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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 a.m., Deputy Speaker Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema 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 Roger G. Mercado, 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**

Thereupon, on further motion of Rep. Mercado, 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 Communication, which were referred to the appropriate Committees or consigned to the Archives as hereunder indicated:

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 3658, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR  
THE FITNESS PROFESSION AND FIT-  
NESS CENTERS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3659, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CRIME OF  
'ILLEGAL WITHHOLDING OF PASS-  
PORT' AND A MECHANISM FOR ITS

PROSECUTION, AND FOR OTHER PUR-  
POSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS  
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3660, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZEN-  
SHIP TO PAUL GERHARD SCHAFFER”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3661, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION  
OF ALL USERS OF PREPAID SUB-  
SCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM)  
CARDS”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION  
AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOL-  
OGY

House Bill No. 3662, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THAT EDUCA-  
TIONAL CURRICULUM AND THE CON-  
SEQUENT PREPARATION OF TEXT-  
BOOKS AND RELATED MATERIALS  
SHOULD HAVE CONTINUITY AND STA-  
BILITY, AND THAT THE SAME SHOULD  
NOT BE AFFECTED FOR A PERIOD OF  
AT LEAST SIX (6) YEARS, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
8047, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY ACT”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCA-  
TION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3663, entitled:

“AN ACT AFFORDING MORE PROTECTION TO CONSUMERS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

HUNDRED (500) BEDS CAPACITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Martinez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3664, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF THE LUMBIA AIRPORT PROPERTY IN BARANGAY LUMBIA, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (FORMERLY THE AIR TRANSPORTATION OFFICE) TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3667, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF AIRLINE PASSENGERS AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3668, entitled:

“AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY FROM THE COMPUTATION OF TAXABLE INCOME AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 32 (B) (7) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3665, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND MECHANISMS FOR THE CREATION, OPERATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND COORDINATION OF THE PHILIPPINE BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BOOK CITY', CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE BOOK PUBLISHING ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (BPEZA) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3669, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3666, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF VALENZUELA MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS TO FIVE

House Bill No. 3670, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS TO GRANT TWO (2) WEEKS OF UNPAID LEAVE A YEAR TO EMPLOYEES WHOSE

SPOUSE, PARENT, UNMARRIED CHILD,  
OR WHEN THEY THEMSELVES ARE  
SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS ILLNESS”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EM-  
PLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3671, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE 'SUBSIDY INSUR-  
ANCE COVERAGE OF CHILDHOOD IM-  
MUNIZATION ACT OF 2016' AND AP-  
PROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3672, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SAL-  
ARY GRADE LEVEL OF TEACHERS  
FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO 15”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3673, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING A FIXED MONTHLY  
HONORARIA AND ADDITIONAL BENE-  
FITS TO ACCREDITED BARANGAY  
HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR  
THIS PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF REPUB-  
LIC ACT 7883 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS'  
BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF  
1995”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERN-  
MENT

House Bill No. 3674, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE SANGGUNI-  
ANG KABATAAN AND CREATING THE  
POSITION OF YOUTH REPRESENTA-  
TIVES IN LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES,  
REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE

RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 7160 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
10742”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERN-  
MENT

House Bill No. 3675, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING THE CONDITIONS  
FOR THE CONDONATION OF ALL UN-  
PAID TAXES DUE FROM LOCAL WATER  
DISTRICTS, AMENDING FOR THE PUR-  
POSE SECTION 289-A OF THE NA-  
TIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE,  
AS AMENDED”

By Representative Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 3676, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE DOWN-  
STREAM PETROLEUM INDUSTRY AND  
FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 3677, entitled:

“AN ACT CLASSIFYING THE SALE OR IM-  
PORTATION OF PETROLEUM PROD-  
UCTS AND RAW MATERIALS IN THE  
MANUFACTURE THEREOF AS VALUE-  
ADDED TAX EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC-  
TION 109 (1) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TAX  
REFORM ACT OF 1997, AS AMENDED  
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 3678, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING CENTRALIZED PROCUREMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE COUNTRY”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

POLICIES AND PRACTICES AND PROVIDING GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THEREOF”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3679, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE AREA COVERED BY THE NORTHERN NEGROS FOREST RESERVE SITUATED IN THE CITIES OF TALISAY, SILAY, VICTORIAS, CADIZ, SAGAY AND SAN CARLOS AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF E.B. MAGALONA, MURCIA, TOBOSO, CALATRAVA AND DON SALVADOR BENEDICTO, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT”

By Representative Cueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3680, entitled:

“AN ACT RECONFIGURING THE DISPOSITION OF THE MONIES COLLECTED AND DELINEATING THE STATUS OF THE SPECIAL FUNDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Suarez and Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3681, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE VOLUNTARY ACCREDITATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXISTING

House Bill No. 3682, 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 NOTICE REGISTRY, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3683, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX TO FILE A DECLARATION OF ESTIMATED INCOME FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE CURRENT YEAR ON OR BEFORE MAY 15 OF THE SAME TAXABLE YEAR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 74 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997', AS AMENDED”

By Representative Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3684, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING A NATIONAL EMERGENCY AGAINST DRUGS AND TERRORISM, ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

CONSTITUTION, TO EXERCISE NECESSARY AND PROPER POWERS TO ADDRESS SUCH EMERGENCY”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3685, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 15 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BASES CONVERSION

House Bill No. 3686, entitled:

“AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS 'THE PHILIPPINE GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM (GMO) LABELING ACT, THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW-ACT' REQUIRING THE MANDATORY LABELING AND REGULATION OF FOOD WHICH ARE GMOs OR CONTAINING SUBSTANCES DERIVED FROM GMOs AND THOSE PRODUCED BY GENETIC ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3687, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING CONSUMERS' PHONE RECORDS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3688, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY PROVIDING INCENTIVES THERETO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1569”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3689, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTH RECORDS AND PRESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 3690, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3691, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND STRENGTHENING THE MONITORING MECHANISMS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877, ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE 'ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT OF 1995' ”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 376, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION AND THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE: (A) TO CONSIDER SURFING AS A 'FOCUS SPORT' FOR THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS; (B) TO FACILITATE THE RECOGNITION OF THE RELEVANT NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION; AND (C) TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE TRAINING OF OUR LOCAL SURFERS”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 377, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING QUANTITY OF IMPORTED TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS ELECTRONIC WASTE IN THE COUNTRY AS PERMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) THROUGH DENR-A.O. 2013-22, AND RECOMMEND MEASURES THAT WOULD IMPOSE STIFFER PENALTY ON ILLEGAL IMPORTATION, AND ENSURE PROPER HANDLING, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF ELECTRONIC WASTE”

By Representatives De Jesus, Brosas and Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 378, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. JOSEPHINE MEDINA FOR WINNING BRONZE MEDAL IN TABLE TENNIS IN THE 2016 PARALYMPICS HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 379, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO CHESS MASTER EUGENE TORRE FOR BAGGING THE BRONZE MEDAL AT THE 42<sup>ND</sup> WORLD CHESS OLYMPIAD HELD IN BAKU, AZERBAIJAN LAST SEPTEMBER 14, 2016”

By Representatives Sambar, Nograles (J.) and Nograles (K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 380, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS 8 AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10752, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'RIGHT-OF-WAY ACT' ”

By Representative Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 381, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HEAD COACH MARK LOUIE EBALLA OF FILIPINA PARALYMPIAN BRONZE MEDALIST MS. JOSEPHINE MEDINA WHO RECENTLY WON IN THE 2016 RIO PARALYMPICS HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

By Representative Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 382, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES AND WRONG POLICIES IN

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL GREENING PROGRAM WITH THE VIEW OF ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE PROGRAM”

By Representative Yu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 383, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPACT OF THE 36,000-HECTARE CLARK GREEN CITY PROJECT ON THE PEASANT AND AYTA COMMUNITIES OF THE AFFECTED AREAS IN THE PROVINCES OF TARLAC AND PAMPANGA”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 384, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RATIONALIZATION OF REQUIRED PERMITS, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY POWER GENERATION BUSINESS”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Resolution No. 385, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION FOR THEIR STERLING PERFORMANCE DURING THE 57<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL MATH OLYMPIAD HELD IN HONG KONG ON JULY 6-16, 2016”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 386, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE CANOE KAYAK DRAGONBOAT FEDERATION DRAGONBOAT TEAM FOR THEIR STERLING PERFORMANCE DURING THE 2016 INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION DRAGONBOAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA ON SEPTEMBER 8 TO 11, 2016”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 387, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JOSEPHINE MEDINA FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL TABLE TENNIS-CLASS 8 DIVISION AT THE 2016 RIO PARALYMPICS IN BRAZIL ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016”

By Representative Roa-Puno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 388, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PERLAS PILIPINAS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR SECURING THE GOLD IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 2016 SOUTH EAST ASIAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SEABA) WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP IN MALACCA CITY, MALAYSIA”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 389, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO DONATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOON FERDIE”

By Representative Belmonte (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES



**ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS**

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

Reps. Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella and Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas for House Bills No. 2505, 2906 and 3509;

Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II for House Bills No. 2565, 2566 and 2567;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bills No. 534 and 2774;

Rep. Franz E. Alvarez for House Bill No. 3320;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No. 1639 and 3509;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Resolution No. 316;

Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva for House Bills No. 61, 65 and 3260;

Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III for House Bills No. 77 and 673;

Rep. Maximo B. Dalog for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 1853, 2141, 3556, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Geraldine B. Roman for House Bills No. 97, 98, 478, 479, 535, 1894, 2287, 2514, 2564, 2566, 2926, 3518, 3519, 3520, 3521, 3606, 3607, 3608 and 3635;

Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bill No. 270;

Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales for House Bill No. 534;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bill No. 268;

Rep. Aileen C. Radaza for House Bills No. 267 and 268;

Reps. Orestes T. Salon and Marisol C. Panotes for House Bills No. 3350, 3351, 3352 and 3353;

Reps. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga, Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, Alexandria P. Gonzales and Mark Aeron H. Sambar for House Bill No. 2798;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-

Alvarado for House Bills No. 2388, 2397, 3291, 3312 and 3458;

Rep. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora for House Bill No. 2385;

Rep. Enrico A. Pineda for House Bills No. 3336, 3350, 3351 and 3353;

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bills No. 3260 and 3261;

Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for House Bill No. 3166;

Rep. Pablo C. Ortega for House Bills No. 2906, 3412 and 3509;

Reps. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas and Victor A. Yap for House Bill No. 3504;

Reps. Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Edward Vera Perez Maceda and Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bill No. 287;

Reps. Arnel M. Cerafica and Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera for House Bills No. 287 and 288;

Reps. Manuel T. Sagarbarria and Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. for House Bill No. 3533;

Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang for House Bills No. 476, 796, 797, 798, 1870, 1872 and 3318;

Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for House Bill No. 534;

Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bill No. 125;

Rep. Mercedes K. Alvarez for House Bills No. 2505, 2906, 3412, 3413 and 3509;

Reps. Jose L. Atienza Jr., Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro and Michael L. Romero, Ph.D. for House Bills No. 2505, 2906 and 3509;

Rep. Franz E. Alvarez for House Bill No. 2949;

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles for House Bill No. 3244;

Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc for House Bills No. 476 and 477;

Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar for House Bill No. 51;

Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho for House Bills No. 458, 1894 and 2798;

Rep. Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro for House Bills No. 51 and 2673;

Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez for House Bills No. 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 796, 797, 798, 1870, 1871, 1872, 2287, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara for House Bills No. 2396 and 2514;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 477, 478, 1870, 2396, 2514, 2531 and 3317;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bills No. 1871 and 2514;

Reps. Pablo C. Ortega and Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 1853, 2141, 3556, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Eric D. Singson for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 2141, 3556, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 2141, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bills No. 308 and 3318 and House Resolution No. 328;

Reps. Renato J. Unico Jr. and Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc for House Bill No. 2798;

Rep. Horacio P. Suansing Jr. for House Bill No. 2662; and

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 674, 677, 748, 760, 764, 766, 770, 771, 773, 1867, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2136, 2442 and 3029.

#### COMMUNICATION

Report of the Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bills, submitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency's consideration and signature, pursuant to the provision of Rule VI, Section 18, Par. (h) of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. House Bill No. 766, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL –

SALEGSEG ANNEX IN BARANGAY SALEGSEG, MUNICIPALITY OF BALBALAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BALBALAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10718)

2. House Bill No. 1268, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE ALFONSO CASTAÑEDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ABUYO ANNEX IN BARANGAY ABUYO, MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO CASTAÑEDA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA FROM THE ALFONSO CASTAÑEDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ABUYO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10719)

3. House Bill No. 3233, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE STA. MARCELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CONSUELO ANNEX IN BARANGAY CONSUELO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARCELA, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE STA. MARCELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CONSUELO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10720)

4. House Bill No. 3652, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PALAN-DOK ANNEX IN BARANGAY PALAN-DOK, MUNICIPALITY OF LEON B.

POSTIGO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PALANDOK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10721)

5. House Bill No. 4263, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LIBERTAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – COLONGULO ANNEX IN BARANGAY COLONGULO, MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO FROM THE LIBERTAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS COLONGULO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10722)

6. House Bill No. 4291, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TUMOG ANNEX IN BARANGAY TUMOG, MUNICIPALITY OF LUNA, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TUMOG NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10723)

7. House Bill No. 2081, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LIMBAAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – STA. FE EXTENSION IN BARANGAY STA. FE, MUNICIPALITY OF NEW CORELLA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE FROM THE LIMBAAN NATIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS STA. FE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10724)

8. House Bill No. 3232, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE KABUGAO AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL – LENNENG ANNEX IN BARANGAY LENNENG, MUNICIPALITY OF KABUGAO, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE KABUGAO AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS KABUGAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10725)

9. House Bill No. 4367, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY PASONG BUAYA II, IMUS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE FROM THE GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GENERAL LICERIO TOPACIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10726)

10. House Bill No. 4631, entitled

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SILAE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ST. PETER ANNEX IN BARANGAY ST. PETER, CITY OF MALAYBALAY, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON FROM THE SILAE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO

BE KNOWN AS ST. PETER NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10727)

11. House Bill No. 4918, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TUKURAN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TABUAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY TABUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TUKURAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE TUKURAN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TABUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10728)

12. House Bill No. 5055, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SAN JOSE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DANIEL C. MANTOS ANNEX IN BARANGAY DANIEL C. MANTOS, MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAYAG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE SAN JOSE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DANIEL C. MANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10729)

13. House Bill No. 4262, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TICWAS, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALINAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS MA. CLARA LOBREGAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10730)

14. House Bill No. 4853, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY JUBAS, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBAGON, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS LIBAGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10731)

15. House Bill No. 4920, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS NAVOTAS NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10732)

16. House Bill No. 3154, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ANDRES BONIFACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY JALANDONI-WILSON, CITY PROPER DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ANDRES BONIFACIO INTEGRATED SCHOOL”

(Now Republic Act No. 10733)

17. House Bill No. 3653, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TINUYOP ANNEX IN BARANGAY TINUYOP, MUNICIPALITY OF LEON B. POSTIGO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TINUYOP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10734)

18. House Bill No. 3654, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TALINGA ANNEX IN BARANGAY TALINGA, MUNICIPALITY OF LEON B. POSTIGO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE BACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10735)

19. House Bill No. 4287, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE HALAPITAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LITTLE BAGUIO ANNEX IN BARANGAY LITTLE BAGUIO, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON FROM THE HALAPITAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LITTLE BAGUIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10736)

20. House Bill No. 4288, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PIO DALIM MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES – STA. FILOMENA ANNEX IN BARANGAY STA. FILOMENA, MUNICIPALITY OF CALANASAN, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE PIO DALIM MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ARTS AND TRADES HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS STA. FILOMENA SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10737)

21. House Bill No. 4854, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MIDSALIP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BULORON ANNEX IN BARANGAY BULORON, MUNICIPALITY OF MIDSALIP, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE MIDSALIP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BULORON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10738)

22. House Bill No. 1772, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10739)

23. House Bill No. 4921, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE COMPOSTELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CORAZON C. AQUINO HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY OSMEÑA, MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY FROM THE COMPOSTELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CORAZON C. AQUINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10740)

24. Consolidated House Bill No. 5306 and Senate Bill No. 2837, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 220 AND 222 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES' ”

(Now Republic Act No. 10741)

25. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 2401 and House Bill No. 6043, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING REFORMS IN THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN CREATING ENABLING MECHANISMS FOR MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN NATION-BUILDING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10742)

26. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 510 and House Bill No. 4148, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY”

(Now Republic Act No. 10743)

27. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 2909 and House Bill No. 6007, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF CREDIT SURETY FUND COOPERATIVES TO MANAGE AND ADMINISTER CREDIT SURETY FUNDS TO ENHANCE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, COOPERATIVES AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO THE CREDIT FACILITY OF BANKS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10744)

28. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 2622 and House Bill No. 5587, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING NATURAL GAS POWER GENERATING PLANTS IN THE COUNTRY TO USE NEAT DIESEL AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL, EXEMPTING THEM FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 5.3, SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9367, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BIOFUELS ACT OF 2006' ”

(Now Republic Act No. 10745)

29. House Bill No. 438, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF SAN MANUEL NORTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO DR. MANUEL T. CASES SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

(Now Republic Act No. 10746)

30. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 2990 and House Bill No. 5973, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMULGATING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH RARE DISEASE”

(Now Republic Act No. 10747)

31. House Bill No. 439, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF SAN MANUEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO DR. MANUEL T. CASES SR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL”

(Now Republic Act No. 10748)

32. House Bill No. 440, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF BAYBAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN MANUEL SUR, MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROV-

INCE OF LA UNION TO SAN MA-  
NUEL SUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL”

(Now Republic Act No. 10749)

33. House Bill No. 4008, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF  
MAHINOG NATIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HUBAN-  
GON, MUNICIPALITY OF MAHINOG,  
PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN TO SIXTO  
A. ABAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

(Now Republic Act No. 10750)

34. House Bill No. 4009, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF  
SAVERONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
IN BARANGAY SAVERONA, MUNI-  
CIPALITY OF TALUGTUG, PROVINCE  
OF NUEVA ECIJA TO ALBERTO G.  
BAUTISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL”

(Now Republic Act No. 10751)

35. Consolidated House Bill No. 5588 and Senate  
Bill No. 3004, entitled:

“AN ACT FACILITATING THE ACQUI-  
SITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY SITE OR  
LOCATION FOR NATIONAL GOV-  
ERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PRO-  
JECTS”

(Now Republic Act No. 10752)

36. House Bill No. 5532, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE  
GRANTED TO THE INTERACTIVE  
BROADCAST MEDIA, INC. TO AN-  
OTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS  
THAT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON SEP-  
TEMBER 5, 2021”

(Now Republic Act No. 10753)

37. Consolidated House Bill No. 1039 and Senate  
Bill No. 2890, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE BENEFITS AND

PRIVILEGES OF PERSONS WITH DISA-  
BILITY (PWD)”

(Now Republic Act No. 10754)

38. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 2693 and House  
Bill No. 2729, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PUNONG  
BARANGAY TO ADMINISTER THE  
OATH OF OFFICE OF ANY GOVERN-  
MENT OFFICIAL, INCLUDING THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR  
THE PURPOSE SECTION 41 OF EX-  
ECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHER-  
WISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINIS-  
TRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS  
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
6733”

(Now Republic Act No. 10755)

39. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 2178 and House  
Bill No. 5412, entitled:

“AN ACT RENDERING ELECTION SER-  
VICE NON-COMPULSORY FOR PUB-  
LIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AUTHOR-  
IZING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
OTHER QUALIFIED CITIZENS,  
PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION  
AND OTHER BENEFITS”

(Now Republic Act No. 10756)

40. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 2836 and House  
Bill No. 4271, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE RETIREMENT  
AGE OF SURFACE MINE WORKERS  
FROM SIXTY (60) TO FIFTY (50)  
YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PUR-  
POSE ARTICLE 302 OF PRESIDEN-  
TIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS  
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE 'LABOR CODE OF THE PHIL-  
IPPINES' ”

(Now Republic Act No. 10757)

TO THE ARCHIVES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. Mercado, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408, as embodied in Committee Report No. 2 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 SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Rep. Mercado stated that the parliamentary status of the measure was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

On motion of Rep. Mercado, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and its attached agencies/corporations.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 10:13 a.m., upon motion of Rep. Mercado, to allow the technical staff and resource persons of the sponsoring Committee access to the floor of the Session Hall.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 10:26 a.m.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Mercado acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials and personnel of the DOT and its attached agencies/corporations led by Secretary Wanda Corazon T. Teo.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Mercado, the Chair recognized Rep. Michael John R. Duavit to sponsor the proposed budgets of the DOT and its attached

agencies/corporations, and Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez to interpellate thereon.

**INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY  
LEADER SUAREZ**

Minority Leader Suarez' concerns were the DOT's budget decrease and its impact on tourist and revenue projections, the physical appearance of terminals, services and facilities in tourist entry points, income from tourism, and construction of landing strips. He suggested that the agency closely communicate with Congress about the enhancement of the transportation, peace and order, and health sectors which will in turn enhance the tourism sector. He said that in the following year's budget sessions, he will check whether the DOT attained its performance targets.

The Sponsor assured his colleague that his advice will be acted upon.

Subsequently, Rep. Suarez asked the Sponsor to take a second look at the Gumaer Falls in Barangay Tangkalan, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Suarez, the session was suspended at 10:51 a.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 10:53 a.m.

On motion of Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr., the Chair recognized Rep. Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas for her manifestation.

**MANIFESTATION OF REP. CAGAS**

Speaking as a delegate in the 13<sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Expo held in Nanning, Guangxi, China and in line with the President's agenda for agricultural and rural productivity and tourism, Rep. Cagas asked that the DOT coordinate with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and participate in the next exposition.

On another point, Rep. Cagas reiterated her suggestion during the budget briefings that the agency develop agri-tourism so as to catalyze progress in the rural areas.

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.



**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA**

Rep. Atienza inquired on the operational system of the Duty Free Philippines Corporation (DFPC) as he disclosed that in the Committee hearings of the DOT, he asked for a copy of the contracts on its operations but was not responded to. He also explained his concern about the deficit operation of the Manila Muni Golf Links by the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and said that he will continue monitoring its operations. He added that the heads of office of the TIEZA as well as the Intramuros Administration (IA) which handles a very important historical and cultural site, should be Executive appointees and not merely officers-in-charge.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Duavit, the session was suspended at 11:01 a.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 11:03 a.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA**

(Continuation)

Rep. Duavit clarified that a reply was already sent to Rep. Atienza's office and data on DFPC operations would be re-submitted by 2:00 p.m. of Wednesday, October 5, 2016. He added that Congress can exercise its oversight powers over the DFPC and that the Office of the President already had a list of recommendations for the IA Administrator. He also advised his colleague to present any fund proposal during the period of amendments.

After stressing the need for a strong tourism promotions program and a successful campaign against criminality in order to boost the tourism industry and the economy, Rep. Atienza asked to sit with a DOT official to discuss data on tourist arrivals without which he will be forced to move for the deferment of the budget. Speaking in Filipino, he said that the Minority will honor its commitment to support what was right and to criticize what was wrong.

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

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the proposed budgets of the DOT, including its attached agencies/corporations.

**ROLL CALL**

On further motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Roll Call. Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General called the Roll, with the following Members responding:

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Abaya  
Abayon  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acop  
Acosta  
Advincula  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Akbar  
Almario  
Almonte  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amatong  
Antonino  
Antonio  
Aragones  
Arcillas  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Bagatsing  
Banal  
Barzaga  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.)  
Bernos  
Biazon  
Billones  
Biron  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.)  
Cagas  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Campos  
Cari  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)

Castro (F.H.)	Lazatin
Cerafica	Limkaichong
Chavez	Lobregat
Cojuangco	Lopez (B.)
Cortes	Lopez (M.)
Cortuna	Loyola
Cosalan	Maceda
Cuaresma	Madrona
Dalipe	Malapitan
Dalog	Manalo
Daza	Mangaoang
De Jesus	Marcoleta
De Venecia	Mariño
De Vera	Marquez
Defensor	Martinez
Del Mar	Matugas
Del Rosario	Mending
Deloso-Montalla	Mercado
Dimaporo (A.)	Mirasol
Dimaporo (M.)	Montoro
Duavit	Noel
Durano	Nogralles (J.)
Dy	Nolasco
Elago	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Enverga	Oaminal
Erice	Ong (E.)
Ermita-Buhain	Ong (H.)
Escudero	Ortega (P.)
Espina	Ortega (V.)
Evardone	Pacquiao
Fariñas	Paduano
Fernando	Palma
Ferrer (J.)	Pancho
Fortuno	Panganiban
Fuentebella	Panotes
Garbin	Pichay
Garcia (G.)	Pimentel
Garcia (J.)	Pineda
Garcia-Albano	Primicias-Agabas
Garin (R.)	Quimbo
Garin (S.)	Radaza
Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato
Go (A.C.)	Ramos
Go (M.)	Relampagos
Gonzaga	Revilla
Gonzales (A.D.)	Roa-Puno
Gonzalez	Robes
Gullas	Rocamora
Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez (I.)
Hofer	Roman
Kho	Romero
Labadlabad	Romualdo
Lacson	Roque (H.)
Lagman	Roque (R.)
Lanete	Sacdalan
Laogan	Sagarbarria

Salceda  
 Salimbangon  
 Salo  
 Salon  
 Sambar  
 Sandoval  
 Sarmiento (C.)  
 Sarmiento (E.)  
 Savellano  
 Sema  
 Singson  
 Suansing (E.)  
 Suansing (H.)  
 Suarez  
 Tan (A.)  
 Tan (S.)  
 Tejada  
 Teves  
 Tiangco  
 Tinio  
 Tolentino  
 Tupas  
 Umali  
 Ungab  
 Unico  
 Uy (R.)  
 Uybarreta  
 Vargas  
 Vargas-Alfonso  
 Velasco-Catera  
 Veloso  
 Vergara  
 Villanueva  
 Villaraza-Suarez  
 Villarin  
 Violago  
 Yap (M.)  
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 Zamora (M.)  
 Zarate  
 Zubiri

With 201 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

#### **RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408 as contained in Committee Report No. 2 submitted 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 SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Rep. Gullas stated that the parliamentary status was that the Body was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

#### **RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOT AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS**

On successive motions of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration of the proposed budgets of the DOT and its attached agencies/corporations; and the Chair recognized Reps. Duavit and Rodante D. Marcoleta for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. MARCOLETA**

Rep. Marcoleta discussed with Rep. Duavit how the DOT could promote and develop tourism provinces like Tarlac which had no natural scenic spots. He also asked about the Tourism Road Infrastructure Projects (TRIPs), to which the Sponsor gave an assurance that it was included in the 2017 GAB pursuant to the Tourism Act of 2009.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for a manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REP. BORDADO**

Rep. Bordado shared his apprehension about the DOT's 40% budget cut considering the public opinion that Philippine tourism was lagging behind its regional peers, and expressed his support for the development of farm tourism as earlier cited by Rep. Cagas.

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

There being no further interpellations, on motion of Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. on the part of the Minority and Rep. Gullas on the part of the Majority, there

being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DOT and its attached agencies/corporations.

### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On further motion of Rep. Bondoc, the Chair suspended the session for a one-hour lunch break.

It was 12:13 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 1:01 p.m.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408, as embodied in Committee Report No. 2 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 SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Rep. Gullas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials from the Department of National Defense (DND).

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

Rep. Gullas stated that the parliamentary status was that the Body was in the period of sponsorship

and debate, and on his motion, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the DND and its attached agencies.

On further motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon to deliver his sponsorship remarks on the DND budget.

### **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. BIAZON**

Rep. Biazon presented the proposed budget for 2017 of the DND and its attached agencies and major services, amounting to ₱134.54 billion. Saying that the Secretary of Defense was present along with other officials, he added that the sponsoring committee was ready to answer questions.

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus for her interpellation.

### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. DE JESUS**

Reps. De Jesus and Biazon discussed the Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Unit (CAFGU) particularly in the light of the President’s order to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to stop CAFGU operations. The latter said that the DND will continue to assess compliance with the President’s order; the demobilization process could not be immediate and recruitment of new members has ceased; the AFP had punished or sanctioned some officials already; and the increase in the DND budget was for the subsistence allowances of current military members. The former asked why the CAFGU’s budget was increased despite said directive as well as the human rights violations allegedly committed by its members, some instances of which she cited; and said that at the proper time, she will propose to delete the CAFGU budget and realign it for social services.

They also discussed the DND’s policy on the presence of AFP troops in the communities and ancestral domains of the indigeneous peoples (IPs) and military violations of ceasefire agreements under the peace process. Rep. De Jesus cited violations committed by the military in this regard but Rep. Biazon assured her that the AFP will investigate the same and hold the guilty accountable.

Rep. De Jesus thereafter showed a video presentation on the killing of a farmer-leader in Coron, Palawan by a guard of the Bureau of Animal Industry stationed in Yulo King Ranch.

After Rep. Biazon relayed the AFP’s assurance that it will look into the matter although no military

personnel was involved, Rep. De Jesus ended her interpellation by saying that she will have the DND budget deferred if she will not be given reports and assurances on actions to be taken on all of the above-cited incidents.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Tom S. Villarin for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. VILLARIN**

Rep. Villarin first commended the AFP for its professionalism as well as its role in the formulation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro. He and Rep. Biazon then discussed the AFP's promotion system based on merit, modernization needs, mandate not only to guard against external and internal threats but also to provide support for social and economic development, and capability and support from allies in exercising Philippine sovereignty in the West Philippine Sea.

The two Members then focused on the disaster preparedness and risk mitigation and post-disaster needs assessment programs of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) as well as the status of government funds, facilities, equipment, standard operating procedures, and capabilities for the same; the impact of West Philippine Sea troop deployment on calamity-stricken areas; and the proposed revival of the Philippine Constabulary (PC) which the Sponsor assured had yet to be discussed on the policymaking table.

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair next recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ZARATE**

Reps. Zarate and Biazon discussed the status of the modernization plan of the AFP and how the latter could obtain much-needed equipment and supplies from countries other than the United States inasmuch as President Rodrigo Roa Duterte had recently announced that he would cross the Rubicon with that country. To Rep. Zarate's main concern, however, about the AFP's purchase of a US-decommissioned Hamilton-class cutter despite its statement in the budget hearings that it will cancel the same, Rep. Biazon clarified that the commitment was not to acquire it using Malampaya Funds and that the AFP will not purchase another such vessel next year.

Rep. Zarate subsequently cited President Duterte's directive for the AFP to take full control of paramilitary groups and asked what action was taken against the Magahat-Bagani paramilitary group which

committed human rights violations in Surigao del Sur and military personnel who massacred the Capion family in Davao del Sur. Rep. Biazon stressed that the AFP was duty-bound to obey said order and withdrew the CAFGU from frontline operations; military personnel who tolerated atrocities in Mindanao had been reprimanded or relieved; and suspects in the Capion massacre were facing a court martial.

Thereupon, Rep. Zarate asked on his other concerns such as military violations of the ceasefire agreements under the ongoing peace talks, the use of the Quick Response Fund (QRF) for the repair and reconstruction of the DND facilities, and coup d'etat rumors.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 3:07 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Biazon.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:10 p.m.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ZARATE (Continuation)**

Rep. Biazon assured action on the incidents of violence cited by his colleague; clarified that the DND was in the process of explaining to the Commission on Audit (COA) the circumstances behind the repair of DND facilities; and stressed that the AFP was focused on its constitutional mandate of respecting the duly constituted authority.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Gullas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ELAGO**

Reps. Elago and Biazon initially talked about the increase of tactical battalions in the Philippine Army (PA).

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 3:18 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Biazon.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:22 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ELAGO**  
(Continuation)

After exchanging views with the Sponsor on the procurement of new aircraft and the military capacity in detecting intrusion in the West Philippine Sea, Rep. Elago stressed the need to properly use the QRF, to prevent the revival of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) because of the sexual and physical abuse of cadets, and to comply with the President's directive to control paramilitary units in the country. The Sponsor assured her that the DND will follow the procurement law and will propose the transfer of the QRF from the OCD to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC); the aforesaid revival was only a proposal and would still be subject to Congress' approval; and the CAFGU's operation had been limited and the AFP will act on atrocities committed by the Magahat-Bagani group.

Thereafter, Rep. Elago sought clarification and asked for data on the increase in and prudent use of Intelligence and Confidential Funds, and the conduct of Bayanihan Team Activities (BTAs) for counter-insurgency purposes. Rep. Biazon said that COA undertakes a special audit to ensure that funds are spent legally and promised to provide a list of BTAs.

On motion of Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega, the Chair recognized Rep. Marcoleta for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. MARCOLETA**

Rep. Marcoleta's interpellation focused on the AFP's capacity to defend and protect the country in a military confrontation with China. Rep. Biazon, after stressing that Filipino soldiers were ready to fight, admitted that the country is at a great disadvantage and underscored the need for more defense funds as well as maintaining relations with the US as a valuable ally.

*At this point, Deputy Speaker Sema relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Mercedes "Didi" K. Alvarez.*

On motion of Rep. Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr., the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her interpellation.

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

Rep. Castro asked whether the Sponsor was aware that the AFP was using AFP Directive No. 25 of July 2013 on the "Guidelines in the Conduct of AFP Activities Inside or Within the Premises of a School or Hospital" for harassment and misinformation.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Biazon, the session was suspended at 4:05 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:06 p.m.

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

After Rep. Castro cited instances of the above-mentioned harassment and misinformation, Rep. Biazon maintained that the DND was not remiss in recognizing the rights of the people and assured her that it will look into the matter and exact accountability.

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (A.D.), the Chair recognized Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. CASILAO**

Rep. Casilao was concerned about allocations per unified command and the use of Department of Agrarian Reform-Department of the Interior and Local Government-Department of National Defense (DAR-DILG-DND) Joint Circular No. 5 (2002) on law enforcement in agrarian reform cases, to accuse farmer leaders such as himself as being legal fronts of the New Peoples' Army and to harass them accordingly.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Biazon, the Chair suspended the session at 4:20 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:21 p.m., the session resumed.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. CASILAO**  
(Continuation)

Rep. Casilao endorsed the DAR's proposal to replace the joint circular. Rep. Biazon stressed that the

AFP does not allow its personnel to intervene or participate in the resolution of land disputes and assured his colleague of the AFP's cooperation in determining the liability of the military men concerned.

On another matter, Reps. Casilao and Biazon agreed that the subsistence allowances of CAFGU members should be raised.

On motion of Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D., the Chair recognized Rep. Bayani F. Fernando for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. FERNANDO**

Recalling his experience in responding to disasters and training as a ROTC cadet, Rep. Fernando stressed the need for adequate equipment, logistical support, and training for the country's soldiers especially when they respond to disasters.

Rep. Biazon thanked Rep. Fernando for his passion and support for the AFP and its proposed budgets.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. VILLANUEVA**

On motion of Rep. Romero, the Chair recognized Rep. Noel L. Villanueva who asked on the status of a technical working group (TWG) that the Philippine Air Force (PAF) promised to create to address the issues and concerns about the presence of IPs in the Crow Valley Gunnery Range in Capas, Tarlac. After the Sponsor suggested that Rep. Villanueva confer with the AFP chief-of-staff in the Session Hall and acceded to his request to be a member of the TWG and to be given data on the matter, the two Members deliberated on other matters, to wit: the delay in the Tarlac-Zambales Road project; total conversion of Clark Air Base for productive civilian use; and relocation of the Philippine Air Force inside Clark Air Base to the Basa Air Base.

On motion of Rep. Romero, the Chair next recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

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

Rep. Suarez first tackled with Rep. Biazon the participation of military officers in crafting the DND budget and the knowledge acquired by Filipino soldiers in joint military exercises with other countries; and then sought information on the status of hard assets such as military tanks, armored personnel carriers,

sea vessels, communication equipment, radar facilities, and jets. After his colleague provided inputs, he suggested that the administration come up with a wholistic approach in improving military capability and confidence.

#### **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 motion of Minority Leader Suarez on behalf of the Minority and Rep. Romero on behalf of the Majority, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DND and its attached agencies.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:38 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:42 p.m.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Thereupon, Rep. Gonzales (A.D.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CFL**

On motion of Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Commission on the Filipino Language (CFL).

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. ZAMORA (M.)**

On further motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora who delivered the following sponsorship speech:

Madam Speaker, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts or NCCA is the overall policymaking body, coordinating and grant-giving agency for the preservation, development, and promotion of Philippine arts and culture through the National Endowment Fund for Culture and the Arts or NEFCA.

It has six attached cultural agencies, namely, the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP), the National Archives of the Philippines (NAP), the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), and the Komisyon sa Wikang Pilipino or the Commission on the Filipino Language (CFL).

For Fiscal Year 2017, the NCCA has a proposed budget of ₱454,398,000.00; the NHCP will be allotted ₱644,035,000.00; the NLP will have a share of ₱196,712,000.00; the NAP will have a budget of ₱128,387,000.00; while the CFL will be allocated a total of ₱61,821,000.00. The collective work of these agencies, meager their budget allocations may be, as compared to the mammoth shares of the line agencies, greatly redound to the benefit of our nation. Without them, our nation will be an aimless wanderer devoid of its sense of history and without a heart and soul.

Madam Speaker, I am now ready to defend the budget of the NCCA and the other attached cultural agencies.

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

There being no interpellations, on joint motion of Reps. Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez and De Venecia 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 CFL.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NCCA**

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

On further motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair recognized Reps. Zamora (M.) and Atienza, for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA**

The Sponsor affirmed that President Duterte's agenda included promoting science, technology, and the creative arts. She underscored that the proposed NCCA budget was meager and that Filipino creativity and talent should be shown to the whole world. She took note of the opinion of Rep. Atienza that the

agency's measly budget was an insult to the intelligence and talent of the Filipino people after which the latter discouraged his colleagues from interpellating on the proposed budgets of the NCCA and other cultural offices because they were in such a shameful situation.

#### **REMARKS OF REP. DE VENECIA**

Rep. De Venecia clarified that several interpellators had lined-up to ask questions on the aforesaid agencies and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Rene L. Relampagos.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. RELAMPAGOS**

Reps. Relampagos and Zamora (M.) discussed the NCCA's drastic budget cut and the programs that would be prejudiced, its fund from the National Endowment Fund for Culture and Arts (NEFCA) whose budget had also been reduced, and the status of contractual NCCA employees. The former then appealed to the Members and the Sponsor for the creation of more regular positions and the restoration of the agency's proposed budget.

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN**

Rep. Lagman prefaced his questions by stating that culture is the embodiment of a people's heritage and its primacy in a country's development should never be underestimated. He then proposed to restore the NCCA budget to its 2016 level as well as to augment it and that if this was not possible, requested the House to exercise its oversight function to monitor the agency's use of its funds.

The Sponsor took note of Rep. Lagman's points.

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair then recognized Rep. Rosenda Ann M. Ocampo for her interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. OCAMPO**

Reps. Ocampo and Zamora (M.) debated on the money earmarked for the NCCA from travel taxes remitted by the TIEZA as the Sponsor said that the same has not yet been remitted to the agency since its establishment because it was remitted to the National Treasury and the Department of Budget and Management



(DBM) had to authorize its release. Rep. Zamora suggested the formulation of an appropriate policy thereon, but Rep. Ocampo opined that the NCCA chairman should push for additional budget.

Rep. Zamora agreed with Rep. Ocampo and pointed out that the government's one-fund policy has restricted the release of funds to the NCCA. In turn, Rep. Ocampo expressed hope that the Sponsor would join her in a resolution asking the release of impounded funds especially for the NCCA.

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

There being no further interpellations, on joint motion of Reps. Villaraza-Suarez and De Venecia 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 NCCA.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF SEVERAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES**

On an omnibus motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the following Executive offices:

1. National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP)
2. National Library of the Philippines (NLP)
3. National Archives of the Philippines

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF SEVERAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES**

There being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on joint motion of Reps. Villaraza-Suarez and De Venecia representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the aforementioned Executive offices.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. Mercado, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration of House Bill No. 3408.

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

On motion of Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members of the Majority to the various Committees/Special Committees specified hereunder:

##### Committee on Justice

(as Members)

1. Rep. Makmod D. Mending Jr.
2. Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar
3. Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D.

##### Committee on Science and Technology

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr.

(as Member)

1. Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago

##### Committee on Social Services

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama

##### Committee on Transportation

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo

(as Members)

2. Rep. Rodol M. Batocabe
3. Rep. Rico B. Geron
4. Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB.
5. Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing

Committee on Constitutional Amendments

(as Member)

1. Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas

Committee on Accounts

(as Members)

1. Rep. Michelle M. Antonio vice Rep. Antonio L. Tinio
2. Rep. Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera
3. Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy
4. Rep. Makmod D. Mending Jr.

Committee on Appropriations

(as Members)

1. Rep. Arlene D. Brosas
2. Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama
3. Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson
4. Rep. Ron P. Salo
5. Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan
6. Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta
7. Rep. Mark O. Go

Committee on Energy

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta

(as Members)

2. Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe
3. Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar
4. Rep. Antonio L. Tinio
5. Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna
6. Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate

Committee on Public Works and Highways

(as Chairperson)

1. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat

(as Members)

2. Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama
3. Rep. Christopher S. Co
4. Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta
5. Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB.
6. Rep. Mark O. Go

Committee on Tourism

(as Members)

1. Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe
2. Rep. Rico B. Geron
3. Rep. Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera
4. Rep. Mark O. Go

Committee on Trade and Industry

(as Member)

1. Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama

Committee on Women and Gender Equality

(as Members)

1. Rep. Michelle M. Antonio
2. Rep. Arlene D. Brosas
3. Rep. France L. Castro
4. Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus
5. Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago

Committee on Youth and Sports Development

(as Member)

1. Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago

Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy

(as Members)

1. Rep. Glona G. Labadlabad
2. Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D.
3. Rep. Michelle M. Antonio
4. Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega
5. Rep. Len B. Alonte-Naguiat

Committee on Labor and Employment

(as Members)

1. Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao
2. Rep. Mark O. Go

Committee on Metro Manila Development

(as Members)

1. Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy
2. Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna

Committee on Natural Resources

(as Members)

1. Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao
2. Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna

Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan

Committee on Poverty Alleviation

(as Member)

1. Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao

Committee on Games and Amusements

(as Members)

1. Rep. Christopher S. Co
2. Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr.
3. Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo
4. Rep. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano
5. Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar
6. Rep. Sitti Djalía A. Turabin-Hataman

Committee on Legislative Franchises

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora

(as Members)

2. Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe
3. Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr.
4. Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D.
5. Rep. Emmanuel F. Madrona

Committee on Ways and Means

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Alex "AA" L. Advincula

(as Members)

2. Rep. Rico B. Geron
3. Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy
4. Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna
5. Rep. Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera

Committee on Basic Education and Culture

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Ron P. Salo

(as Members)

2. Rep. Michelle M. Antonio
3. Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus
4. Rep. Antonio L. Tinio
5. Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega

Committee on Health

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Michelle M. Antonio vice Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr.

(as Members)

2. Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe
3. Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus
4. Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago
5. Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy
6. Rep. Ron P. Salo
7. Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate
8. Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing

Committee on Information and Communications Technology

(as Member)

1. Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr.

Committee on Welfare of Children

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy

(as Members)

2. Rep. Arlene D. Brosas
3. Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus

Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs

(as Members)

1. Rep. Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera
2. Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar

Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability

(as Member)

1. Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate vice Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe

Committee on Higher and Technical Education

(as Members)

1. Rep. Nancy A. Catamco
2. Rep. Michelle M. Antonio
3. Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.
4. Rep. France L. Castro
5. Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago
6. Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo
7. Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan
8. Rep. Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera

Committee on Housing and Urban Development

(as Vice Chairperson)

1. Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D.

(as Members)

2. Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe
3. Rep. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano

Committee on Human Rights

(as Member)

1. Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao

Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples

(as Member)

1. Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan

Committee on Agriculture and Food

(as Members)

1. Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao
2. Rep. Rico B. Geron
3. Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan
4. Rep. Sitti Djalia A. Turabin-Hataman
5. Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate

Special Committee on Climate Change

(as Member)

1. Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus

Special Committee on Food Security

(as Member)

1. Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus

Committee on Foreign Affairs

(as Members)

1. Rep. Ron P. Salo
2. Rep. Antonio L. Tinio
3. Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate
4. Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega

Special Committee on Globalization and WTO

(as Member)

1. Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao

Committee on Accounts

(as Members)

1. Rep. Aurora Enerio Cerilles
2. Rep. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI
3. Rep. Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella
4. Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo
5. Rep. Noel L. Villanueva

Committee on Agriculture and Food

(as Members)

1. Rep. Pedro B. Acharon Jr.
2. Rep. Arthur C. Yap
3. Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria
4. Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara
5. Rep. Conrado M. Estrella III
6. Rep. Anna Katrina M. Enverga
7. Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu
8. Rep. Noel L. Villanueva

Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy

(as Member)

1. Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

Committee on Justice

(as Member)

1. Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu vice Rep. Carlito S. Marquez

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (A.D.), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408 as contained in Committee Report No. 2 submitted 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 SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DEPED AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gonzales (A.D.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the DepEd and its attached agencies.

Upon Rep. Gonzales' further motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Villarín for his interpellation.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Zamora (M.), the Chair suspended the session at 7:11 p.m. to allow the technical staff of the Committee access to the floor of the Session Hall.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 7:15 p.m.

On motion of Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Zamora (M.) to sponsor the proposed budgets of the DepEd and its attached agencies.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. ZAMORA (M.)**

The Honorable Speaker, colleagues, fellow workers in government, good evening.

The Department of Education (DepEd) and its attached agencies adopted a theme for their proposed Fiscal Year 2017 budget—“quality, accessible, relevant and liberating basic education for all.”

For next year, the DepEd and its attached agencies aim to utilize a total amount of ₱567,561,234,000.00 representing the single biggest allocation among the social service agencies of government as mandated by the Constitution of the Republic. It is broken down as follows: Office of the Secretary, ₱566,238,678,000.00; the National Book Development Board, ₱37,574,000.00; the National Council for Children's Television, ₱14,276,000.00; the National Museum, ₱657,770,000.00; Philippine High School for the Arts, ₱132,569,000.00; and Early Childhood and Development Council, ₱480,357,000.00.

This early, the DepEd recognizes the challenges of the major reforms in basic education particularly the new K-12 curriculum which is still grappling with transition predicaments. The Department and its attached agencies however are firm in the commitment that the following will be achieved by the educational sector during the term of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

Your Honor, this Representation is now ready to answer questions on the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 budget of the Department of Education and its agencies.

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

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Castro initially thanked the DepEd family through the DOF Undersecretary for the immediate action on her query as to the implementation status of the grant of step increments to teachers with specialization in Science and Mathematics. She then asked for the data on the number of Mathematics and Science teachers in both elementary and secondary levels.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair suspended the session at 7:21 p.m. upon motion of Rep. Zamora (M.).

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 7:23 p.m., with Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc presiding.

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

(Continuation)

While the DepEd personnel were still gathering data concerning her pending query, Rep. Castro discussed with Rep. Zamora (M.) the teachers’ use of the Daily Lesson Log (DLL) which several teachers had criticized for being time-consuming, and prayed for its abolition. The Sponsor said the Department was still studying the DLL policy and urged her colleague to furnish them with a copy of the comments and complaints about the proposed program.

*At this juncture, Rep. Bondoc relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Mercedes K. Alvarez.*

Reps. Castro and Zamora then dealt with the issue of public school teachers performing non-teaching tasks that were passed on to them by several government agencies such as the Department of Health (DOH) with regard to deworming, feeding and vaccination, and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) on the anti-dengue campaign, among others. The Sponsor said DepEd has created non-teaching positions to address this issue and pertinent guidelines will soon be issued.

Thereafter, the two Members discussed, among others, the utilization of the budget for the maternity leave benefits of substitute teachers, the guidelines on the agency fee of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers-National Capital Region (ACT-NCR) Union, and the unpaid salaries of Pasig City teachers who rendered work in May 2013.

After the Sponsor cited statistics to answer her very first question, Rep. Castro (F.L.) further questioned the discrepancy in the total number of Mathematics and Science teachers against the few that benefitted from the step increment and requested that there be an investigation regarding the teachers who did not avail of the benefits of the step increment.

With regards to the issue of unpaid salaries of the teachers, Rep. Zamora (M.) said the DepEd central office has raised this issue to the principal and that the payment is now being processed.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Rep. Roa-Puno thereafter acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials from the Department of Education and its attached agencies.

**REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS**

At this point, Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas informed the Body that the Members of the Majority will have a caucus at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at the appropriate venue to be announced by the Secretary General.

Thereafter, upon motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Villarín for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. VILLARIN**

Initially commending the continuation of the K-12 Program, Rep. Villarín discussed with Rep. Zamora (M.) the new approaches to learning, the integration of special children in mainstream learning, and the lack of land for schoolbuilding construction. The Sponsor said that the DepEd had already met with other agencies regarding land acquisition and welcomed her colleague’s proposal to require local government units to release their land inventories and to adopt a multi-stakeholder approach to the problem.

The two Members thereafter exchanged views on addressing the low functional literacy rate in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). Rep. Villarín stated that education was the key component of fighting terrorism and extremism in impoverished and conflict-affected regions.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Elago for her interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ELAGO**

To the initial query of Rep. Elago, Rep. Zamora (M.) committed to provide updates on affordable private education center (APEC) schools. They then delved on the average amount incurred by a senior high school student in terms of tuition fees and other miscellaneous expenses and the adequacy of the voucher scheme as Rep. Elago stressed that education is a right and that educational reforms should be based on public welfare and not on moneymaking.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario for his manifestation.

## MANIFESTATION OF REP. ALMARIO

Rep. Almario took the floor in view of an attempt to alter the setup of division offices in the Province of Davao Oriental during the Committee on Appropriations' budget hearings for the DepEd.

He related that the problem rose from the operation of the City Schools Division Office of Mati and the Davao Oriental Schools Division Office as sometime on May 14, 2012, the DepEd through then Education Secretary Bro. Armin A. Luistro issued a memorandum placing the schools of the municipalities from the Second Congressional District of Davao Oriental which he represents, under the administrative and supervisory jurisdiction of the City Division of Mati.

He said the memorandum provides for the approval of schools offering basic education in the municipalities of Banaybanay, Lupon, San Isidro and Governor Generoso belonging to the Second Congressional District of Davao Oriental under the administrative and supervisory jurisdiction of the City Schools Division Superintendent of the City of Mati.

He explained that said issuance was in accordance with the provision of Republic Act (RA) No. 9155, also known as the "Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001," and emphasized that prior to the issuance of said memorandum, the budget of the Mati City Schools Division is more than sufficient for its needs as a new division, while on the other hand, the Davao Oriental Schools Division was regularly beset and hampered by limited financial and manpower resources.

After four years of implementation of the said memorandum and rationalized scheme, he continued, a move now is made to disturb the status quo in the schools divisions of Davao Oriental and Mati City - a move to revert to the old set up and return the four subject municipalities under the administrative and supervisory jurisdiction of the Davao Oriental Division.

He maintained that there is no valid reason for the reversion because the issuance of the memorandum by then Secretary Luistro had the presumption of regularity and due process.

For the record, he objected to the attempt to alter the status quo of the DepEd division offices in Davao Oriental. As the issue raised by the proponent trying to alter the status quo is legal, he suggested that the proponent raise the particular issue in court and not in

the House of Representatives. He sought for the attention of Rep. Zamora (M.), Secretary Leonor M. Briones, and the DepEd family with whom he had already discussed the matter.

## REMARKS OF REP. ZAMORA (M.)

Rep. Zamora noted Rep. Almario's manifestation, and added that the DepEd Secretary had also noted the same.

On motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon for her manifestation.

## MANIFESTATION OF REP. NUÑEZ-MALANYAON

Rep. Nuñez-Malanyaon manifested her objection to the items in the 2017 budget being put forward by the DepEd effectively expanding the jurisdiction of the Schools Division of the City of Mati to include four municipalities under the Provincial Schools Division of Davao Oriental, contrary to Section 50, Paragraph (a) of RA No. 9408, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Mati. She maintained that the territorial jurisdiction of the city schools division of Mati City excludes schools already under the Provincial Schools Division of Davao Oriental based on the principle of *expressio unius est exclusio alterius*.

Thereafter, she adverted to the May 2012 memorandum issued by former Education Secretary Luistro which Rep. Almario had earlier cited; and her action in September 2013, as then Governor of Davao Oriental, to seek for appropriate action from DepEd on the "Joint Resolution of the League of Municipalities of Davao Oriental," requesting the Department "to confine the administrative and supervisory control of the Schools Division of the City of Mati to all the schools in the City of Mati and to revert back all schools in the municipalities of Banaybanay, Lupon, San Isidro, and Governor Generoso to the Provincial Schools Division of Davao Oriental."

As she mentioned that she was not even accorded the courtesy of a reply by the former Secretary, she said that during the DepEd budget briefing last September 2, 2016, Secretary Briones acknowledged that a mere department memorandum or a department order cannot amend the provisions of a substantive law, such as the charter creating the City of Mati.

Subsequently, she disclosed that on September 20, they got hold of a copy of the amendment or errata sheet on the Department's proposed budget for 2017,

realigning/returning the four municipalities in issue to the Provincial Schools Division of Davao Oriental.

In view of the aforestated events, she said that she would like to enlighten the DepEd on the need to adhere to the law in defining the restrictive jurisdiction of all schools not only in her province but throughout the whole country. She stressed that the issuance of an unnumbered order of then Secretary Luistro superseding the substantive law is an illegal act because it is contrary to Section 50, paragraph (a) of the Charter of the City of Mati (RA No. 9408).

Furthermore, she said that although the general appropriations act is a law intended to fund various offices to allow the government to function effectively, it should contain items that are based on substantive law as what is illegal cannot just be held legal. She expressed hope that the incumbent DepEd Secretary would be enlightened by her manifestation.

#### **REMARKS OF REP. ZAMORA (M.)**

Rep. Zamora took note of Rep. Malanyaon's manifestation, and said that the DepEd Secretary likewise noted the same.

On motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene B. Arcillas for her manifestation.

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

Rep. Arcillas manifested that the Minority had no more interpellations on the proposed budgets of the DepEd and its attached agencies. On her motion which was adopted by Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DepEd and its attached agencies.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408.

#### **RECONSIDERATION OF THE REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3071**

On successive motions of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the referral of House Bill No. 3071 to the Committee on Revision of Laws, and referred it to the Committee on Transportation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until 10 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

It was 8:43 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on September 28, 2016



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**Date: September 27, 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
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* AGLIPAY-VILLAR	* BULUT-BEGTANG	ERMITA-BUHAIN
AKBAR	CAGAS	ESCUDERO
* ALBANO	CALDERON	ESPINA
***** ALCALA	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	* ESPINO
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* ALONTE	CARI	FARIÑAS
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* ALVAREZ (M.)	CASTELO	FERRER (J.)
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* 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.)
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BATAOIL	DALIPE	GONZAGA
BATOCABE	DALOG	* GONZALES (A.P.)
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
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LAZATIN	PIMENTEL	TINIO
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* LOPEZ (C.)	RAMIREZ-SATO	* TY
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* NAVA	SAMBAR	YAP (M.)
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NUÑEZ-MALANYAON	SEMA	ZUBIRI
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* 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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