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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 a.m., Representative Arthur R. Defensor Jr. called the session to order, pursuant to Section 15(h), Rule IV of the amended Provisional Rules of the House.

**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 Rep. Arnel U. Ty, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and approval of the Journal of the previous session.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On another motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair suspended the session at 10:02 a.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 10:22 a.m., the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Rolando G. Andaya Jr. presiding.

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

On motion of Rep. Ron P. Salo, 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.”

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Rep. Salo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials and personnel of the National Youth Commission, the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), the National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Philippine Racing Commission (Philracom) and Philippine Sports Commission (PSC).

He thereafter stated that the parliamentary status of the measure was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED  
BUDGET OF THE PHILRACOM**

On motion of Rep. Salo, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Philippine Racing Commission (Philracom).

**REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

Before recognizing the Sponsor, the Chair adverted to the news report that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary rebuked President Rodrigo Roa Duterte’s statement that the peso was being manipulated. He said that such a perception was not a solitary one, adding that the issue of the United States (US) Federal Reserve’s politicization and manipulation was a legitimate and major issue in the upcoming US presidential elections. He surmised that the Secretary had merely expressed his personal thoughts thereon.

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Salo, the Chair recognized Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar to sponsor the Philracom’s budget.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Salo, the Chair suspended the session to allow the technical staff and resource persons of the Committee access to the floor.

It was 10:26 a.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 10:26 a.m.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUEST

Rep. Salo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the Chairperson of Philracom.

### SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. SAMBAR

Rep. Sambar greeted his colleagues and guests from the aforementioned agencies and stated that he was ready to answer interpellations.

### TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PHILRACOM

There being no interpellation, on a joint motion of Reps. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. and Salo 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 Philracom.

### CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PSC

On motion of Rep. Salo, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC).

### TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PSC

In the absence of any interpellation, on a joint motion of Reps. Garbin and Salo 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 PSC.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 10:30 a.m.

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:31 a.m.

### CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE OFFICES

On successive motions of Rep. Salo, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the following Executive offices:

1. National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP);
2. National Youth Commission (NYC);
3. Philippine Commission on Women (PCW); and
4. Games and Amusements Board (GAB).

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

There being no interpellation, on a joint motion of Reps. Garbin and Salo 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 NCIP, NYC, PCW and GAB.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Salo, the Chair suspended the session at 10:36 a.m.

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:58 a.m.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and its attached agencies, headed by Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III.

Rep. Garcia (J.E.) stated that the parliamentary status of the Bill was that it was still in the period of sponsorship and debate.

### CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOLE AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES

On successive motions of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the DOLE and its attached agencies; and the Chair recognized Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go to sponsor the same.

### SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. GO (A.C.)

Rep. Go said that the DOLE budget stood at ₱13.21 billion.

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez for his interpellation.

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

Reps. Suarez and Go (A.C.) discussed a minimum wage that was attractive both to the working class and local and international business; end-of-contract or “endo” employment schemes; and programs for workers who faced bio-hazards in the workplace. The Sponsor said that the DOLE Secretary’s crusade was to end such contractualization and employer and labor groups will have a dialogue thereon on October 3, 2016; he added that during the day’s session, he will submit the requested data on workers’ safety.

Likewise discussing the problems of distressed companies such as the Philippine Airlines with her colleague, Rep. Go (A.C.) said that the DOLE Secretary will assist them in getting assistance from government financial institutions.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 11:21 a.m., upon motion of Rep. Go (A.C.).

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 11:22 a.m.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF MAJORITY LEADER SUAREZ (Continuation)**

The Members’ deliberation then turned to the issue of unemployment.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOLE AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES**

At this point, on motion of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the proposed budgets of the DOLE and its attached agencies to give way to the Roll Call.

#### **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.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Abad  
Abaya  
Abayon  
Abueg  
Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta  
Advincula  
Aggabao  
Akbar  
Albano  
Almario  
Alonte-Naguiat  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amante  
Amatong  
Andaya  
Angara-Castillo  
Antonino  
Antonio  
Arcillas  
Atienza  
Bag-ao  
Bagatsing  
Baguilat  
Banal  
Bataoil  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.E.)  
Billones  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Cagas  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Campos  
Casilao  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco  
Cerilles  
Chavez  
Co  
Cojuangco  
Cuaresma  
Dalipe  
Dalog  
Daza

De Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (A.)  
Dimaporo (M.K.)  
Dy  
Elago  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Espino  
Estrella  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Ferrer (J.)  
Ferrer (L.)  
Floirendo  
Fortun  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Gasataya  
Go (A.C.)  
Go (M.)  
Gonzaga  
Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzalez  
Gorriceta  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Kho  
Labadlabad  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Laogan  
Lazatin  
Limkaichong  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Madrona  
Malapitan  
Mangaoang  
Marcoleta  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Matugas  
Mending  
Mercado  
Mirasol  
Montoro  
Nava  
Noel  
Nogales (J.J.)  
Nogales (K.A.)  
Nolasco  
Nuñez-Malanyaon  
Oaminal  
Ong (H.)  
Ortega (V.N.)  
PacQUIAO  
Paduano  
Palma  
Pancho  
Panganiban  
Panotes  
Papandayan  
Pichay  
Pimentel  
Pineda  
Plaza  
Primicias-Agabas  
Quimbo  
Ramirez-Sato  
Ramos  
Revilla  
Roa-Puno  
Rodriguez (I.)  
Romero  
Sacdalan  
Sagarbarria  
Sahali  
Salo  
Salon  
Sambar  
Sarmiento (C.)  
Sarmiento (E.M.)  
Savellano  
Sema  
Singson  
Suansing (E.)  
Suansing (H.)  
Suarez  
Tan (A.)  
Tan (M.)  
Teves  
Tiangco  
Ting  
Tinio  
Tupas  
Ty  
Unabia  
Ungab  
Uy (R.)  
Uybarreta  
Vargas  
Veloso  
Vergara  
Villanueva  
Violago  
Yap (M.)  
Yu  
Zubiri

With 164 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. Garcia (J.E.), 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.”

#### **RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOLE AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES**

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration of the proposed budgets of the DOLE and its attached agencies.

Thereafter, on further motion of Rep. Garcia, the Chair recognized Rep. Go (A.C.) and Minority Leader Suarez anew to continue with their debate on said measure.

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

Rep. Suarez gave credit to the Members, including Rep. Go (A.C.), who had come prepared to sponsor their respective budgets in the last four days.

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

Thereupon, there being no further interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Garcia (J.E.) on the part of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DOLE and its attached agencies.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Thereafter, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 11:50 a.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 11:51 a.m.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUEST**

Rep. Len B. Alonte-Naguiat acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officer-in-charge of the Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO).

#### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CFO**

On motion of Rep. Alonte-Naguiat, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO).

Rep. Alonte-Naguiat stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Go (A.) to sponsor the CFO budget.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Rep. Alonte-Naguiat, the session was suspended at 11:52 a.m. in order for the technical staff to gain access to the Session Hall.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 11:55 a.m.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Alonte-Naguiat, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Rep. Suarez manifested that Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III, a Minority member who was confined at the hospital and represented the Minority for the CFO budget, sent a message of support for the same.

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

There being no interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Bondoc on behalf of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the CFO.

**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**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Bondoc, the Chair suspended the session until one o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 11:58 a.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 1:45 p.m.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Thereupon, Rep. Bondoc acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

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

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408, as contained in Committee Report No. 2 and reported out by the Committee on Appropriations, entitled:

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

**PRAYER FOR FORMER  
SENATOR DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO**

Before proceeding with House Bill No. 3408, upon the request of Deputy Speaker Andaya, the Body observed a minute of silent prayer for the repose of the soul of former Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago.

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

On successive motions of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and its attached agencies and the Chair recognized Rep. Erlpe John "Ping" M. Amante and Minority Leader Suarez for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Rep. Suarez discussed with Rep. Amante the mandate of the newly-created DICT, the performance, services and the area of coverage of the telecommunication companies in the country and then asked about expanding Internet coverage and improving telecommunication (telco) services.

Citing infrastructure development projects, the Sponsor affirmed that the DICT will address the abusive services of telcos; study the revival of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's failed ZTE broadband project; and ensure that telcos will pay for the cost of putting up cellular sites and equipment in various local government units (LGUs).

Thereupon, Rep. Suarez said that he will monitor the performance of the DICT.

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

There being no other interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Ty, on the part of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DICT and its attached agencies.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 2:07 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 2:17 p.m.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Rep. Bondoc acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) led by Secretary Mark Villar.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DPWH**

On motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the DPWH.

Rep. Ty stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles to sponsor the DPWH budget.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. NOGRALES (K.A.)**

Rep. Nograles informed the Body that the 2017 budget of the DPWH amounted to ₱458.6 billion.

**REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

Before proceeding with the consideration of the DPWH budget, the Chair reminded the Members of the difference between capital expenditure and infrastructure outlay. He said that the 2017 General Appropriations Bill (GAB) was eyeing seven percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for capital expenditure.

On motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. to ask questions thereon.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROQUE (H.)**

On Rep. Roque's concern on the procedure for party-list Members in requesting DPWH projects, Rep. Nograles (K.A.) underscored that any Member of the House, whether a district or party-list representative, may write any department aside from the DPWH and request any project that she/he feels will benefit her/his constituents. He also said that it was too late for them to submit written requests for consolidation in the 2017 GAB because the budget call had already passed. He however added that the Members can propose amendments to the budget measure at the proper time.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Ty, the session was suspended at 2:37 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 2:50 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROQUE (H.)**  
(Continuation)

On Rep. Roque's other concerns, Rep. Nograles (K.A.) explained how the funds for the national road network allocations were itemized allocations and not lump-sums and how increased infrastructure spending required increased support to operations.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Ty acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Cesar V. Sarmiento and Alexandria P. Gonzales.

**MANIFESTATION OF REP. MACEDA**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Rep. Ty, Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda appealed to the DPWH Secretary to attend to the decades-old problem of flooding in his constituency in the Fourth District of Manila which was affecting the entire metro despite billions of pesos spent for the same. The Sponsor said that the agency was planning to construct an additional pumping station for 2017.

On motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph. D. for his interpellation.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair suspended the session at 3:02 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:04 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. BRAVO (A.)**

Rep. Bravo asked about the Coconet for Slope Protection Project of the DPWH, to which Rep. Nograles (K.A.) replied that the agency discontinued it for being a fire hazard but will review its reinstatement. The Sponsor also promised to submit data thereon.

Upon Rep. Ty's motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Rodrigo A. Abellanos for his interpellation.



**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ABELLANOSA**

Rep. Abellanosa highlighted Cebu City's small Capital Outlay (CO) allocation under the proposed DPWH budget and asked what the agency was doing to solve its flood and traffic problems. The Sponsor said that the DPWH was developing an infrastructure master plan for Mega Cebu that will be presented before the yearend.

The Chair then recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation upon Rep. Ty's motion.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Suarez asked the agency to help boost the local construction industry in the face of stringent project requirements and competition from foreign contractors.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Minority Leader Suarez, the Chair suspended the session at 3:21 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:24 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

(Continuation)

In response to the Minority Leader's pending query, Rep. Nograles (K.A.) relayed the DPWH Secretary's assurance that foreign-assisted projects will be limited to those requiring high technology and noted that their allocations were decreased. The DPWH had become lenient towards local contractors and was closely coordinating with them, he added.

To Rep. Suarez' other concerns, the Sponsor gave information on the factors considered in road building and on the distribution of collections from the Motor Vehicle Users' Charge (MVUC) which was legislated upon his colleague's authorship.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair suspended the session at 3:34 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:40 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. SUAREZ**

(Continuation)

On other matters cited by Rep. Suarez, Rep. Nograles (K.A.) took note of his colleague's suggestions on road maintenance and assured him that the DPWH was open to discussions with the Members regarding their inputs on road projects including the identification of workers therefor. He added that the matter of paying localities for water that is sourced from them will be discussed in a forthcoming board meeting of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS); and that the DPWH and the MWSS conduct regular water conservation campaigns.

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

There being no other interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Ty on behalf of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the DPWH.

**REMARKS OF REP. TY**

In response to the Chair's earlier concern, Rep. Ty said that the DPWH's infrastructure outlay was 5.4 percent of GDP which was higher than the figure for 2016.

**REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair remarked that one will find different answers to the question in both the National Expenditure Program (NEP) and the Budget of Expenditures and Sources of Financing (BESF). He added that when he asked the DPWH on its new programs regarding absorptive capacity, it had cited early procurement activities and early awarding of contracts upon the receipt of an allotment. Such had been the practice for the past two administrations, he observed. He added that his concern on absorptive capacity had yet to be answered and that the agency might not be able to meet the government's target of seven percent of GDP.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:57 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:05 p.m.

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

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

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR**

Before relinquishing the Chair, Deputy Speaker Andaya asked whether the Executive Department could fund a non-existent activity or project or one that was not approved by Congress. He said that the sponsoring Committee need not answer his inquiry that day and can just give their answer in writing the following day.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Andaya relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez.*

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS AND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business and Additional Reference of Business.

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

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 3723, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN LAPU-LAPU CITY INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Radaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3724, entitled:

“STUDENT HOUSING ACT OF 2016”

By Representative Radaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3725, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BAGUMBAYAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAGUMBAYAN, 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3726, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MOBILE HOSPITAL, DEFINING ITS PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco-Catera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3727, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODE OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL LANDS WITHIN TICAO AND BURIAS ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF MASBATE DECLARED AS SPECIAL ECOTOURISM ZONES OR TOURISM ENTERPRISES ZONES PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bravo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3728, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SALARY GRADE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO SALARY GRADE 18 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3729, entitled:

“AN ACT CRIMINALIZING PLAGIARISM, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3730, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF DENGUE, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3731, entitled:

“AN ACT INCLUDING THE FACT OF INTOXICATION AND THE PRESENCE OF NON-RESIDENT OR ALUMNI FRATERNITY MEMBERS DURING HAZING AS AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES TO INCREASE APPLICABLE PENALTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANTI-HAZING LAW”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3732, entitled:

“AN ACT REDEFINING THE CRIME OF SYNDICATED ESTAFA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1689”

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3733, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING WIRE TAPPING IN CASES INVOLVING VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002', AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4200 ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE WIRE TAPPING AND OTHER RELATED VIOLATIONS OF THE PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3734, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE ADDITIONAL INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR EACH DEPENDENT FROM EIGHT THOUSAND PESOS (₱8,000) TO FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (₱50,000), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 35 (B), CHAPTER VII OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, A.K.A., THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3735, entitled:

“AN ACT INTENSIFYING THE CRIMINAL NATURE OF VOTE BUYING AND SELLING, PRESCRIBING HIGHER PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 264 OF BP 881 OR THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES BY SETTING IT OFF AS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT OFFENSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3736, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE ORDER OF EVICTION OR DEMOLITION BY THE COURTS

ONLY WHEN JUDGMENT BECOMES FINAL AND EXECUTORY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER SEVENTY-TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT HOUSING ACT”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3737, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING FILIPINOS WITH DUAL CITIZENSHIP TO SEEK AN ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE WITHOUT RENOUNCING THEIR FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3738, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BAYANIHAN HOMEBUILDING PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME GROUPS THROUGH GRADUATED AMORTIZATION PAYMENT (GAP) SCHEME AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3739, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING FOOD SUBSIDY PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 3740, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE IMPOUNDING OF MOTOR VEHICLES INVOLVED IN A VEHICULAR INCIDENT THAT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY OF A PEDESTRIAN, COMMUTER OR BY-STANDER, UNLESS A CASH BOND IS POSTED”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3741, entitled:

“AN ACT INCLUDING INCIDENTAL EXPENSES IN THE EXERCISE OF PROFESSION AS ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS FROM THE TAXABLE INCOME OF TEACHERS”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3742, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE TOTAL INDEMNITY CLAIM FOR DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANY PASSENGER OR THIRD PARTY WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF PROVING FAULT OR NEGLIGENCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 378 OF THE INSURANCE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3743, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 3744, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ALLOCATE FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THEIR INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT FOR THE RELOCATION AND RESETTLEMENT OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3745, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL  
LIVELIHOOD AND EMPLOYMENT  
RESOURCE CENTER IN EVERY CITY  
AND MUNICIPALITY AND PROVIDING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3746, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OVERSEAS  
FILIPINO WORKERS SOCIAL SECURITY  
AND RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS  
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3747, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROTECT THE FILIPINO  
CONSUMER FROM ARBITRARY  
INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF LPG  
BEING CHARGED BY THE PLAYERS OF  
THE LPG INDUSTRY, AMENDING FOR  
THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 19 AND 14 OF  
R.A. 8479, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
DOWNSTREAM OIL INDUSTRY  
DEREGULATION LAW OF 1998”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 3748, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PRIVATE  
CONTRACTORS DOING PUBLIC WORK  
PROJECTS TO EMPLOY SKILLED AND  
UNSKILLED WORKERS WHO ARE  
CONSIDERED INDIGENTS BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD),  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-SIX  
HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

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Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento for House Bills No. 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 796, 797, 798, 1870, 1871, 1872, 2287, 2396 and 2531;

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for Resolution of Both Houses No. 2;

Rep. Arnel U. Ty for House Bills No. 334 and 1208;

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles for House Bill No. 3655;

Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte for House Bill No. 92;

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Rep. Maximo B. Dalog for House Resolution No. 393 and House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Rep. Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro for House Bill No. 2651;

Rep. Richard C. Eusebio for House Bills No. 998, 1001, 1003, 2650, 2653, 2654 and 3424;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bills No. 307, 381, 382 and 1291 and House Resolution No. 393; and

Rep. Ramon C. Nolasco for House Bills No. 534, 2774 and 2775.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated September 28, 2016, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT TO SENATOR FRANKLIN M. DRILON TO ACCEPT THE GRAND CORDON OF ORDER OF THE RISING SUN TO BE CONFERRED UPON HIM BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated June 29, 2016 of Atty. Roy L. Ursal, Director IV, Regional Director, Commission on Audit, Region XI, Davao City transmitting the Annual Audit Report on the University of Southeastern Philippines, for the year ended December 31, 2015.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report of Cesar S. Pareja, 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. Consolidated House Bill No. 5713 and Senate Bill No. 2987, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING RAW SUGAR OR RAW CANE SUGAR, AMENDING SECTION 109(A) AND (F) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10864)

2. House Bill No. 5746, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MAYOR HILARION A. RAMIRO SR. REGIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INTO A MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE

MAYOR HILARION A. RAMIRO SR.  
MEDICAL CENTER”

(Now Republic Act No. 10865)

3. House Bill No. 6152, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BATANES AS A RESPONSIBLE, COMMUNITY-BASED CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ECOTOURISM ZONE”

(Now Republic Act No. 10866)

4. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 2950 and House Bill No. 5855, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING AND MODERNIZING THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10867)

5. Senate Bill No. 449, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 5780, entitled:

“AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10868)

6. Senate Bill No. 3091, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 6415, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOBSTART PHILIPPINES PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10869)

7. House Bill No. 5417, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PHILIPPINE CREDIT CARD INDUSTRY”

(Now Republic Act No. 10870)

8. Senate Bill No. 3204, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 6204, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING BASIC EDUCATION STUDENTS TO UNDERGO AGE-APPROPRIATE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING”

(Now Republic Act No. 10871)

9. House Bill No. 2817, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CAGASAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - MAGSAYSAY ANNEX IN BARANGAY MAGSAYSAY, MUNICIPALITY OF CORDON, PROVINCE OF ISABELA FROM THE CAGASAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CORDON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10872)

10. House Bill No. 3219, entitled

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - TALIFUGO ANNEX IN BARANGAY TALIFUGO, 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 TALIFUGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10873)

11. House Bill No. 3220, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PIO DA LIM MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES - TANLAGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY TANLAGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF CALANASAN, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE PIO DA LIM MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

TO BE KNOWN AS TANGLAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10874)

12. House Bill No. 4366, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE, CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL TO BE KNOWN AS ANTIPOLO CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10875)

13. House Bill No. 5406, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - AMBATO TINGLAYAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY AMBATO-LEGLEG, MUNICIPALITY OF TINGLAYAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TINGLAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10876)

14. House Bill No. 5446, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GOV. ALFREDO ABUEG SR. NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL - ARIBUNGOS EXTENSION IN BARANGAY ARIBUNGOS, MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM THE GOV. ALFREDO ABUEG SR. NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS INILU.TAHA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10877)

15. House Bill No. 3785, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING DIRECT CREDIT SUPPORT OF THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES, SMALL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3844, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'AGRICULTURAL LAND REFORM CODE', AS AMENDED”

(Now Republic Act No. 10878)

16. House Bill No. 5511, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHWESTERN TAGALOG REGION TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIMAROPA REGION”

(Now Republic Act No. 10879)

17. House Bill No. 3145, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT WITH SEAT AT CALAPAN CITY, ORIENTAL MINDORO IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

(Now Republic Act No. 10880)

18. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 3023 and House Bill No. 6395, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS IN SPECIFIC LAWS GOVERNING ADJUSTMENT COMPANIES, LENDING COMPANIES, FINANCING COMPANIES AND INVESTMENT HOUSES CITED IN THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT NEGATIVE LIST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10881)



## 19. House Bill No. 772, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING SURVIVING CHILDREN OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE MENTALLY INCAPACITATED FROM TERMINATION OF BENEFITS UPON REACHING THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE (21), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 25 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AFP MILITARY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION DECREE OF 1979, AS AMENDED”

(Now Republic Act No. 10882)

## 20. Senate Bill No. 2794, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 4544, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NEW ANTI-CARNAPPING LAW OF THE PHILIPPINES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10883)

## 21. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 2947 and House Bill No. 4116, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BALANCED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992”

(Now Republic Act No. 10884)

## 22. House Bill No. 6313, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE MAKINIG NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND/OR TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10885)

## 23. House Bill No. 6193, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO KALAYAAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INCORPORATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7303, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8105, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE KALAYAAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

(Now Republic Act No. 10886)

## 24. House Bill No. 6168, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BYERS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8107, EXPANDING ITS SCOPE INTO NATIONAL COVERAGE, AND RENEWING ITS TERM FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS”

(Now Republic Act No. 10887)

## 25. House Bill No. 6053, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ZOE BROADCASTING, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7297, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE ZOE BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7968”

(Now Republic Act No. 10888)

## 26. House Bill No. 6038, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE

FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CORONA INTERNATIONAL, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7398”

(Now Republic Act No. 10889)

27. House Bill No. 5571, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE MACTAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. (MECO) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU”

(Now Republic Act No. 10890)

28. House Bill No. 2185, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10891)

29. House Bill No. 5570, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10892)

30. House Bill No. 5583, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE

FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MASBATE COMMUNITY 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10893)

31. House Bill No. 5601, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10894)

32. House Bill No. 5844, entitled:

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

(Now Republic Act No. 10895)

33. House Bill No. 5859, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10896)

34. House Bill No. 6003, entitled:

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

(Now Republic Act No. 10897)

35. House Bill No. 6005, entitled:

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

(Now Republic Act No. 10898)

36. House Bill No. 6011, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10899)

37. House Bill No. 6012, 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' ”

(Now Republic Act No. 10900)

38. House Bill No. 6021, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE PILIPINAS ASIAN PEARL AIRWAYS, INC. A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10901)

39. House Bill No. 6312, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE METRO CONNECTIONS AND TELECOM CORP. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10902)

40. House Bill No. 6314, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE MEGAMA-NILA TELECOM CORP. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10903)

41. House Bill No. 6315, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10904)

42. Senate Bill No. 2239, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 925, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10905)

43. Senate Bill No. 3209, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 5572, 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' ”

(Now Republic Act No. 10906)

44. House Bill No. 5576, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10907)

45. Senate Bill No. 3205, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 4832, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10908)

46. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1618 and House Bill No. 4730, entitled:

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

(Now Republic Act No. 10909)

47. Senate Bill No. 2422, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 4146, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10910)

48. House Bill No. 6418, adopted as an amendment to Senate Bill No. 29, entitled:

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

(Now Republic Act No. 10911)

49. Senate Bill No. 2581, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 6423, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10912)

50. Senate Bill No. 3211, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 4531, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING DISTRACTED DRIVING”

(Now Republic Act No. 10913)

51. House Bill No. 5560, entitled:

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

(Now Republic Act No. 10914)

52. Senate Bill No. 2434, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 6421, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10915)

53. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 2999 and House Bill No. 5911, entitled:

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

(Now Republic Act No. 10916)

54. Senate Bill No. 3090, adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 6414, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10917)

55. House Bill No. 5616, adopted as an amendment to Senate Bill No. 2436, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10918)

56. House Bill No. 6144, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10919)

57. House Bill No. 3222, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10920)

58. House Bill No. 3223, 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”

(Now Republic Act No. 10921)

59. House Bill No. 5452, adopted as an amendment to Senate Bill No. 2779, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL LITERACY WEEK”

(Now Republic Act No. 10922)

TO THE ARCHIVES

#### ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

##### RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 411, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO, SENATOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE TENTH, ELEVENTH, THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH CONGRESSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 411

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 411, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO, SENATOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE TENTH, ELEVENTH, THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH CONGRESSES”; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 4:14 p.m.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:15 p.m.

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

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration of House Bill No. 3408, as contained in Committee Report No. 2 and reported out by the Committee on Appropriations, entitled:

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

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Rep. Salo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) led by Chairperson Alicia Dela Rosa Bala.

#### CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CSC

On motion of Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the CSC.

On further motion of Rep. Savellano, the Chair recognized Rep. Raul V. Del Mar to sponsor said budget.

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

There being no interpellations, on joint motion of Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez on behalf of the Minority, and Rep. Savellano on behalf of the Majority, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the CSC.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 4:18 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:22 p.m.

Thereupon, Rep. Savellano stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CHR**

On motion of Rep. Savellano, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR).

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Thereupon, the session was suspended at 4:23 p.m., upon motion of Minority Leader Suarez.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:27 p.m.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Abellanos, the Chair recognized Rep. Del Mar to sponsor the proposed budget of the CHR, and Minority Leader Suarez to interpellate thereon.

**INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

To Rep. Suarez' question on the CHR's position on extra-judicial killings (EJKs), Rep. Del Mar said that it was not opposed to working against them but was obligated to support the Duterte Administration's anti-crime war. He added that the CHR needs funds to assist victims of human rights violations.

To Rep. Suarez' request for the human rights organization KARAPATAN to give him data on human rights violations in the province of Quezon, Rep. Del Mar gave his commitment to submit it within the week.

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

Thereupon, there being no further interpellations, on joint motion of Reps. Arlene B. Arcillas and Savellano, on the part of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the CHR.

**REMARKS OF REP. DEL MAR**

Rep. Del Mar stated that notwithstanding the approval of their budget, CHR representatives will be available for other questions from the Members.

The Chair took note of the same.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair declared a recess at 4:41 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Savellano.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:46 p.m., with Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel stating that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DBM, AND RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS OF THE 2017 GAB**

On motion of Rep. Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) as well as the resumption of the debate on the General Principles and Provisions of the 2017 GAB.

Thereafter, on further motion of Rep. Pimentel, the Chair recognized Reps. Nograles (K.A.) and France L. Castro for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

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

Rep. Castro asked on the funding source of the collective negotiation agreement (CNA) incentives and on the status of health benefits under the Magna Carta for Teachers. Rep. Nograles (K.A.) said that despite the salary increases for teachers under Executive Order (EO) No. 201 or the Salary Standardization Law 4, the DBM was willing to listen to the suggestions of her colleague and of the Department of Education (DepEd) on the matter of CNA incentives that could only be funded from the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE). He added that he will pursue the provision of medical benefits for teachers.

On motion of Rep. Pimentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ELAGO**

Rep. Elago initially stressed concern about the effective implementation of projects for youth, gender development, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities, to which the Sponsor gave assurance that the Commission on Audit (COA) was monitoring the different agencies' use of funds for the same.

To other concerns of Rep. Elago, the Sponsor clarified that Congress still had the final say on the impoundment of appropriations and could exercise its oversight powers on the use of savings and augmentation that House Bill No. 3408 provided for under certain conditions and instances.

Rep. Elago then asked whether the Intelligence Fund could be directly allocated to specific budget items such as funds for health and education, and the Sponsor said that she was welcome to present amendments thereon. Rep. Nograles (K.A.) then assured her that the DBM Secretary was studying her concern about the release of salaries for additional positions in state universities and colleges (SUCs).

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Rep. Pimentel, Reps. Edcel C. Lagman and Nograles (K.A.) discussed the components, fund sources, interest payments, and borrowings regarding debt service in the proposed 2017 budget. They also analyzed how President Duterte's disregard of Standard and Poor's comments on his anti-drug campaign, could affect the country's economy and credit rating.

Rep. Lagman thereafter said that he will ask questions on the comprehensive tax reform package

submitted by the Department of Finance (DOF) to the Committee on Ways and Means, at another time and venue.

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

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. DE JESUS**

Rep. De Jesus said that she was interested in the sustainable and long-term employment opportunities that the proposed budget could offer inside and not outside of the country. In response, Rep. Nograles (K.A.) enumerated the different programs of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED). He also gave facts and figures on major local industries and the labor distribution therein.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Nograles (K.A.), the Chair suspended the session at 5:54 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:57 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. DE JESUS  
(Continuation)**

Subsequently, Rep. De Jesus expressed hope that the budget will ensure enough funds for more decent and permanent jobs especially for women.

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

**INTERPELLATION OF  
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Reps. Suarez and Nograles (K.A.) examined mechanisms in case of a shortfall in target revenues due to corruption in collection agencies. The latter relayed the DBM Secretary's assurance that his concern will be brought to the attention of the DOF and the Development Budget Coordinating Committee (DBCC); and stressed that President Duterte's crusade was to fight crime and corruption.

Rep. Suarez then asked whether the DBM will always yield to the COA on what expenditures are doable and not doable, to which Rep. Nograles replied that it will always follow the provisions of the law.



**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DBM AND THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS**

There being no other interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Pimentel on behalf of 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 DBM and on the General Principles and Provisions of the 2017 GAB.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Elago.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Herrera-Dy, the Chair suspended the session at 6:17 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:40 p.m.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Rep. Herrera-Dy acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Philippine National Police (PNP) headed by Secretary Ismael Sueno and Director General Ronald Dela Rosa, respectively.

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

On motion of Rep. Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the DILG and its attached agencies.

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Herrera-Dy, the Chair recognized Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma to sponsor the same and Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. to interpellate thereon.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA**

Reps. Atienza and Cuaresma examined the congestion, inhumane facilities, and inefficient distribution of prisoners in various jails in Metro Manila of the Manila, Quezon City, and Bicutan Jails

and agreed that the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) needed more funds to improve them and the donation of lots on which to construct new facilities.

Rep. Atienza proposed the following: (1) a measure granting amnesty under certain circumstances such as when a prisoner had committed only a minor offense, no case had yet been filed against him, or he had no legal counsel; and (2) the separation of convicts guilty of drug-related crimes, from other prisoners. Rep. Cuaresma took note of the suggestions and promised to submit updates on the aforesaid jails and on the cases of all prisoners.

The Members’ discussion next centered on the fire-fighting capacity of Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) stations all over the country. As he acknowledged the lack of support for government firemen and the civic-minded volunteer firemen, Rep. Atienza suggested the decentralization of the bureau’s functions. His colleague said that the distribution of fire trucks to LGUs will be funded in the 2017 budget while he stressed that he will propose an increase in the budget of the BFP.

Rep. Atienza then stressed that under the law, the PNP should be under the DILG’s direct control and supervision. After Rep. Cuaresma affirmed this and agreed that this was required for the anti-drug war to succeed, he said that the Minority will continue to support what was right and oppose what was wrong in the current administration.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 7:39 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Herrera-Dy.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 7:40 p.m.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Herrera-Dy, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

To Rep. Suarez’ queries, Rep. Cuaresma said that the DILG will consider his proposal to include allocations for the benefits and incentives of barangay officials in the 2018 budget; the DILG was working

with a database of the status of prisoners' cases; the PNP was prepared for urban and rural warfare; the proposed budget has an allocation for arms and equipment for PNP personnel; and the Department will take note of his colleague's request for the PNP to closely monitor cockfighting activities.

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

There being no other interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Herrera-Dy, representing the Minority and the Majority respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DILG and its attached agencies.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until 10 o'clock in the morning of Friday, September 30, 2016.

It was 7:56 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on October 3, 2016.

Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Philippines

## MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

Date: September 29, 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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