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CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 a.m., Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia 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 followed by an invocation led by Representative Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D.

PRAYER FOR FORMER REP. REYES

At this point, the Chair requested the Body to observe a moment of silence in memory of former Rep. Vicky Reyes of the Third District of Batangas who passed away on September 30, 2016.

DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On successive motions of Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and approval of the Journal of the previous session.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Primicias-Agabas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials of the Department of Science and Technology headed by Secretary Fortunato T. Dela Peña; as well as guests of Deputy Speaker Garcia (G.).

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, the Chair suspended the session at 10:05 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:05 a.m.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, 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 Communications, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 3769, entitled:

“AN ACT EMPOWERING NON-REGULAR WORKERS, ELIMINATING ABUSIVE CONTRACTUALIZATION PRACTICES AND PENALIZING EMPLOYERS AND CONTRACTORS WHO COMMIT SUCH ABUSES, BY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE BOOK THREE, TITLE TWO AND BOOK SIX, TITLE 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3770, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE MAMPLASAN – GANADO – MACABLING PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE CITIES OF SANTA ROSA AND BINAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF”

By Representatives Arcillas and Alonte-Naguiat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3771, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RINCONADA BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7158 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE RINCONADA BROADCASTING CORPORATION A

FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 3772, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TAGPANGI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TUBURAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY TUBURAN, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, FROM THE TAGPANGI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TUBURAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (R.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3773, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TAGLIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BESIGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY BESIGAN, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, FROM THE TAGLIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BESIGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (R.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3774, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MAMBUAYA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DANSOLIHON ANNEX IN BARANGAY DANSOLIHON, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, FROM THE MAMBUAYA NATIONAL

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

By Representative Uy (R.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3775, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MAMBUAYA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BAYANGA ANNEX IN BARANGAY BAYANGA, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, FROM THE MAMBUAYA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BAYANGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (R.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3776, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF DRUG EDUCATION IN THE K TO 12 CURRICULUM”

By Representative Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3777, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING INAGAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL- ANNEX IN SITIO TAGBARUNGIS, BARANGAY INAGAWAN-SUB, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY FROM THE INAGAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TAGBARUNGIS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3778, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE IRAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ANNEX IN SITIO BUCANA, BARANGAY MATAHIK, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY FROM THE IRAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BUCANA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3779, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE NAPSAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ANNEX IN BARANGAY SIMPUCAN, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY FROM THE NAPSAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SIMPUCAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3780, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND WORKERS DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3781, entitled:

“AN ACT RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 3782, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUTIG IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF LANA DEL SUR TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARIRA IN MAGUINDANAO, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Papandayan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3783, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION TWENTYEIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 3784, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 51(b) PARAGRAPH 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT 6975, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 8551”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3785, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS AS BENEFICIARIES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (SEF), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 7160 OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3786, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE RAPID NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY BIMPAL, MUNICIPALITY OF LAMUT, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO INTO A TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BIMPAL TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Baguilat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3787, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LAWIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY PANOPDOPAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LAMUT, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO FROM THE LAWIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PANOPDOPAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Baguilat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3788, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8187, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PATERNITY LEAVE ACT OF 1996' ”

By Representative Baguilat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3789, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO FREE EXPRESSION, TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 880 OR THE 'PUBLIC ASSEMBLY ACT OF 1985' ”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 3790, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997 INCREASING THE INVESTMENT FOR HOUSING PURPOSES AND SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM LOANS FROM THE INVESTMENT RESERVE FUNDS OF THE SYSTEM”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3791, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING PERIMETER FENCING, SECURING, AND ACQUIRING AREA OF PROPERTY OCCUPIED BY INFORMAL SETTLERS AFTER A FIRE UNTIL CASE IS PENDING IN COURT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3792, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AND DEFINING THE CRIME OF DISTRIBUTING 'BOTCHA,' 'DOUBLE-DEAD MEAT,' OR ANY MEAT TAKEN FROM ANY FOOD ANIMAL THAT HAS DIED OF DISEASE, AS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9296, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE MEAT INSPECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3793, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC BY REDUCING BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE, PREVENTING GRAFT AND CORRUPTION, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2016' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3794, entitled:

“AN ACT REVISING THE SCHEDULED RATES OF ESTATE TAX COMPUTATION AND INCREAS-ING THE ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS THEREON AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 84, 86, 89 AND 97 OF TITLE III, CHAPTER I, ESTATE TAX OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Ocampo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3795, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ASSISTANCE TO FRESH GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT”

By Representative Tupas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3796, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH, PROMULGATING A POLICY TOWARDS THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH ENHANCEMENT OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHILIPPINE MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL”

By Representative Baguilat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3797, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING ALL THE PROVINCIAL AND SUB-PROVINCIAL JAILS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263”

By Representative Baguilat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3798, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL BIOSAFETY FRAMEWORK AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON BISOSAFETY OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS

THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3799, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3800, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING A FIXED TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS WITHOUT REAPPOINTMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3801, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS AT GROCERY STORES, CONVENIENCE STORES, DRUG STORES, DELICATESSENS OR SIMILAR MARKETPLACE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 3802, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING WORKERS' RIGHT TO SECURITY OF TENURE BY EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF PROHIBITED LABOR-ONLY CONTRACTING,

AMENDING THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3803, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE FARMERS BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 74 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3844, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO ORDAIN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND REFORM CODE AND TO INSTITUTE LAND REFORMS IN THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING THE ABOLITION OF TENANCY AND THE CHANNELING OF CAPITAL INTO INDUSTRY, PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES, APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representatives Caminero and Villarin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3804, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS (LDCs) BY THREE FOLDING ITS REPRESENTATION, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3805, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TRAINING AND LEARNING CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, PRESERVING THE CULTURE AND LANGUAGE OF THE 'ESKAYA' AND PROVIDING THEM

LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES,
THROUGH EDUCATION, SEMINARS
AND LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR LAN-
GUAGE AND CULTURAL PRESERVA-
TION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIG-
ENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 3806, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHA-
BILITATION CENTER IN THE ISLAND
MUNICIPALITY OF PRES. C.P. GARCIA
IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF BOHOL
AND IN EVERY PROVINCE IN THE
COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

House Bill No. 3807, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION
ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) OF-
FICE IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF BACO-
LOD CITY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OC-
CIDENTAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PUR-
POSES”

By Representative Gasataya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3808, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC) OF-
FICE IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gasataya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3809, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND INTEN-
SIFY THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLE-
GAL DRUG TRAFFICKING, AMENDING
FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 3, 4, 5, 6,
8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 29, 33, 78, 84 AND
92 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9165, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE
DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002' ”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 394, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXER DON-
NIE 'AHAS' NIETES FOR OUTPOINTING
MEXICAN FIGHTER IN FLYWEIGHT DI-
VISION AT THE STUBHUB CENTER IN
CARSON, CALIFORNIA LAST SEPTEM-
BER 24, 2016”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND
AMUSEMENTS

House Resolution No. 395, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
WOMEN BASKETBALL TEAM PERLAS
NG PILIPINAS FOR CLINCHING GOLD
MEDAL IN 2016 SEABA WOMEN'S
CHAMPIONSHIP AT BUKIT SERENDIT
INDOOR STADIUM IN MALACCA, MA-
LAYSIA LAST SEPTEMBER 24, 2016”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 396, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMIT-
TEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF

LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 20 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022"

By Representative Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 397, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PERLAS PILIPINAS WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 2016 SOUTHEAST ASIAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP (SEABA) FOR WOMEN HELD IN MALACCA CITY, MALAYSIA FROM SEPTEMBER 20-26, 2016"

By Representative Roa-Puno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 398, entitled:

"RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) TO PRINT AND PUT INTO CIRCULATION MONETARY BILLS OF VARIOUS SIZES TO PROVIDE ALL CONSUMERS WITH AN EASIER WAY TO DISTINGUISH AMONG THESE SAID BILLS"

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Resolution No. 399, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JESLYN DAVID SANTOS FOR WINNING THE MISS UNITED CONTINENTS 2016 CROWN AT THE PALACIO DE CRISTAL IN GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR LAST SEPTEMBER 24, 2016"

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 400, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION ON THE CHARGES IMPOSED BY MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDERS ON MOBILE INTERNET USE"

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 401, entitled:

"RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS TO FURNISH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH A COPY OF ITS REPORT ON THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANDATORY CREDIT ALLOCATION OF BANK LENDING INSTITUTIONS PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10000, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AGRI-AGRA REFORM CREDIT ACT OF 2009"

By Representative Ocampo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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

Rep. Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D. for House Bills No. 534, 2775, 3412 and 3413;

Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bill No. 2906;

Rep. Delphine Gan Lee for House Bills No. 2906 and 3509;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 516, 3692, 3693, 3694 and 3698;

Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda for House Bill No. 1859;

Reps. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III, Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba and Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas for House Bills No. 533, 534, 535, 2774, 2775 and 2926;

Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada for House Resolution No. 393;

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama for House Bill No. 3320;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bill No. 3472;

Rep. Melecio J. Yap Jr. for House Bill No. 516;

Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar for House Bills No. 516, 1378, 1836, 2263 and 2265;

Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda for House Bills No. 3457, 3458 and 3459;

Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for House Bill No. 516 and House Resolution No. 393;

Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III for House Bills No. 51 and 3319 and House Resolution No. 376;

Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III for House Bills No. 3350, 3351, 3353 and 3493;

Rep. Munir M. Arbison for House Resolution No. 241;

Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega for House Bills No. 1859, 3458 and 3459 and House Resolution No. 393;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bill No. 3577 and House Resolutions No. 345 and 376;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bill No. 3533;

Reps. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Sabiniano S. Canama, Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy, Rico B. Geron, Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Jorge T. Almonte, Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga, Aurora Enerio Cerilles, Ana Cristina Siquian Go, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Joseph Stephen S. Paduano, Leo Rafael M. Cueva, Nancy A. Catamco, Rogelio Neil P. Roque, Manuel F. Zubiri, Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III, and Francisco Jose F. Matugas II for House Bill No. 401;

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bills No. 533, 534, 535, 2774, 2775 and 2926;

Rep. Greg G. Gasataya for House Bills No. 533, 534, 535, 2774 and 2775;

Reps. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III, Francis Gerald A. Abaya and Winston "Winnie" Castelo for House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 83, 1608, 1859, 3419 and 3420;

Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bill No. 1859;

Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu for House Bills No. 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 1159, 1161, 1165 and 1166;

Reps. Cesar V. Sarmiento and Florida "Rida" P. Robes for House Bill No. 82;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bills No. 516, 1859, 3457, 3458 and 3459;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bill No. 2798 and House Resolution No. 393;

Reps. Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera, Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento and Sabiniano S. Canama for House Bills No. 262, 264 and 2430;

Rep. Arlene B. Arcillas for House Bill No. 3761;

Reps. Rodrigo A. Abellanosa, Pedro B. Acharon Jr., Ansaruddin A.M. A. Adiong, Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu, Romeo M. Acop, Julieta R. Cortuna, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Arcadio H. Gorriceta, Evelina G. Escudero, Ben P. Evardone, Oscar "Richard" S. Garin Jr., Lucy T. Gomez, Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr., Jorge T. Almonte, Isagani S. Amatong, Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro, Wilfredo S. Caminero, Jose L. Atienza Jr., Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas, Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano, Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr., Jesulito A. Manalo, Henry S. Oaminal, Rene L. Relampagos, Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Jesus Nonato Sacdalan, Evelyn P. Mellana, Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo, Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr., Rogelio Neil P. Roque, Benhur L. Salimbangon, Josephine Ramirez-Sato, Delphine Gan Lee, Sitti Djalia A. Turabin-Hataman, Maria Carmen S. Zamora, Arthur R. Defensor Jr., Eric L. Olivarez, Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada, Juliette T. Uy, Arthur C. Yap, Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba, Sharon S. Garin, Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr., Jerry P. Treñas, Divina Grace C. Yu, Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Ann K. Hofer, Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho, Edgar R. Erice, Alejandro Y. Mirasol, Leopoldo N. Bataoil and Antonio L. Tinio for House Bill No. 31; and

Reps. Deogracias B. Ramos Jr. and Winston "Winnie" Castelo for House Bill No. 32.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated July 12, 2016 of Marsia A. Ruero, State Auditor IV, Audit Team Leader, transmitting a copy of the Annual Audit Report for CY 2015 on the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA), Pili, Camarines Sur.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 12, 2016 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, transmitting copies of the Cy 2015 Annual Audit Reports and Management Letter on the following government agencies:

A. Annual Audit Report:

1. Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC);
2. Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF);
3. National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS);
4. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA);
5. National Water Resources Board (NWRB);
6. Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC);
7. Board of Investments (BOI);
8. Philippine Trade Training Center (PTTC);
9. Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL); and
10. Design Center of the Philippines (DCP).

B. Management Letters:

1. Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PHILFIDA); and
2. Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines (CIAP).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 15, 2016 of Lourdes T. Pedros, State Auditor V, Audit Team Leader, Commission on Audit, transmitting a copy of the Annual Audit Report for CY 2015 on the Negros Oriental State

University (NORSU), Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 22, 2016 of Elena B. Tabayag, State Auditor IV, Audit Team Leader, Commission on Audit, transmitting a copy of the 2015 Annual Audit Report on the Partido State University (PSU), Goa, Camarines Sur.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 25, 2016 of Maria Gleda E. Lim, State Auditor, Supervising Auditor, Regional Office No. VI, Commission on Audit, transmitting a copy of the Annual Audit Report on the Barbaza Water District, Barbaza, Antique for the years ended December 31, 2010 to 2013.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 26, 2016 of Alicia M. Malquisto, Regional Director, Regional Office No. VII, Commission on Audit, transmitting copies of the CY 2015 Annual Audit Reports on the State Universities and Colleges of Region VII, to wit:

1. Cebu Normal University (CNU);
2. Cebu Technological University (CTU);
3. Bohol Island State University (BISU); and
4. Siquijor State College (SSC).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 29, 2016 of Emmanuel F. Dooc, Insurance Commissioner, Insurance Commission, submitting a copy of the Report on the Examination of the Government Service Insurance System for the year ending December 31, 2014.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated August 15, 2016 of Roland A. Rey, Regional Director, Regional Office No. V, Commission on Audit, transmitting copies of the Annual Audit Reports (AARs) on the accounts and operations on the following water districts in Region V:

1. San Andres Water District, San Andres, Catanduanes (CY 2015);
2. Bulan Water District, Bulan, Sorsogon (CY 2014);

3. Casiguran Water District, Casiguran, Sorsogon (CY 2014);
4. Irosin Water District, Irosin, Sorsogon (CY 2014);
5. Ligao City Water District, Ligao City (CY 2014);
6. Sorsogon City Water District, Sorsogon City, Sorsogon (CY 2014);
7. Donsol Water District, Donsol, Sorsogon (CYs 2013-2014); and
8. Matnog Water District, Matnog, Sorsogon (CYs 2013-2014).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated September 2, 2016 of Mariano R. Alquiza, CESO III, Regional Director, Region XI, Department of Public Works and Highways submitting their monthly progress status reports of projects for the month of August 2016 implemented by their office.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated September 8, 2016 of Atty. Felix S. Alicer, Regional Director, Regional XI, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), furnishing a copy of DENR-XI Programs, Activities and Projects within respective administrative districts and accomplishments from January to August 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Letter dated September 28, 2016 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, transmitting a copy of the 2015 Annual Financial Report for the Local Government.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 29

As copies of Journal No. 29, dated September 29, 2016 had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading thereof and subsequently approved said Journal.

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

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, 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.”

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 10:15 a.m. upon motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:21 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOST AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES

After informing the Members that House Bill No. 3408 or the 2017 General Appropriations Bill (GAB) was in the period of sponsorship and debate, Rep. Primicias-Agabas moved that the Body consider the proposed budgets of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and its attached agencies. There being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos for his sponsorship remarks.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. JALOSJOS

Rep. Jalosjos endorsed the 2017 budget of the Department of Science and Technology, including its attached agencies and regional offices, which was tasked to lead and coordinate all science and technology (S & T) efforts in the country. He stated that the proposed budget of ₱20.803 billion will enable DOST to aggressively implement the programs for 2017; and that 34 percent thereof was allocated for science and

technology education projects, including infrastructure development, in compliance with the K-to-12 program.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Through initial questioning, Rep. Suarez was able to show that the DOST budget was less than one percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and thus recommended that more funds be allocated to it for 2018.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Jalosjos, the Chair suspended the session at 10:25 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:26 a.m.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

(Continuation)

Rep. Suarez then asked on the Philippine Science High School's assistance for the Quezon Provincial Science High School; the DOST regional office's transfer to another location because it was already within the vicinity of the University of the Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB); the DOST's role in the anti-*colisap* program; and the science programs for Region IV.

Rep. Jalosjos replied that the aforementioned schools could coordinate in teacher training, curriculum development, and infrastructure planning. He added that the DOST will strengthen its regional and provincial offices because it was hard to re-locate offices; and that it was working with the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) for research and development (R&D) ventures on coconut pests in general and on mass rearing of parasitoids in Quezon Province in particular.

Reps. Suarez and Jalosjos subsequently delved on the weather tracking capabilities of the DOST, with the latter assuring the former of the early forecast of weather disturbances by 2018.

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

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Primicias-Agabas, 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 budgets of the DOST and its attached agencies.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 10:43 a.m., upon motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:51 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr. acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials of the Department of Trade and Industry and its attached agencies/corporations.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DTI AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS

On motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and its attached agencies/corporations.

Thereafter, on further motion of Rep. Lopez, the Chair recognized Reps. Joey Sarte Salceda and Jose L. Atienza Jr., to sponsor the measure and to interpellate thereon, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA

Reps. Atienza and Salceda initially discussed the sufficiency of the DTI's budget, with the Sponsor remarking that the agency could do with more funds.

Thereupon, the two Members discussed the economic and political impact of what Rep. Atienza considered as the antagonistic foreign policy of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 10:57 a.m., upon motion of Rep. Salceda.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:58 a.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA

(Continuation)

As regards the President's position on the Philippine and United States Governments' joint military exercises and the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA), Rep. Salceda said that the former was being studied and the latter was a treaty that will not be unilaterally terminated. He relayed the DTI Secretary's position that what externally seemed to be a negative foreign policy was actually an attempt to establish economical and geo-political equidistance with other trading partners and to assert sovereignty.

Rep. Atienza suggested that the DTI Secretary speak to the President about the economic realities such as the decline of the peso and withdrawal of investments as he stressed that trade and commerce go hand in hand with stability and security. Rep. Salceda pointed out the new government was still adjusting, but that it expected substantial investments from its new trading partners like China.

Reps. Salceda and Atienza next examined the nature and mandate of the Consumer Protection Bureau of the DTI as the latter opined that the office with the third biggest allocation in the DTI budget was not that effective. The Sponsor adopted his colleague's suggestion of deputizing local government units (LGUs) in monitoring and regulating consumer goods and services, and further took note of his views.

The Members subsequently shifted to local business promotion brought about by the consumption of goods and services by the public, most especially the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their families, and the operation of small businesses. They discussed the DTI's programs in this regard, namely, OFW "help desks"; shared service facilities; "One Town, One Product" (OTOP) centers; capital lending; business training; and business registration assistance.

In conclusion, Rep. Salceda assured his colleague of substantial changes in the DTI due to the new Secretary's background in small and medium enterprises.

MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER ANDAYA

Whereupon, Rep. Rolanda G. Andaya Jr. sought recognition from the Chair.

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

On motion of Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration of the proposed budgets of the DTI and its attached agencies/corporations.

ROLL CALL

On further motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Roll Call.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abad
Abaya
Abayon
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Advincula
Aggabao
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Aragones
Arcillas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz

Billones	Go (A.C.)
Bolilia	Go (M.)
Bondoc	Gomez
Bordado	Gonzaga
Bravo (A.)	Gonzales (A.P.)
Brosas	Gonzales (A.D.)
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzalez
Cagas	Gorriceta
Calderon	Gullas
Calixto-Rubiano	Hernandez
Caminero	Herrera-Dy
Campos	Hofer
Canama	Jalosjos
Cari	Kho
Casilao	Labadlabad
Castro (F.L.)	Lacson
Castro (F.H.)	Lagman
Cayetano	Lanete
Cerilles	Laogan
Chavez	Lazatin
Chipeco	Limkaichong
Co	Lopez (B.)
Cojuangco	Loyola
Cortes	Maceda
Cortuna	Madrona
Crisologo	Malapitan
Cuaresma	Manalo
Dalipe	Mangaoang
Daza	Martinez
De Venecia	Matugas
De Vera	Mercado
Defensor	Montoro
Del Mar	Nava
Deloso-Montalla	Nieto
Dimaporo (A.)	Noel
Enverga	Nograles (J.J.)
Eriguel	Nograles (K.A.)
Ermita-Buhain	Nolasco
Escudero	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Espina	Oaminal
Espino	Olivarez
Estrella	Ong (E.)
Evardone	Ong (H.)
Fariñas	Ortega (P.)
Ferrer (L.)	Ortega (V.N.)
Ferriol-Pascual	Pacquiao
Floirendo	Paduano
Fortun	Palma
Fortuno	Pancho
Fuentebella	Panganiban
Garbin	Papandayan
Garcia (G.)	Pichay
Garcia (J.E.)	Pineda
Garcia-Albano	Plaza
Garin (S.)	Primicias-Agabas
Gasataya	Quimbo

Radaza
 Ramirez-Sato
 Ramos
 Relampagos
 Revilla
 Rodriguez (I.)
 Roman
 Romero
 Romualdo
 Roque (H.)
 Sacdalan
 Salceda
 Salo
 Salon
 Sambar
 Santos-Recto
 Sarmiento (C.)
 Sarmiento (E.M.)
 Savellano
 Sema
 Singson
 Suansing (E.)
 Suansing (H.)
 Suarez
 Sy-Alvarado
 Tan (A.)
 Tan (M.)
 Tejada
 Ting
 Tinio
 Tolentino
 Tugna
 Tupas
 Ty
 Unabia
 Ungab
 Unico
 Uy (J.)
 Uy (R.)
 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velarde
 Velasco
 Velasco-Catera
 Veloso
 Villafuerte
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Villarin
 Violago
 Yap (M.)
 Yu
 Zubiri

With 196 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DTI AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS

On successive motions of Rep. Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration of the proposed budgets of the DTI and its attached agencies/corporations; and the Chair recognized Rep. Salceda to continue sponsorship of the same and Rep. Edcel C. Lagman to interpellate thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN

About the Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) that will develop the Philippines into a regional automotive manufacturing hub, Rep. Lagman argued that the exorbitant increase in the excise taxes of automobiles might affect automobile sales. He urged the DTI, with the help of the Department of Finance (DOF), to study the deep impact of such tax increase to the automobile industry and consuming public.

Rep. Lagman then inquired about the effects on the country's foreign investment and traditional allies and economic partners of President Duterte's recent provocative statements. To Rep. Salceda's statement that the government was making structural adjustments to create more equidistant relations with other economic powers in the world and recently received foreign investments, he asked whether the latter were actual inflows.

After Rep. Lagman cited his interpretation of the term "equidistant", Rep. Salceda committed to submit data on current inflows once this was released by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

Rep. Lagman thereafter cited the concern of the European and American Chambers of Commerce over the President's behavior and policies and on the deaths resulting from his anti-drug campaign. Rep. Salceda replied that the DTI was not reducing incentives to investments and would be expanding its trade attachés; the Executive was privy to the inputs of his economic managers; and the European Union (EU) and American Chamber of Commerce supported the proposed comprehensive tax reform package and the new industries in the country. However, Rep. Lagman opined that the President's outrageous utterances will result in the increase of disincentives.

Thereupon, Rep. Lagman asked what the DTI was doing about the country's fall in global competitiveness ranking and attainment of the Duterte Administration's 10-point economic agenda.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Salceda, the Chair suspended the session at 12:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 12:29 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN (Continuation)

Rep. Salceda cited the sectors where the country's competitiveness figures dropped as well as went up and then said that the matter was being addressed through rapid increase in infrastructure and improving government efficiency. He enumerated the establishment of *negosyo* centers, "Project Repeal", OTOP, training programs, and shared service facilities to assist businessmen; as well as the Investments Promotion Priorities Plan to encourage investments especially in least developed regions.

Rep. Lagman's next inquiry dealt on the number of convictions for violations of the Truth in Advertising Act.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Salceda, the Chair suspended the session at 12:41 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 12:41 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN (Continuation)

In reply to Rep. Lagman's query, Rep. Salceda said that there were no prosecutions nor convictions during the last five years. He confirmed that if self-regulation under the Philippine Association of National Advertisers (PANA) was inadequate, the DTI and other agencies can prosecute violations of the law.

On motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), the Chair recognized Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DTI AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS

There being no other interpellations, on joint motion of Rep. Roque (H.) on behalf of the Minority and Rep. Lopez (B.) on behalf of the Majority, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DTI and its attached agencies and corporations.

MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER ANDAYA

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), Rep. Andaya stated that President Duterte signed an executive order (EO) over the weekend granting additional combat pay to policemen and soldiers. He asked whether the 2017 budget already included funds for the same or had to be adjusted to accommodate the EO.

The Chair took note of Rep. Andaya's manifestation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), the Chair suspended the session until two o'clock that afternoon.

It was 12:45 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:08 p.m., the session was resumed with Rep. Bondoc presiding.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials of the Presidential Communications Operations Office.

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

On motion of Rep. Belaro, 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.”

Rep. Belaro stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

On Rep. Belaro’s successive motions, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) and its attached agencies/corporation; and the Chair recognized Rep. Eric L. Olivarez to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. OLIVAREZ

Rep. Olivarez mentioned the distribution of the ₱1.255 billion-budget of the PCOO for 2017 among its agencies and corporation, which he said was only 0.78 percent higher than its 2016 allocation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 2:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:12 p.m., the session resumed.

Rep. Belaro thereupon moved for the recognition of Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 2:13 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:13 p.m., the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo presiding.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

To the initial queries of the Minority Leader, the Sponsor clarified that the PCOO was the successor of the former Presidential Office of the Spokesperson. He further clarified that Radyo ng Bayan and Channels 9 and 13 were all under the PCOO and allowed to accept commercials but only the radio station received an allocation from it.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Quimbo relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Garcia (G.).

The two Members then discussed the publications of the Bureau of Communications Services and National Printing Office (NPO), with the Sponsor saying that a proposal to increase their budgets had already been submitted to the Committee on Appropriations; and delved on the immediate need for funds of the aforesaid radio station and television stations because of poor income generation.

Then taking note of the very meager budget to enhance the President’s public image, Rep. Suarez stressed that the PCOO should raise the same.

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

There being no other interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez on behalf of the Minority and Rep. Belaro on behalf of the Majority, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the PCOO and its attached agencies/corporation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Belaro, the Chair suspended the session at 2:29 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 2:29 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Belaro, the Chair suspended the session at 2:31 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 2:31 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PCA

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA).

Likewise, on Rep. Bondoc's motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Sambar to sponsor the same.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. SAMBAR

Rep. Sambar greeted his colleagues and the guests from the different agencies and stated that he was ready to answer questions on said agency.

REMARKS OF REP. BONDOC

Rep. Bondoc stated the parliamentary status was the Body was discussing the proposed budget of the PCA.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Bondoc acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of PCA Administrator Mr. Glen Santos.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, the Chair suspended the session to allow the Minority to speak with the PCA Administrator.

It was 2:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 2:38 p.m.

Rep. Bondoc stated the parliamentary status was that the Body was considering the proposed budget of the PCA; and thereafter, on his motion, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Reps. Suarez and Sambar discussed the following matters: 1) the problem on *cocolisap* pests and funds for the same; 2) new and ongoing research on the use of coconuts and production of hybrid coconut plants and their allocated budgets; and 3) the fund-earning

activities of the PCA. The Sponsor assured the Minority Leader that he would be furnished a copy of the report showing the PCA's compliance with laws on the cutting of, selling, and re-planting of coconut trees.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PCA

There being no other interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Primicias-Agabas, 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 PCA.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 2:52 p.m. on motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 2:53 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Primicias-Agabas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of Ms. Elizabeth Ramiro, Finance and Administrative Chief of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority and her staff.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE FPA

On successive motions of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA); and the Chair recognized Rep. Sambar to sponsor the same and Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for a manifestation.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE FPA

There being no interpellations, on joint motion of Reps. Garbin and Primicias-Agabas 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 FPA.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 2:55 p.m. on motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 2:56 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NFA

On motion of Rep. Vincent “Bingbong” P. Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the National Food Authority (NFA).

On further motion of Rep. Crisologo, the Chair recognized Rep. Sambar to sponsor the same.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. SAMBAR

Rep. Sambar said that he was ready to answer questions on the proposed 2017 budget of the NFA.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Crisologo, the Chair suspended the session at 2:57 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 2:57 p.m.

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Rep. Crisologo, the Chair recognized Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NFA

In the absence of interpellations, on joint motion of Reps. Del Rosario and Crisologo, 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 NFA.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, the Chair suspended the session at 2:59 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:04 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NIA

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA).

On further motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, the Chair recognized Rep. Sambar to sponsor the measure and Minority Leader Suarez to interpellate thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Rep. Suarez’ first question was regarding the hydro-electric plant project of the Department of Energy (DOE) and NIA in General Nakar, Quezon. The Sponsor responded that water from the Agos River will go through the turbines and then to the irrigation system; and that the NIA will ensure that the irrigable area will remain constant before and after the construction of the project.

Reps. Suarez and Sambar then discussed the sourcing of most of the coco fiber used for the Coconut Slope Protection Program from Quezon Province and the maximized use of the program’s funds. The Sponsor took note of his colleague’s request for status reports on restored and newly-constructed dams.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NIA

Subsequently, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez representing the Minority and Rep. Primicias-Agabas representing the Majority, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the NIA.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Rep. Primicias-Agabas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Erlpe John “Ping” M. Amante.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, the Chair suspended the session at 3:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:25 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Rep. Primicias-Agabas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 3:25 p.m., upon motion by Rep. Primicias-Agabas.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:19 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez presiding.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials of the Department of Agriculture.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DA AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS

On motion of Rep. Noel, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Agriculture (DA) and its attached agencies and corporations.

On further motion of Rep. Noel, the Chair recognized Reps. Magnolia C. Antonino and Roque (H.) to sponsor the DA budget and to interpellate thereon, respectively.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. ANTONINO

Rep. Antonino stated that she was ready to sponsor the proposed DA budget and respond to questions thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROQUE (H.)

Reps. Roque and Antonino first discussed the rice self-sufficiency program of the country and the need to still import rice, with the former inquiring on the information that there was a shortage of rice in Basilan because smuggled rice had been rotting in the Port of Zamboanga.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:24 p.m., on motion of Rep. Antonino.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:25 p.m.

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

Rep. Antonino clarified that the DA was not aware of the aforesaid situation because it was handled by the Bureau of Customs (BoC) and NFA; and was not involved therein.

They thereafter focused on the 2011-2015 unused appropriations under the Office of the DA Secretary, portions of which were remitted back to the National Treasury from 2011 to 2014; the need to further decrease the DA budget because of underutilization of funds; and the removal of NIA projects from the DA. After the Sponsor said that it was within the collective wisdom of Congress to do so, Rep. Roque said that he will propose amendments because other offices whose budgets had been slashed might deserve more funds given their absorptive rates.

While the Sponsor thereafter affirmed that the Members could not specifically request for additional farm-to-market roads after the budget call, Rep. Roque stressed that the figures belie that every single budget intended for the DA had already been appropriated for the regions. He sought clarification on an amount under operations that was given to the central office, which was equivalent to 10 percent of the budget of the agency.

Rep. Antonino explained that the aforesaid funds were for the Manila-based Project Management Office, the main DA office for production support and project management for regions that do not have rice fields.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Hernandez relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin.

Rep. Roque then enumerated amounts that were also given to the central office, from other DA programs such as national high-value crop program, promotion and development of agriculture, marketing development services, and agricultural training. He said it was hard to believe that the central office was claiming that they were paying for the expenses of the regions despite funds that were already allocated to the same.

Rep. Antonino said that she will submit data thereon even as she explained the purpose of said allocations.

Rep. Roque thereafter asked on the distribution of fertilizers and swine as he recalled past scams in this regard, and on the status of the people involved in the swine scam. Rep. Antonino replied that the DA provided fertilizers to livestock only in techno-demo and model farms; and the DA Secretary wanted justice to take its own course about things that happened in the past administration.

As regards the PAMANA Program, the Sponsor said that the agency requested that it will not implement the same anymore.

On motion of Rep. Francisco F. Matugas II, the Chair recognized Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. CASILAO

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Casilao asked about the DA's policy on genuine land reform in order to ensure rice productivity. He observed the alarming rate of conversion of rice fields into residential or industrial areas.

Rep. Casilao also asked about the following: coordination with the Department of Agrarian Reform to ensure food security; guidelines on credit and financing programs; subsidy for production inputs; and partnership with private companies that develop products using genetically-modified organisms (GMO).

In response, the Sponsor relayed the DA's assurance on the following: a moratorium in conversion of agricultural lands, on its policy on onvergence to ensure the proper use of agricultural lands, on its filing of a bill regarding land use, on its submission of the requested guidelines; on the free provision of inputs especially in rice, corn and other crop-producing fields or areas that have been identified; and the DA's support for biotechnology but not for GMOs. policy formulation on GMO or genetically modified products.

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

INTERPELLATION OF REP. BRAVO (A.M.)

Rep. Bravo initially remarked that the DA was very close to his heart and that he represented different farmers' cooperatives. Citing preferential treatment for art and trade schools under the Department of Education's budgetary provisions of the Department of Education, he then asked whether agricultural cooperatives can also be given preferential treatment in the

DA's special provisions under the expenditure program on agricultural credit and procurement.

Rep. Antonino invited her colleague to propose the pertinent amendments at the proper time and assured him of her support on the matter.

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Ferjanel G. Biron on motion Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales' motion,

INTERPELLATION OF REP. BIRON

Rep. Biron observed that the drastic reduction of the budget of the Sugar Regulatory Administration from the amount mandated by Republic Act (RA) No. 10659 and the imposition of additional taxes on sugar products under the Duterte Administration, will diminish the demand for sugar. Rep. Antonino expressed her support for her colleague and said that he could introduce an amendment to restore the SRA's original budget's that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) slashed; and added that the latter also advised the SRA to coordinate its irrigation project proposals with the NIA to avoid an overlap.

Rep. Biron observed that all scholarship programs were lumped under the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The Sponsor said that the proposal to delineate the scholarship budget for dependents of the sugar industry, as requested by her colleague, was already submitted.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales, the Chair recognized Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento for a manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. SARMIENTO (C.)

On behalf of the abaca industry and farmers in particular, Rep. Sarmiento (C.) appealed for assistance from the present administration so that they could help boost the Philippine economy. He enumerated data on the crisis plaguing the national abaca industry which, he stressed, supplied 85% of global abaca production. Saying that the DA's abaca nursery project in Southern Leyte was a good start, he urged the DA Secretary to address the crisis with speed and urgency by investing in Catanduanes which produced almost 40 percent of local abaca production and approving the funding requested by the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority with specific focus on his province. He said that he had already identified peoples' organizations to be granted community-based forest management agreements in this regard.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Matugas, the Chair suspended the session at 5:37 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:40 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Matugas, the Chair suspended the session anew at 5:41 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:15 p.m.

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

**INTERPELLATION OF
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Rep. Antonino and Minority Leader Suarez discussed DA programs to ensure rice sufficiency and water supply availability. Observing the effects of climate change, they also discussed the planting of crops other than rice; the crafting of a crop calendar as a guide to planting seasons; the Secretary's assurance of achieving rice sufficiency without need of importation and of having a 2018 budget focused on the priorities of the current Administration; the implementation of foreign-funded projects based on the Department's absorptive capacity as decided upon by the previous Administration and as a way to balance the reduced budget; focus on dairy production instead of goat meat production; and aquaculture and other programs that would benefit fisherfolk.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DA AND
ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS**

There being no more interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Matugas on behalf of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DA and its attached agencies and corporations.

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

On motion of Rep. Matugas, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration on Second Reading 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 Accounts

1. Rep. Lorna C. Silverio as Member vice Rep. Evelyn P. Mellana

Committee on Constitutional Amendments

2. Rep. Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro as Vice Chairperson
3. Rep. Edwin C. Ong as Member vice Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil

Committee on Civil Service and
Professional Regulation

(as Members)

1. Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo
2. Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza
3. Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate
4. Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus

Committee on Ecology

(as Members)

1. Rep. Sol Aragones
2. Rep. Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas
3. Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba
4. Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos
5. Rep. Carlo V. Lopez
6. Rep. Imelda R. Marcos
7. Rep. Alfred D. Vargas
8. Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato
9. Rep. Jennifer Austria Barzaga
10. Rep. Enrico A. Pineda

Committee on Economic Affairs

(as Members)

1. Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua vice Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel
2. Rep. Carlo V. Lopez
3. Rep. Frederick W. Siao
4. Rep. Ron P. Salo

Committee on Ethics and Privileges

(as Members)

1. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
2. Rep. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D.
3. Rep. Geraldine B. Roman
4. Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma

Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability

(as Members)

1. Rep. Ferjenel G. Biron
2. Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III
3. Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil
4. Rep. Ron P. Salo

Committee on Government Reorganization

1. Rep. Ron P. Salo as Member

Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization

1. Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez as Vice Chairperson

(as Members)

2. Rep. Magnolia C. Antonino
3. Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang
4. Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega

Committee on Human Rights

(as Members)

1. Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun
2. Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar
3. Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma

Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples

1. Rep. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan as Vice Chairperson
2. Rep. Rogelio "Ruel" D. Pacquiao as Member

Committee on Information and Communications Technology

1. Rep. Erlpe John "Ping" M. Amante as Vice Chairperson

(as Members)

2. Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua

3. Rep. Lucy T. Gomez
4. Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr.
5. Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco
6. Rep. Sol Aragones
7. Rep. Carlo V. Lopez
8. Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr.\
9. Rep. Wes Gatchalian
10. Rep. Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV
11. Rep. Enrico A. Pineda

Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy

1. Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel as Member

Committee on Justice

1. Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma as Member

Committee on Labor and Employment

1. Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo as Member vice Rep. Juliette T. Uy

Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs

(as Members)

1. Rep. Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas
2. Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato
3. Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama
4. Rep. Ron P. Salo
5. Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo
6. Rep. Magnolia C. Antonino

Committee on People's Participation

(as Members)

1. Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba
2. Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan
3. Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate

Committee on Population and Family Relations

(as Members)

1. Rep. Marisol C. Panotes
2. Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba

Committee on Public Information

1. Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr. as Vice Chairperson

Committee on Rural Development

(as Members)

1. Rep. Wilfredo S. Caminero
2. Rep. Fernando V. Gonzalez
3. Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba
4. Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho
5. Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang
6. Rep. Evelina G. Escudero
7. Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta

Committee on Science and Technology

(as Members)

1. Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr.
2. Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos
3. Rep. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo
4. Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar
5. Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma

Committee on Trade and Industry

(as Members)

1. Rep. Ben P. Evardone
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3. Rep. Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas
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5. Rep. Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro
6. Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez
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8. Rep. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI
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10. Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria
11. Rep. Dennis C. Laogan
12. Rep. Michael John R. Duavit
13. Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo

Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare

(as Members)

1. Rep. Amado T. Espino Jr.
2. Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr.

Committee on Women and Gender Equality

1. Rep. Magnolia C. Antonino as Member

Special Committee on Bases Conversion

(as Members)

1. Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez
2. Rep. Magnolia C. Antonino

Special Committee on Bicol Recovery and Economic Development

(as Members)

1. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
2. Rep. Christopher S. Co

Special Committee on Climate Change

1. Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez as Member

Special Committee on Land Use

(as Members)

1. Rep. Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta
2. Rep. Peter John D. Calderon
3. Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr.
4. Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria
5. Rep. Greg G. Gasataya
6. Rep. Enrico A. Pineda

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Noel, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 30 dated September 30, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Noel, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until 10 o'clock in the morning of Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

It was 6:42 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on October 4, 2016

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

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Date: October 03, 2016

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

***** Absent without notice

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