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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

Pursuant to Section 73, Rule XI of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, Rep. Juliette T. Uy led the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Arnel U. Ty, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Barzaga
Bataoil
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)

Belmonte (R.)
Bertiz
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Enverga
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino

Estrella
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Flores
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Leachon
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcos
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mellana
Mending
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Ocampo
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Romualdo
Roque (H.)
Roque (R.)
Sacdalan
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Teves
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Tolentino
Treñas
Tugna
Tupas
Turabin-Hataman

Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Veloso
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 227 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

As copies of the Journal of the previous session had been distributed to the Members, on successive motions of Representative Ty, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of Journal No. 30 of September 27, 2017 and thereafter, approved the same.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On further motion of Representative Ty, 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 Message from the President, Communications, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6476, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING INNOVATION AS VITAL COMPONENT OF THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT POLICIES TO

DRIVE INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 6477, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING BASIC JOURNALISM COURSE AS MANDATORY SUBJECT IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, TO STRENGTHEN THE JOURNALISM SKILLS OF THE YOUTH AS A BASIC TOOL TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AS PART OF DEMOCRACY, AND PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COUNTRY, UNDER TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1338, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY'S RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM BY THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1339, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE INVESTIGATION BY THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

(NTC) ON THE BILLING CHARGE BEING PROMULGATED BY THE VARIOUS TELECOMMUNICATION ENTITIES”

By Representative Lee

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1340, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A BIENNIAL OFW SUMMIT IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO SERVE AS VENUE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF OUR OFWs REGARDING THEIR RIGHTS AND WELFARE”

By Representative Batocabe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 1341, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JIU-JITSU FIGHTERS MARGARITA OCHOA AND ANNIE RAMIREZ FOR WINNING TWO GOLD MEDALS FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE FIFTH EDITION OF THE ASIAN INDOOR AND MARTIAL ARTS GAMES HELD IN ASHGABAT, TURKMENISTAN FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO 27, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1342, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE TEAM WHO WON GOLD MEDALS IN THE NINTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) PARALYMPIC GAMES HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO 23, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1343, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FILIPINO ATHLETES FOR BRINGING PRIDE AND HONOR TO OUR COUNTRY IN 29TH SOUTH-EAST ASIAN GAMES 2017”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1344, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. ARTHUS BUCAY FOR WINNING PHILIPPINES' FIRST MEDAL IN ASEAN PARAGAMES 2017”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1345, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED ATTACKS ON STUDENTS' DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS IN THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

20 September 2017

SPEAKER PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

House Speaker
House of Representatives
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Mr. Speaker,

Pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 26 (2) of the 1987 Constitution, I hereby certify to

the necessity of the immediate enactment of Senate Bill No. 1584, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2017 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in connection with the previously scheduled 2017 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

Copy Furnished:

Sen. Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III
Senate President
The Philippine Senate
Pasay City

Sec. Adelino B. Sitoy
Head
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office
2/F New Executive Bldg.
Malacañang, Manila

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated August 3, 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the 2016 Consolidated Annual Audit Reports (CAARs)/Individual Annual Audit Reports (IAARs)/Management Letter on the following government agencies:

A. Consolidated Annual Audit Reports (CAARs)

1. Department of Agriculture (DA);
2. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR);
3. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); and
4. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

B. Individual Annual Audit Reports (IAARs)

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

C. Management Letters

1. Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines (CIAP);
2. Environmental Management Bureau (EMB);
3. Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB); and
4. Department of Trade and Industry.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2016 Annual Audit Reports on the following water districts:

1. Malungon Water District, Malungon, Sarangani Province;
2. General Santos City Water District, General Santos City;
3. Glan Water District, Glan, Sarangani Province;
4. Maasim Water District, Maasim, Sarangani Province;
5. Sto. Niño Water District, Sto. Niño, South Cotabato;
6. Banga Water District, Banga, South Cotabato;
7. City of Koronadal Water District, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato;
8. Tupi Water District, Tupi, South Cotabato;

9. Polomolok Water District, Polomolok, South Cotabato;
10. Kabacan Water District, Kabacan, Cotabato;
11. Mlang Water District, Mlang, Cotabato;
12. Sultan Kudarat Water District, Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat;
13. Kalamansig Water District, Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat;
14. Pikit Water District, Pikit, Cotabato;
15. Antipas Water District, Antipas, Cotabato;
16. Surallah Water District, Surallah, South Cotabato; and
17. Metro Kidapawan Water District, Kidapawan City.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2016 Annual Audit Reports on the following water districts:

1. Norala Water District, Norala, South Cotabato;
2. Lebak Water District, Lebak, Sultan Kudarat;
3. Metro Midsayap Water District, Midsayap, Cotabato;
4. Pigcawayan Water District, Pigcawayan, Cotabato;
5. Tulunan Water District, Tulunan, Cotabato; and
6. Metro Cotabato Water District, Cotabato City.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 30, 2017 of Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting to the House of Representatives the following documents/reports, to wit:

1. Quarterly Physical Report of Operations as of June 30, 2017;
2. Narrative Highlights of Accomplishments as of 1st Semester 2017;
3. Major Programs/Projects for 2017;
4. Quarter 2 Accomplishment Report FY 2017 for the Assistance to Municipalities – Empowerment Fund;
5. Quarter 2 Accomplishment Report FY 2017 for the Bottom-up Budgeting – Empowerment Fund Status of Trust Fund; and

6. Narrative Accomplishment Report for the 1st Semester FY 2017 of the Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities and Bottom-up Budgeting.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Letter dated 4 September 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the 2016 Consolidated Annual Audit Reports/Individual Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies:

A. Consolidated Annual Audit Reports

1. Department of Education;
2. National Conciliation and Mediation Board;
3. National Labor Relations Commission; and
4. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

B. Individual Annual Audit Reports

1. Philippine Overseas Employment Administration; and
2. Technological University of the Philippines System.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 5 September 2017 of Marilou P. Mendoza, Chairperson, Tariff Commission, providing copies of the 2016 Annual Report of the Tariff Commission.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated September 6, 2017 of Mary D. Bacwaden, Assistant Regional Director, Officer-in-Charge, Cordillera Administrative Region, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the 2016 Annual Audit Reports on the following State Universities and Colleges in the Cordillera Administrative Region:

1. Abra State Institute of Sciences and Technology;
2. Apayao State College;
3. Benguet State University;
4. Ifugao State University;
5. Kalinga State University; and

6. Mountain Province State Polytechnic College.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 22 September 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-053 dated 30 June 2017;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-054 dated 15 September 2017;
3. Memorandum No. M-2017-027 dated 11 September 2017; and
4. Memorandum No. M-2017-028 dated 11 September 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 397), re H.B. No. 1530, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INDICATE THE BLOOD TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES”

recommending its approval in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 2064 and 3157

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Gonzales (A.P.), Alejano and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 398), re: Motu proprio investigation, in aid of legislation, on the alleged smuggling of high grade 'shabu' through the express lane of the Bureau of Customs.

informing the House of its findings and recommendations

Sponsor: Representative Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Dangerous Drugs (Committee Report No. 399), re H.R. No. 1054, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE 6.4 BILLION PESO WORTH OF SHABU SEIZED BY THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS”;

and H.R. No. 1057, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL ENTRY, THROUGH THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS ('BOC') EXPRESS LANE, OF MORE THAN FIVE BILLION PESOS WORTH OF METHAMPHETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE ('SHABU')”

informing the House of its findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Barbers and Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Representative Ty acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Francisco G. Datol Jr., Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Ruby M. Sahali, Jose L. Atienza Jr., and Tom S. Villarín.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

It being a Monday, on motion of Representative Ty, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

On further motion of Representative Ty, the Chair recognized Representative Datol to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DATOL

Representative Datol initially adverted to the celebration of the Elderly Filipino Week in honor of some 10.5 million senior citizens in the country; and recalled the creation of the Senior Citizens Party-List in 2003 and stressed its intention to unify various organizations of senior citizens.

He subsequently discussed a bill that he filed seeking to create the National Senior Citizens Commission in order to monitor the implementation of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7432, as amended by the Expanded Senior Citizens Acts of 2003 and 2010. He pointed out that existing laws do not fully serve and protect the needs of senior citizens and the aforesaid measures seek to address these flaws. He explained that the proposed Commission would get its funds from the one-percent appropriation for senior citizens of the budgets of different government agencies, without need of securing allocations from the national budget.

Thereafter, he enjoined his colleagues to support the measure that would give additional monetary and health benefits as well as incentives and recognition to senior citizens. He also informed the Body of several activities lined up in commemoration of the week dedicated to senior citizens. Finally, he expressed his gratitude to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez and his deputy speakers, Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas, and all his colleagues.

On motion of Representative Ty, the Chair recognized Representative Atienza for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza proposed to change the age requirement for the grant of a ₱100,000-cash gift from 100 to 90 years old, and to increase the senior citizens' discount on airfare to 50 percent. Representative Datol agreed with him that they needed to address the plight of senior citizens, protect their rights, and recognize their value to society.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO

Rep. Ron P. Salo joined Representative Atienza in congratulating Representative Dalog for standing up for the welfare of the country's senior citizens.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE DATOL'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Salo, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Datol, together with the interpellation thereon, to the Committee on Rules.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Salo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TURABIN-HATAMAN

At this point, Rep. Sitti Djalila A. Turabin-Hataman manifested her intent to rise on a question of personal and collective privilege.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour and the Chair recognized Representative Turabin-Hataman on a question of privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE TURABIN-HATAMAN

Representative Turabin-Hataman expressed gratitude for the opportunity to represent the Anak Mindanao (AMIN) Party-List in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses. She informed the Body that she was entrusting the advocacies of her party to their second nominee, the incumbent Rep. Makmod Mending Jr., as well as yielding her position to their third nominee, Ms. Amihilda Sangcopan, in order to resume her community work in Mindanao. She expressed hope that her party-mates will continue to promote their priority measures such as the bill against discrimination on account of ethnicity and religious belief and the Islamic Banking Bill.

Representative Turabin-Hataman stated that her decision was based on the need to be one with her people and break the barrier of a title or position; and on the war in Marawi City and reports that teenagers had joined the rebels therein.

Thereupon, she appealed to the President to hasten the passing of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) which she had coauthored and prayed for courage, strength, and guidance for the House of Representatives as a pillar of democracy.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BAG-AO

On motion of Representative Salo, the Chair then recognized Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao who praised Representative Turabin-Hataman for advancing the

BBL and supporting the LGBT community. She underscored the void that her colleague was leaving behind and expressed support for her other advocacies.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE TURABIN-HATAMAN'S SPEECH

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Salo, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Representative Turabin-Hataman to the Committee on Rules.

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Representative Salo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour; and the Chair recognized Representative Dimaporo (M.K.) for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DIMAPORO (M.K.)

After acknowledging the House leadership's filing of House Bill No. 6475 or the Bangsamoro Transition Commission's version of the BBL, Representative Dimaporo focused on the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) which was not able to adequately present and defend its budget during the budget deliberations in the House. He informed the Body that he had filed a resolution directing the Commission on Audit to provide the Committee on Muslim Affairs with a report on how the NCMF used its savings from 2011 to 2016; and discussed the law that created the Commission as well as the objectives of its seven bureaus.

After expressing disappointment over the unsatisfactory performance of the NCMF and the unprofessionalism of its officials, Representative Dimaporo suggested the re-evaluation of the Commission and possible amendment of the law that created it. He also sought support for a resolution that he filed on the Hajj pilgrimage trust fund which the NCMF had allegedly made money from. Likewise, he appealed for the strengthening of the NCMF as an institution to enable it to faithfully represent Muslim Filipinos.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE DIMAPORO'S (M.K.) PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Salo, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Dimaporo to the Committee on Rules.

The Chair subsequently recognized Representative Villarín for his privilege speech upon Representative Salo's motion.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

Stating that poverty was a complex problem that went beyond economic development and transcended all administrations, Representative Villarín posited that it could be defeated, along with its accompanying problems like malnutrition, drug abuse, and deterioration of family, by reinforcing the social protection system.

Thereupon, he called on the House and the Executive Department to join hands to improve the lives of the poor and change the disturbing trend of poverty. He focused on the Department of Social Welfare and Development's Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Program; and proposed the following in order to strengthen it: (1) make regular adjustments in the Program to account for inflation; (2) improve access to and availability of school and health facilities; (3) tighten coordination among all implementing agencies; and (4) nurture an open environment for all social protection measures such as CCT.

On motion of Representative Salo, the Chair subsequently recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representatives Lagman and Villarín first agreed that the lack of health facilities and equipment especially at the community or barangay level hinders the significance of social protection programs such as the CCT Program and priority should be given to reengineering its design. They discussed the major causes of poverty, namely, a high population growth rate compounded by a low contraceptive prevalence rate and high incidences of teenage pregnancy and maternal morbidity; poor human capacity development; and health disabilities especially in the labor sector. They examined the poverty incidence rate including statistics on self-rated poverty, especially in Mindanao.

Thereupon, Representative Lagman said he would wait for the final form of the proposed Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Act to assess what social protection measure was included in the Senate version. He then asked why the poor has to be burdened with increases in excise

taxes like in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), kerosene and other goods; and then give them unconditional cash transfer benefits under the House version of the proposed TRAIN Act whose implementation could be a bureaucratic nightmare. He also queried if his colleague would agree that the Duterte Administration is not consistent with its policies to address, alleviate or solve the poverty problem because for him there were certain policies which demonizes the poor, like increases in excise taxes that would seriously affect the disadvantaged and the marginalized.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Villarica relinquished the Chair to Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Villarin, including the interpellation thereon, to the Committee on Rules.

Likewise, on motion of Representative Garcia, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

Representative Castro spoke about the commemoration on October 5, 2017 or the International Teachers' Day of the adoption of the Recommendation Concerning the Status of Teachers in 1966, by the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Speaking in Filipino, she said this was a historical document as it contained international standards on living wages and benefits; humanitarian conditions in the workplace; and participation of the teachers in the formulation and implementation of policies and laws affecting the teaching profession.

At this point, Representative Defensor relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Villarica.

Representative Castro thereafter said that after more than one year, the President has failed to honor his promises to give salary increases for the teachers, that contractualization still remains, income tax is still high, the Department of Education's (DepEd) anti-teacher policies continue to work, and the condition of teachers in private schools worsens. She said come October 5, an extensive and national protest to call and fight for the salary increase and other

economic and political demands of education will be facilitated by teachers as it was in this context that they plan to commemorate the National Teachers' Day. She believed that any congratulations are useless without the realization of the government in the essence and direction of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation. She concluded her speech by batting for an increase in the salary of teachers, objecting to new excise taxes and expanded VAT, and appealing to stop the killings of youth and to lift martial law in Mindanao.

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara for her manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VERGARA

Representative Vergara said that while she understood the frustrations of teachers and that the coming commemoration of International Teachers' Day on October 5 will be a forum for them to express their dissatisfaction, she asked her colleague to at least give their support to President Duterte on the hard work that he had been doing for the country. She said the problems beseeching the country were myriad and complex, such as global warming, climate change, war on drugs, extrajudicial killings (EJKs), and it would be counterproductive for the teachers to stage a rally while there are still many sectors that needed more help and attention from the President.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO'S (F.L.) PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Castro's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

On further motion of Representative Garcia, the Chair recognized Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL ROSARIO

Representative Del Rosario adverted to the recent 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (AIMAG) held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan where he was appointed by the Philippine Olympic Committee as *Chef de Mission* and where 6,000 athletes from 62 nations competed in 21 top-level sporting events. He stressed that Team Philippines won two gold, 14 silver, and 14 bronze medals therein, thus enabling it to garner 19th place in the competition.

He thanked Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez, other government officials, and various sponsors who supported Team Philippines; and requested that all the winners and their coaches be invited to the House to be accorded proper recognition.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI

To the initial queries of Representative Zubiri, Representative Del Rosario said that the key to the success of the Philippine delegation to the AIMAG was the members' cooperation, unity, and regard for each other like family members. He also acknowledged the fact that the team secretariat, medical team, and coaches did their jobs very well.

Representative Zubiri thereafter manifested his appreciation for Representative Del Rosario and Team Philippines for their achievements in sports, and said that they are the country's heroes.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair stated that the House of Representatives looks forward to seeing Team Philippines in its halls.

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LOPEZ (M.L.)

Representatives Lopez and Del Rosario discussed the reasons behind the increase in the number of countries that participated in the AIMAG and the success of the Philippine contingent therein.

The former then commended the latter for leading the country's victory and said that the event should serve as a guide in the country's preparations for the 2019 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. Conrado M. Estrella III for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ESTRELLA

Representative Estrella discussed with Representative Del Rosario the issue of bringing sports

down to the grassroots level; preparing for sporting events that the country could excel in light of the country's hosting the 2019 SEA Games; and allowing the public and private sectors to coordinate and help each other in order to achieve these goals. He also commended the Philippine Olympic Committee for recommending Representative Del Rosario as the *chef de mission* of the Philippine delegation to the 2019 SEA Games.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL ROSARIO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Del Rosario's privilege speech and its interpellations to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on further motion of Representative Garcia, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Brosas adverted to the Armed Forces of the Philippines' (AFP) recent air bombings in Mt. Banoi in Batangas which resulted in the suspension of classes and death of three persons including a child. She said that she and Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao were part of a humanitarian mission to bring aid to the residents therein, but members of the AFP refused to let them through. She relayed reports that although the AFP said that it was conducting military operations against the New People's Army, it was actually bombing large-scale open pit mines on behalf of an Australian mining company and its local partners.

Condemning the military operations because they endangered the lives and livelihood of the civilian population, Representative Brosas stressed that they violated international agreements and laws on human rights and war operations. On behalf of Gabriela Party-List, she called for an end to the AFP's bullying stance so that the residents thereof could receive help; and for a congressional investigation on the matter.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On successive motions of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Brosas' privilege speech to the Committee on Rules, and the Chair recognized Representative Casilao for his privilege speech.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF
REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO**

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Casilao also condemned the aerial bombings in Mt. Banoi, Batangas which were allegedly conducted to pursue the members of the NPA and the resulting displacement of students and families therein. He said that the Philippine National Police (PNP) harassed him and members of a delegation that was bringing relief goods to the victims, saying that it was equivalent to economic embargo and a human rights violation. He asked Congress to investigate the martial law-like actions of the AFP and PNP as well as the standard operating procedure of conducting aerial bombings despite its effect on marginalized communities, saying that it could be likened to a war crime.

Speaking on behalf of the Makabayan bloc, Representative Casilao also condemned the AFP's dictatorship over local government units which has resulted in the latter's failure to address the needs and concerns of the residents therein.

**REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE
CASILAO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Casilao's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

At this juncture, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Committee Reports which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 400), re H.B. No. 6512, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TIMBA-BAUAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF

**TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBO-
ANGA SIBUGAY”**

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2500

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 401), re H.B. No. 6513, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MASAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2500

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health (Committee Report No. 402), re H.B. No. 6517, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE AND RIGHT OF ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS AND EXPANDING RESEARCH INTO ITS MEDICINAL PROPERTIES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 180

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.) and Albano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 403), re H.B. No. 6521, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE BATAAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN INTO A LEVEL 3 TEACHING AND TRAINING HOSPITAL TO BE NOW KNOWN AS THE BATAAN GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2043

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Garcia (J.E.) and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 404), re H.B. No. 6522, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAGUMBAYAN, BALANGA CITY, PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS BALANGA CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5500

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Garcia (J.E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**CHANGE OF REFERRAL
OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following House Bills:

1. House Bills No. 92, 6121, and 6263 - from the Committees on Local Government, and Muslim Affairs to the Committees on Local Government, and Muslim Affairs; and Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity;

2. House Bills No. 539, 1605, 3529, and 4955 - from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Health, and Civil Service and Professional Regulation;
3. House Bills No. 3731 and 3963 - from the Committee on Revision of Laws to the Committee on Justice; and
4. House Bill No. 5088 - from the Committee on Public Works and Highways to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Public Works and Highways.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

It was 7:22 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on October 3, 2017.

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	ABAYON	*****	BENITEZ		DEL MAR
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	ACHARON		BILLONES		DIMAPORO (M.K.)
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	ACOSTA-ALBA		BONDOC		DY
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	ANDAYA	*****	CATAMCO	*****	FLOIRENDO
	ANGARA-CASTILLO	**	CAYETANO		FLORES
*****	ANTONINO	*****	CELESTE	*****	FORTUN
	ANTONIO		CERAFICA		FORTUNO
	AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY		CERILLES	*	FUENTEBELLA
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	ARENAS		COJUANGCO		GARCIA-ALBANO
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*** Attending 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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