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND/OR TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”
15. R.A. No. 10905, entitled:
“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL FRANCHISE HOLDERS OR OPERATORS OF TELEVISION STATIONS AND PRODUCERS OF TELEVISION PROGRAMS TO BROADCAST OR PRESENT THEIR PROGRAMS WITH CLOSED CAPTIONS OPTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
16. R.A. No. 10906, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING STRONGER MEASURES AGAINST UNLAWFUL PRACTICES, BUSINESSES, AND SCHEMES OF MATCHING AND OFFERING FILIPINOS TO FOREIGN NATIONALS FOR PURPOSES OF MARRIAGE OR COMMON LAW PARTNERSHIP, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6955, ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE 'ANTI-MAIL ORDER BRIDE LAW' ”
17. R.A. No. 10907, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN, ORGANIZING THE CAMIGUIN TOURISM COUNCIL AND MANDATING SUPPORT FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN”
18. R.A. No. 10908, entitled:
“AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF FILIPINO-MUSLIM AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HISTORY, CULTURE

AND IDENTITY IN THE STUDY OF PHILIPPINE HISTORY IN BOTH BASIC AND HIGHER EDUCATION”

19. R.A. No. 10909, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM GIVING INSUFFICIENT OR NO CHANGE TO CONSUMERS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

20. R.A. No. 10910, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD FOR VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT', FROM FIFTEEN (15) YEARS TO TWENTY (20) YEARS, AMENDING SECTION 11 THEREOF”

21. R.A. No. 10911, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL IN EMPLOYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF AGE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

22. R.A. No. 10912, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING AND STRENGTHENING THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR ALL REGULATED PROFESSIONS, CREATING THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

23. R.A. No. 10913, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING DISTRACTED DRIVING”

24. R.A. No. 10914, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO HANS-PETER SMIT”

25. R.A. No. 10915, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING, MODERNIZING AND ALIGNING THE PRACTICE OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING IN THE

COUNTRY INTO THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PRACTICE OF AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

26. R.A. No. 10916, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF SPEED LIMITER IN PUBLIC UTILITY AND CERTAIN TYPES OF VEHICLES”

27. R.A. No. 10917, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9547, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7323, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS”

28. R.A. No. 10918, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING AND MODERNIZING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE (R.A. NO. 5921), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHARMACY LAW”

29. R.A. No. 10919, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTSP), PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE AMALGAMATION OF THE MINDANAO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MUST) AND THE MISAMIS ORIENTAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (MOSCAT), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

30. R.A. No. 10920, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CUPIS ANNEX II IN BARANGAY CUPIS,

MUNICIPALITY OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CUPIS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

31. R.A. No. 10921, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ILI ANNEX IV IN BARANGAY ILI, MUNICIPALITY OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ILI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gonzales (A.D.), the Chair recognized Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. ALMARIO

Rep. Almario stated that he was not able to participate in the voting on Third Reading of House Bill No. 3504 the previous session day regarding the postponement of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan (SK) elections, as he had attended a meeting of the Commission on Appointments. In this regard, he manifested his support and affirmative vote on said measure.

The Chair noted the manifestation of Rep. Almario.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

With the unanimous consent of the Body, on motion of Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr., the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao from Party-List Anakpawis for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

Speaking in Filipino, Rep. Casilao spoke on the issue of human rights violations particularly on the po-

litical and extrajudicial killings of farmers, farmworkers, lumads and indigenous peoples (IPs). He stated that such killings are reminiscent of the martial law era and that the farmers and farmworkers still continue to experience such kind of abuse to date.

As he expressed support on the ongoing formal peace talks between the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) and the government, Rep. Casilao lamented however that human rights violations still continue as shown by the extrajudicial killings and harassment of workers, farmers and farmworkers in the countryside.

In memory of the fallen martyrs of the martial law years, Rep. Casilao also paid respect to the victims of the Aquino Regime, and demanded justice for all of them. He urged his colleagues to join the clamor for the release of some 500 political prisoners and to support House Resolution No. 198 filed by the Makabayan Coalition seeking the release of political prisoners. He thereafter emphasized the right of farmers to labor on their land in peace, without threat and intimidation, and called for justice for the continuing atrocities of the military against the marginalized sector.

REFERRAL OF REP. CASILAO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Oscar "Richard" S. Garin Jr., there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Casilao's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Garin (R.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta and Maria Theresa V. Colantes.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ACOSTA

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Rep. Garin (R.), Rep. Acosta from the Third District of Palawan emphasized how the travel and tourism industry has contributed to the country's gross domestic product and attracted millions of foreign visitors. He stressed that his province, Palawan, has been in the forefront of tourism boom, and that Puerto Princesa City, where his district is located, is the gateway thereto, with a multitude of tourist facilities and historical landmarks. He mentioned in particular the Puerto Princesa Underground River which is a UNESCO World Heritage site and considered one of the Seven Wonders of Nature, as well as the El Nido Reserve and the Coron island.

Rep. Acosta presented the following suggestions to help maximize the tourism potentials of Palawan and the City of Puerto Princesa thereby increasing tourist arrivals in the country: 1) a policy program to expand and intensify secondary attractions and projects that must be supported by the national government; 2) a plan or program to improve infrastructure facilities in Palawan such as a cruise port facility that could cater to tourists and visitors; and 3) a measure declaring Palawan as the ecological tourism capital of the Philippines.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Deputy Speaker Cayetano stated that she is a fan of Rep. Acosta's District and asked the latter to also show some pictures of Palawan next time.

REFERRAL OF REP. ACOSTA'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Acosta to the Committee on Rules.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Ortega (V.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Vilma Santos-Recto and Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Ortega (V.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Ortega (V.), there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abad
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Advincula
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Akbar
Almario
Almonte

Alonte-Naguiat
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calderon
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes

Cortes	Labadlabad
Cortuna	Lacson
Cosalan	Lagman
Cua	Lanete
Cuaresma	Lazatin
Cueva	Limkaichong
Dalipe	Lobregat
Daza	Lopez (B.)
De Jesus	Lopez (C.)
De Venecia	Lopez (M.)
De Vera	Macapagal-Arroyo
Defensor	Maceda
Del Mar	Malapitan
Deloso-Montalla	Manalo
Duavit	Mangaoang
Dy	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Elago	Marcoleta
Erice	Marcos
Eriguel	Mariño
Ermita-Buhain	Marquez
Escudero	Matugas
Espina	Mellana
Espino	Mending
Estrella	Mercado
Eusebio	Mirasol
Evardone	Montoro
Fariñas	Nava
Fernando	Nieto
Ferrer (J.)	Noel
Ferrer (L.)	Nogales (J.)
Ferriol-Pascual	Nolasco
Floirendo	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Flores	Oaminal
Fortun	Olivarez
Fortuno	Ong (E.)
Fuentebella	Ong (H.)
Garbin	Ortega (P.)
Garcia (G.)	Ortega (V.)
Garcia (J.)	Pacquiao
Garcia-Albano	Paduano
Garin (R.)	Palma
Garin (S.)	Pancho
Gasataya	Panganiban
Geron	Panotes
Go (A.C.)	Papandayan
Go (M.)	Pichay
Gonzales (A.P.)	Pimentel
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda
Gonzalez	Plaza
Gorriceta	Primicias-Agabas
Gullas	Quimbo
Hernandez	Radaza
Herrera-Dy	Ramirez-Sato
Hofer	Ramos
Kho	Relampagos
Khonghun	Revilla

Roa-Puno
 Robes
 Rodriguez (I.)
 Rodriguez (M.)
 Roman
 Romero
 Romualdez
 Romualdo
 Roque (H.)
 Sacdalan
 Sagarbarria
 Sahali
 Salceda
 Salimbangon
 Salo
 Sambar
 Sandoval
 Santos-Recto
 Sarmiento (C.)
 Sarmiento (E.)
 Sema
 Singson
 Suansing (E.)
 Suansing (H.)
 Suarez
 Sy-Alvarado
 Tambunting
 Tan (A.)
 Tan (S.)
 Tejada
 Teves
 Tiangco
 Ting
 Tinio
 Tugna
 Turabin-Hataman
 Ty
 Umali
 Unabia
 Ungab
 Unico
 Uy (R.)
 Vargas
 Velarde
 Velasco
 Velasco-Catera
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villafuerte
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Villarica
 Violago
 Yap (A.)
 Yap (M.)
 Zamora (R.)

Zarate
 Zubiri

With 240 Members responding to the call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 21, dated September 13, 2016.

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

Likewise, on motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago from Kabataan Party-List for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ELAGO

Rep. Elago expressed her concern regarding the deep cuts on the proposed 2017 budget of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), specifically on the proposed budgets for the State universities and colleges (SUCs). She said that these cuts would again give cause for the administrators of the SUCs to increase their tuition and other expenses thus further burdening the students. She likewise expressed her apprehension that State schools might introduce new and higher fees in the coming year just to meet the internal income target. She added that despite the expected lower enrolment, the figures from the DBM show that the policy of charging higher fees to students remain largely intact and that in the end, students stand to lose much if the government continues towards increasing unaffordability and inaccessibility of SUCs.

Thereafter, Rep. Elago stated that about 112 of her colleagues had signed a joint statement pushing for a stop to the impending budget cuts. For the record and for the information of the Body, she then read the contents of the joint statement, along with the names of the signatories. The joint statement, she said, calls on the Committee on Appropriations and Members of both Chambers of Congress to immediately stop the impending budget cuts and augment the funding for public tertiary education with the end view of achieving free public education in due time. She likewise enjoined students and the general public to reclaim the right to education; and the school administrators to assert a bigger budget for public higher education. She

urged everyone to join the Youth Action Day for Education and Human Rights on September 21, 2016 to fight for their right to education.

REFERRAL OF REP. ELAGO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

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

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia from the Fourth District of Pangasinan for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DE VENECIA

Rep. De Venecia delved first on the success of the film "*Ang Babaeng Humayo*" or "The Woman Who Left" that recently won several awards abroad. In this light, he congratulated the films' director Lav Diaz who was also its screenwriter, cinematographer, editor and coproducer, for his unparalleled vision, genius and unwavering commitment to his craft.

He also commended the actors and producers of Mr. Diaz' films including those whom he further enumerated. Citing measures promoting Filipino films that Congress passed during the speakership of his father, former Speaker Jose C. De Venecia, he asked the Body to pass similar bills filed in the 17th Congress. He also relayed the advocacies of several art groups and summits for the protection of artists welfare and a Film Archive; and stressed the role of culture in entertainment, social transformation, and economic growth

REFERRAL OF REP. DE VENECIA'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

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

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On further motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour by 15 minutes and the Chair recognized Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D from Coop-Natcco Party-List.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BRAVO (A.)

Rep. Bravo initially discussed the fiscal performance of past administrations starting from President Ferdinand E. Marcos to President Rodrigo Duterte,

citing statistics on debts and budget deficits. He then stressed the need to tackle the vicious cycle of borrowing and spending during the current budget process and pointed out that trillions of pesos are available in the national coffers to address the same as had been stated in the President's budget message for 2017.

He enumerated the government's unused appropriations and stressed that it had failed to implement funded programs as well as asked why it had to resort to borrowings. He proposed that the Committees on Appropriations, and Ways and Means scrutinize how the funds could be used and consider the one-fund concept in government budgeting and accounting.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ALEJANO

Recognized by the Chair upon Rep. Gullas' motion, Rep. Gary C. Alejano discussed with Rep. Bravo (A.) the rationale for the request for additional funds by some agencies which exhibited poor absorptive capacities and failed to plan and execute some projects and the expenses involved in changing heads of agencies – which could contribute to the national debt problem.

Subsequently, they also exchanged views on the limited time of the budget hearings being held in Congress. Rep. Bravo agreed with Rep. Alejano on the need to hold consultations for parochial concerns before the conduct of Committee hearings, but emphasized that after an agency's budget presentation, a plenary meeting should still be made to allow Members to pursue their questions. He also agreed on the need for a more systematic manner of presenting a particular budget to enable the Members to note down their concerns and subsequently raise queries when the agency goes back for the budget discussions, as in the case of the National Expenditure Program (NEP) which involves huge amounts of funds which are presented in a hardly readable manner and therefore requires a more thorough explanation from the departments concerned.

Likewise, Rep. Bravo agreed with Rep. Alejano on the need for a comprehensive local development plan to enable the Members to recommend programs and projects, and for an extensive deliberation on the budget of the local government units (LGUs) at the grassroots level, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991.

Finally, the Members shared the observation on the need for a law providing for a comprehensive and

long-term master development plan harmonious with the plans formulated from the local up to national levels, that will enable a speedy deliberation of the national budget.

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Casilao for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. CASILAO

Rep. Casilao raised concern on how from one leadership to another, the national government’s fiscal policy has focused on automatic appropriations of some 38 percent for local and foreign debt payments but has failed to diminish the amount of the principal loans, and suggested that Congress look into this vicious cycle by revisiting laws, particularly the automatic appropriations provision of the budget law to address the problem.

In response, Rep. Bravo (A.) reiterated his earlier proposal of a one-fund concept wherein all collections by the national government will revert to the general fund, and Congress will decide on how this will be spent.

REFERRAL OF REP. BRAVO’S (A.) PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Bravo’s (A.) privilege speech and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the title of the following House Bill:

BILL ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 3605, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED THE 'ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT' ”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Suarez and Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, September 19, 2016.

It was 6:19 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on September 19, 2016

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Date: September 14, 2016**

ABAD	BELMONTE (J.C.)	DE VERA
***** ABAYA	BELMONTE (R.)	DEFENSOR
ABAYON	BENITEZ	DEL MAR
ABELLANOSA	BERNOS	**** DEL ROSARIO
ABU	BERTIZ	DELOSO-MONTALLA
ABUEG	BIAZON	**** DIMAPORO (A.)
ACHARON	BILLONES	**** DIMAPORO (M.K.)
ACOP	BIRON	DUAVIT
ACOSTA	BOLILIA	**** DURANO
** ACOSTA-ALBA	BONDOC	DY
**** ADIONG	BORDADO	ELAGO
ADVINCULA	BRAVO (A.)	**** ENVERGA
**** AGARAO	BRAVO (M.V.)	ERICE
AGGABAO	BROSAS	ERIGUEL
AGLIPAY-VILLAR	BULUT-BEGTANG	ERMITA-BUHAIN
AKBAR	***** CAGAS	ESCUDERO
* ALBANO	CALDERON	ESPINA
***** ALCALA	* CALIXTO-RUBIANO	ESPINO
*** ALEJANO	CAMINERO	ESTRELLA
ALMARIO	CAMPOS	EUSEBIO
ALMONTE	* CANAMA	EVARDONE
ALONTE	CARI	FARIÑAS
ALVAREZ (F.)	CASILAO	FERNANDO
**** ALVAREZ (M.)	CASTELO	FERRER (J.)
ALVAREZ (P.)	CASTRO (F.L.)	FERRER (L.)
*** AMANTE	CASTRO (F.H.)	FERRIOL-PASCUAL
AMATONG	CATAMCO	FLOIRENDO
ANDAYA	CAYETANO	FLORES
ANGARA-CASTILLO	CELESTE	FORTUN
ANTONINO	CERAFICA	FORTUNO
*** ANTONIO	CERILLES	FUENTEBELLA
ARAGONES	CHAVEZ	GARBIN
ARBISON	CHIPECO	GARCIA (G.)
ARCILLAS	CO	GARCIA (J.E.)
ARENAS	COJUANGCO	GARCIA-ALBANO
ATIENZA	COLLANTES	GARIN (R.)
AUMENTADO	CORTES	GARIN (S.)
BAG-AO	CORTUNA	GASATAYA
BAGATSING	COSALAN	*** GATCHALIAN
BAGUILAT	***** CRISOLOGO	GERON
* BANAL	CUA	GO (A.C.)
BARBERS	CUARESMA	GO (M.)
BARZAGA	CUEVA	**** GOMEZ
BATAOIL	DALIPE	**** GONZAGA
BATOCABE	**** DALOG	GONZALES (A.P.)
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
BELARO	DE JESUS	GONZALEZ
BELMONTE (F.)	DE VENECIA	GORRICETA

GULLAS	OLIVAREZ	SINGSON
HERNANDEZ	ONG (E.)	SUANSING (E.)
HERRERA-DY	ONG (H.)	SUANSING (H.)
HOFER	ORTEGA (P.)	SUAREZ
*** JALOSJOS	ORTEGA (V.N.)	SY-ALVARADO
***** JAVIER	PACQUIAO	TAMBUNTING
KHO	PADUANO	TAN (A.)
KHONGHUN	PALMA	* TAN (M.)
LABADLABAD	PANCHO	TAN (S.)
LACSON	PANGANIBAN	TEJADA
LAGMAN	PANOTES	TEVES
LANETE	PAPANDAYAN	TIANGCO
* LAOGAN	PICHAY	TING
LAZATIN	PIMENTEL	TINIO
***** LEACHON	PINEDA	*** TOLENTINO
**** LEE	PLAZA	*** TREÑAS
LIMKAICHONG	PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	TUGNA
LOBREGAT	QUIMBO	** TUPAS
LOPEZ (B.)	RADAZA	TURABIN-HATAMAN
LOPEZ (C.)	RAMIREZ-SATO	TY
LOPEZ (M.L.)	RAMOS	UMALI
** LOYOLA	RELAMPAGOS	UNABIA
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	REVILLA	UNGAB
MACEDA	ROA-PUNO	UNICO
* MADRONA	ROBES	* UY (J.)
MALAPITAN	**** ROCAMORA	UY (R.)
MANALO	RODRIGUEZ (I.)	* UYBARRETA
MANGAOANG	RODRIGUEZ (M.)	VARGAS
***** MANGUDADATU (S.)	ROMAN	***** VARGAS-ALFONSO
MANGUDADATU (Z.)	ROMERO	VELARDE
MARCOLETA	ROMUALDEZ	VELASCO
MARCOS	ROMUALDO	VELASCO-CATERA
MARIÑO	ROQUE (H.)	VELOSO
MARQUEZ	**** ROQUE (R.)	VERGARA
* MARTINEZ	SACDALAN	VILLAFUERTE
MATUGAS	SAGARBARRIA	VILLANUEVA
MELLANA	SAHALI	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
MENDING	SALCEDA	VILLARICA
MERCADO	SALIMBANGON	** VILLARIN
MIRASOL	SALO	VIOLAGO
MONTORO	**** SALON	YAP (A.)
NAVA	SAMBAR	YAP (M.)
NIETO	SANDOVAL	* YAP (V.)
NOEL	SANTOS-RECTO	**** YU
NOGRALES (J.J.)	SARMIENTO (C.)	**** ZAMORA (M.C.)
*** NOGRALES (K.A.)	SARMIENTO (E.M.)	ZAMORA (R.)
NOLASCO	** SAVELLANO	ZARATE
NUÑEZ-MALANYAON	SEMA	ZUBIRI
OAMINAL	** SIAO	
*** OCAMPO	** SILVERIO	

* Appeared before/after Roll Call

** On official mission

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

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

***** Absent without notice

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