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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

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

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr., there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Advincula
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Barbers
Barzaga
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)

Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Del Mar
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Elago
Enverga
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina

Espino
Estrella
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Leachon
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marquez
Martínez
Matugas
Mellana
Mendoza
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Noel
Nogralas (J.J.)
Nogralas (K.A.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Ocampo
Olivarez
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pimentel
Pineda
Plaza
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Roa-Puno
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Romualdo
Roque (H.)
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salceda
Salimbangon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tejada

Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Tolentino
Treñas
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (R.)
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velasco
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS AND PROVIDING FOR FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS PATIENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Aquino-Magsaysay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6527, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERIOD, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1011, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”

By Representative Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

With 223 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

House Bill No. 6536, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villarin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

DEFERMENT OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body deferred the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on further motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the titles of the following Bills, including the Message from the Senate and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

House Bill No. 6537, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE FAILURE TO PAY EMPLOYEES IN GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OR OFFICES THEIR SALARIES, WAGES, REMUNERATIONS OR FEES ON THE AGREED DATE/TIME WITHOUT JUSTIFIABLE REASONS/GROUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6526, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIALYSIS CLINICS IN ALL

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6538, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING HAZING AND REGULATING OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049”

By Representative Gasataya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated October 4, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on October 3, 2017, designated Senators Cynthia A. Villar, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Win Gatchalian, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri and Francis N. Pangilinan as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1465, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE IRRIGATION SERVICE TO SMALL FARMERS, REVOKING FOR THE PURPOSE THE CORPORATE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 5670, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING ASSISTANCE TO ALL FARMERS BY PROVIDING FREE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEE AND ALL OTHER SIMILAR OR RELATED FEES OR CHARGES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION ACT, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8435, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 431), re H.B. No. 6573, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING HAZING AND REGULATING OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049 ENTITLED 'AN ACT REGULATING HAZING AND OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES IN FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3467 and 6395

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Herrera-Dy, Garbin, Batocabe, Co, Olivarez, Roque (H.), Leachon, Oaminal, Revilla, Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Suarez, Arenas, Hofer, Acop, Del Mar, Noel and Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 432), re H.B. No. 6574, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5180, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION BY PROVINCIAL AND CITY FISCALS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS, AND BY STATE ATTORNEYS OR THEIR ASSISTANTS' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 8, 775 and 3296

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Fariñas, Alvarez (P.), Andaya, Duavit, Cojuangco, Kho, Abu, Salimbangon, Nograles (K.A.), Suarez, Batocabe, Aglipay-Villar, Escudero, Oaminal, Revilla, Leachon, Castelo, Hofer and Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Agrarian Reform and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 433), re H.B. No. 6575, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE TRANSFER OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD TO THE CITY OF MAASIN, SOUTHERN LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5652

Sponsors: Representatives Relampagos, Nograles (K.A.) and Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples (Committee Report No. 434), re H.B. No. 6577, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE KALANGUYA CENTER FOR THE 6TH DISTRICT OF PANGASINAN, 1ST DISTRICT OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND THE PROVINCES OF IFUGAO, BENGUET, AND NUEVA VIZCAYA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1420

Sponsors: Representatives Catamco, Nograles (K.A.) and Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 435), re H.B. No. 6578, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM IN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AUGMENTING ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5134 and 6383

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.), Tugna, Hofer, Del Mar, Leachon, Oaminal and Veloso

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Trade and Industry and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 436), re H.B. No. 6579, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY ON EASE OF DOING BUSINESS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2171, 5031, 5093, 5383, 5634, 5809 and 6401

Sponsors: Representatives Biron, Romualdo, Santos-Recto, Yap, Castelo, Tambunting, Zubiri and Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 437), re H.B. No. 1616, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SYSTEM LOSS CHARGE COMPONENT IN THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY BY DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FROM THE COVERAGE OF THE VALUE ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10378, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Cua and Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 438), re H.B. No. 6580, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN ZAMBOANGA CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3749 and 3566

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.), Veloso, Lobregat and Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 439), re H.B. No. 286, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARACELIS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.), Veloso and Dalog

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 440), re H.B. No. 2830, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING SIXTEEN (16) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.), Veloso and Abu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 393
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6452**

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6452 as embodied in Committee Report No. 393 and reported out by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS UTILIZING PSYCHIATRIC, NEUROLOGIC AND PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

Representative Gullas stated that the parliamentary status of the measure was that it was in the period of individual amendments and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D., Chairperson of the Committee on Health, to sponsor the measure and Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his individual amendments.

**AMENDMENTS OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

As accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the individual amendments in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 28 as presented on the floor by Representative Lagman.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for her amendments.

**AMENDMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (E.)**

As accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the individual amendment in Section 30 as presented on the floor by Representative Suansing.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara for her amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE VERGARA

As accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the individual amendments in Sections 4 and 23 as presented on the floor by Representative Vergara.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other individual amendments, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6452, AS AMENDED

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting House Bill No. 6452, as amended.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Representative Gullas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Ruby M. Sahali, Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta, and Victor A. Yap.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS CALENDARED UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

On successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for the Day, as contained in various Committee Reports submitted by the Committees hereunder indicated; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House, as copies of the bills had been distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures or inserted into the records the sponsorship remarks/speeches of the Sponsors, on appropriate motions of the Chairpersons of the sponsoring Committees; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the amendments as contained in Committee Reports or presented on the floor by the Sponsors, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 159 as contained in Committee Report No. 166 and reported out by the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, strengthening the right of government to expropriate lands for socialized housing;

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Gullas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Sabiniano S. Canama, and H. Harry L. Roque Jr.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 4:47 p.m., the session was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:50 p.m.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS CALENDARED UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY (Continuation)

2. House Bill No. 6571, as contained in Committee Report No. 427 and submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations, establishing a medical scholarship and return service program for deserving students;
3. House Bill No. 6572, as contained in Committee Report No. 428 and submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations, institutionalizing the Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF) and establishing the PQF-National Coordinating Council (NCC) (*with amendments*);
4. House Bill No. 6550, as contained in Committee Report No. 420 and submitted by the Committees on Welfare of Children, and Appropriations, instituting the Magna Carta of Day Care Workers;
5. House Bill No. 6570, as contained in Committee Report No. 426 and submitted by the Committee on Welfare of Children, prohibiting leaving children below eight years old unattended in motor vehicles;

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:59 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILLS CALENDARED
UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY**

(Continuation)

6. House Bill No. 6557, as contained in Committee Report No. 423 and submitted by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, promoting open access in data transmission and providing additional powers to the National Telecommunications Commission;
7. House Bill No. 6558, as contained in Committee Report No. 424 and submitted by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, strengthening the powers of the National Telecommunications Commission, under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7925; and
8. House Bill No. 3492, as contained in Committee Report No. 430 and submitted by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations, creating three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Third Judicial Region at Macabebe, Pampanga, further amending Section 14(C) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 431
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6573**

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered House Bill No. 6573 as embodied in Committee Report No. 431 and submitted by the Committee on Justice.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING HAZING AND REGULATING OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS,

AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049 ENTITLED 'AN ACT REGULATING HAZING AND OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES IN FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.'”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali, Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, to sponsor the Bill.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE UMALI**

On motion of Representative Umali, there being no objection, the Body adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as his sponsorship remarks on the measure.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE GULLAS

Representative Gullas moved to terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

**MANIFESTATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Upon recognition of the Chair, Representative Lagman manifested that as he had just received a copy of House Bill No. 6573 that afternoon, and although he had no strong opposition on said measure, he requested for more time to go over the proposed measure and suggested to defer consideration of the Bill on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:16 p.m.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON
SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6573**

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6573.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:18 p.m.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 436
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6579**

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered House Bill No. 6579 as embodied in Committee Report No. 436 and submitted by the Committees on Trade and Industry, and Appropriations.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY ON EASE OF DOING BUSINESS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on further motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE GULLAS

Representative Gullas moved to open the period of sponsorship and debate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair suspended the session at 5:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:26 p.m.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 436
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6579
(Continuation)**

Whereupon, on successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Ferjenel G. Biron, M.D., Chairperson of the Committee on Trade and Industry, to sponsor House Bill No. 6579, and subsequently, the Body adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

**MANIFESTATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ALBANO**

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III asked how his vote was recorded to which the Chair replied that voting on House Bill No. 6579 was done through *viva voce*. He then manifested for the record that he voted in favor of the measure.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 437
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1616**

On successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 1616 calendared under the Business for the Day, as contained in Committee Report No. 437 and submitted by the Committee on Ways and Means, exempting the system loss charge component in the sale of electricity by distribution companies and electric cooperatives from the coverage of the value added tax; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House, as copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Note as part of the sponsorship speech on the measure upon motion of Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 5:30 p.m., upon motion of Representative Gullas.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:49 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
NO. 134 AND 10, AS AMENDED**

On successive motions of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions as contained in the Committee Reports reported out by the Committees on Public Works and Highways, and Appropriations; dispensed with the reading of the texts thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House, considering that copies thereof had been distributed to the Members; approved the amendments as presented on the floor by Representative Bondoc; and unanimously adopted the same, as amended:

1. House Resolution No. 134 as contained in Committee Report No. 418, entitled: “RESOLUTION URGING DPWH TO REVIVE THE PAMPANGA RIVER CONTROL SYSTEM AND TO INCLUDE IT IN THE YEARLY BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS”; and
2. House Resolution No. 10 as contained in Committee Report No. 419, entitled: “RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED ZAMBOANGA CITY IMPOUNDING DAM PROJECT AND TO INCLUDE IT IN THE PRIORITY PROJECT LISTING OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.”

**ADOPTION OF FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE
REPORTS NO. 422 AND 425, AS AMENDED**

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body adopted the findings and recommendations contained in the following Committee Reports, subject to the inclusion of a recommendation therein to transmit copies of the subject Resolutions to the concerned government agencies:

1. Committee Report No. 422 on House Resolution No. 53, as submitted by the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare, to conduct a review of R.A. No. 8220 in order to resolve the alleged discrepancies in the interpretation of the computation of the pension of retired Chief Master Sergeants (CMS) and Senior Master Sergeants; and

2. Committee Report No. 425 on House Resolution No. 654, as submitted by the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the sale of Paskuhan Village in Pampanga by the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) to SM Development Corporation (SMDC).

**OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE
BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

Pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, on an omnibus motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday, as contained in various Committee Reports and submitted by the Committees hereunder indicated; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House, considering that copies thereof had been distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the amendments as contained in the Committee Reports, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

Submitted by the Committee on
Higher and Technical Education:

1. House Bill No. 6523, as contained in Committee Report No. 405, renaming the Ramon Magsaysay Technological University (RMTU) as the President Ramon Magsaysay State University (PRMSU), expanding its curricular offerings and strengthening its governing board, amending for the purpose R.A. No. 8498;

Submitted by the Committees on Basic Education
and Culture, and Appropriations:

2. House Bill No. 5578, as contained in Committee Report No. 409, separating Magtoma National High School – Dupligan Annex in Dupligan, Tanudan, Kalinga Province from the Magtoma National High School, and converting it into the Biga National High School;
3. House Bill No. 6528, as contained in Committee Report No. 410, separating the Liloy National High School – Patawag Extension

in Patawag, Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte from the Liloy National High School, and converting it into the Patawag National High School;

4. House Bill No. 6529, as contained in Committee Report No. 411, separating the Kalawit National High School – Pianon Annex in Pianon, Kalawit, Zamboanga del Norte from the Kalawit National High School, and converting it into the Pianon National High School;
5. House Bill No. 6530, as contained in Committee Report No. 412, establishing the Catigan National High School in Catigan, Toril District, Davao City;
6. House Bill No. 6531, as contained in Committee Report No. 413, establishing the Mt. Apo National High School in Sibulan, Toril District, Davao City;
7. House Bill No. 6532, as contained in Committee Report No. 414, establishing the Talisay National High School in Talisay, San Isidro, Davao Oriental;
8. House Bill No. 6533, as contained in Committee Report No. 415, establishing the Corporacion National High School in Corporacion, Lupon, Davao Oriental;
9. House Bill No. 6534, as contained in Committee Report No. 416, establishing the Magdug National High School in Magdug, Governor Generoso, Davao Oriental;
10. House Bill No. 6535, as contained in Committee Report No. 417, establishing the Digon National High School in Digon, Margosatubig, Zamboanga del Sur;

Submitted by the Committees
on Health, and Appropriations:

11. House Bill No. 6551, as contained in Committee Report No. 421, converting the Bicol Sanitarium in Cabusao, Camarines Sur into the Bicol Regional Geriatric Medical Center, upgrading its service facilities, and authorizing the increase of its medical personnel;

Submitted by the Committees on
Economic Affairs, Trade and Industry,
Appropriations, and Ways and Means:

12. House Bill No. 6524, as contained in Committee Report No. 406, further strengthening

the powers and functions of the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB), amending for this purpose R. A. No. 9728; and

13. House Bill No. 6525, as contained in Committee Report No. 407, establishing a Special Defense Economic Zone (SpeDEZ) inside the Government Arsenal Defense Industrial Estate in Camp Gen. Antonio Luna, Lamao, Limay, Bataan, creating for this purpose the Special Defense Economic Zone Authority (SpeDEZA).

**ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS
OF CERTAIN BILLS**

In view of the approval on Second Reading of House Bills No. 6550, 6551, 6557, 6558, 6571, 6572, and 3492, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved to include into the records the list of coauthors to be submitted by the Committee on Rules for the aforesaid measures.

Likewise, on further motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda was made coauthor of House Bills No. 6550 and 6570.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 34, dated October 9, 2017.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 441), re H.B. No. 6584, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARLIG IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 283

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Dalog

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 442), re H.B. No. 6585, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING BARANGAY TALA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 615

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 443), re H.B. No. 6586, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MANOK MANOK ISLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESPERANZA, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1065

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 444), re H.B. No. 6587, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LINGAYEN GULF MARINE ECOTOURISM PARK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1020

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 445), re H.B. No. 6588, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF BUTUAN A HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 981

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Fortun

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Agrarian Reform (Committee Report No. 446), re H.B. No. 6589, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM REGARDING LAND REGISTRATION TO FACILITATE SPEED AND EFFICIENCY IN LAND REGISTRATION”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5487

Sponsors: Representatives Relampagos and Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 447), re H.B. No. 6590, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5795, first reported out in substitution of HB No. 3605 under Committee Report No. 280; recommitted by the Committee on Rules on 26 July 2017 to the Committee on Revision of Laws for further deliberation to address certain issues raised over specific provisions of the bill; the Committee on Revision of Laws considered the same and recommends the approval of the hereto attached substitute bill

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 448), re H.B. No. 2483, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CADIZ, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Cueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 449), re H.B. No. 2484, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 11 OR EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF SAGAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Cueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 450), re H.B. No. 6591, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGION TO BE KNOWN AS 'TY-PHOON YOLANDA RESILIENCY DAY' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4383

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Romualdez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 451), re H.B. No. 6592, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 24 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'ARAW NG SIBUGAY' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Nos. 5207 and 5693

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas, Palma and Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ROBES

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Robes initially said that she had previously stood on the floor about the poor water services and weak management of water resources of the San Jose Del Monte Water District (SJDMWD) in San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan, which resulted in high water rates; and that she had thereafter filed a resolution thereon, urging the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) to intervene in her concerns.

Stressing her desire to improve the water service in her city without any political considerations, she then discussed the proposal to enter into a “water market” public-private venture that would result in lower water rates and more efficient services. She underscored that, contrary to the allegation of a consumer protection group, the city government San Jose Del Monte had no agenda on the proposed joint venture. She also clarified that the SJDMD is not within the jurisdiction of the San Jose Del Monte City government, which has been working hard for the welfare and betterment of its people.

Subsequently, Representative Robes said that she was saddened by the recent explosion of a SJDMD water tank that resulted in several deaths and injuries among the residents of the city. She asked the Department of Public Works and Highways and LWUA to investigate the matter and review the operation of other water districts in the country. Also requesting the help of the Philippine National Police in this regard, she disclosed that she and her husband, City Mayor Arthur Robes, had commissioned an engineering firm to determine the cause of the explosion.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ROBES’ PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Robes’ privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

On further motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Representative H. Harry L. Roque Jr. to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ROQUE (H.)

Representative Roque decried the unjust and arbitrary actions of the Office of the Ombudsman pertaining to the case of Puerto Princesa Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron, whom he said was a popular and efficient public official. He relayed the details on the matter and pointed out that despite the mayor’s commission of an inadvertence, the Ombudsman issued an order finding him and his son guilty of serious dishonesty and imposing the maximum penalty of dismissal from service with perpetual disqualification from holding public office; and thereafter flip-flopped on the original charge and downgraded it to simple dishonesty. He stressed that thereafter, the Court of Appeals (CA) had ruled in favor of the mayor’s motion for reconsideration on the Ombudsman’s decision.

After Representative Roque read the pertinent portion of the CA’s resolution on the case, he informed the Body that the Ombudsman had chosen to defy the CA and had directed the Department of the Interior and Local Government to implement the mayor’s removal from office. He thus called for an end to the Ombudsman’s oppression of Mayor Bayron and stressed that to insist on a nullified order was against the rule of law.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ROQUE’S (H.) PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Roque’s (H.) privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

RATIFICATION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6016 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1466

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6016 and Senate Bill No. 1466, regulating the issuance, use, and redemption of gift checks.

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour.

On another motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas to deliver her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Brosas spoke about the land dispute involving Bukidnon Free Farmers and Agricultural Laborers Organization (BUF-FALO), Tried Agricultural Movers Association of Rural Active Workers (TAMARAW), and Landless Tillers Inhabitants of Musuan (LIMUS), on the one hand; and the Central Mindanao University (CMU), on the other hand. She added that it had caused death and injuries among farmers fighting for the agricultural land being used by the CMU for income generation.

She then condemned the operations of the Philippine National Police (PNP) under Oplan Bayanihan and Oplan Kapayapaan, and likewise criticized House Bill No. 5745 or the proposed Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Trust Fund Act, saying it does not promote the welfare of coconut farmers and would deny them access to the Coco Levy Fund.

In conclusion, Representative Brosas informed her colleagues of various mass actions to be participated in by farmers and agricultural workers and urged them to help farmers avail of the Coco Levy Fund and to pass the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill (GARB).

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Brosas' privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 72 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4863

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 4863 as embodied in Committee Report No. 72 and reported out by the Committee on Public Order and Safety.

Upon the direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE-CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP (PNP-CIDG) BY RESTORING ITS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE *SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM* OR *SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM*, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 35 (B)(4) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990.’”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Romeo M. Acop, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Order and Safety, to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ACOP

On motion of Representative Acop, there being no objection, the Body adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

On successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, and proceeded to the period of amendments.

On further motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. for his proposed amendments.

AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GONZALES (A.D.)

As accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the individual amendment presented on the floor by Representative Gonzales in Section 1 of House Bill No. 4863.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other individual amendments, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4863, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting House Bill No. 4863, as amended.

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Representative Gullas, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour, and the Chair thereafter recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Representative Elago spoke about the failure of the three decade-long Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) and Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Extension with Reforms (CARPER) in providing the farmers and land workers a genuine agrarian reform despite the campaign promise of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. She stressed that despite the importance of agriculture, the country was ranked by the Food and Agriculture Organization as the fifth highest in food inadequacy in 2012; agricultural lands were being commercialized; the government did not give enough support for basic social services for farmers and for the agricultural economy; and land continued to be monopolized by wealthy landlords.

Representative Elago then said that the Kabataan Party-List stands behind the fight and plight of farmers and believes in the importance of agriculture for national development. She urged everyone to join a forthcoming farmers' camp in front of the national office of the Department of Agrarian Reform and to support the farmers' advocacies, programs, and resounding call for land and life.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Upon Representative Gullas' motion, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Elago to the Committee on Rules.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 6:49 p.m., the session was suspended on motion of Representative Gullas.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:59 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 447 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6590

On successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body subsequently considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 659 as contained in Committee Report No. 447 and reported out

by the Committee on Revision of Laws, amending Section 13 of the amended "Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act"; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House, as copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members; with the concurrence of the Sponsor of the measure, adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6590

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, Representatives Edcel C. Lagman, Rodolfo T. Albano III, and Raul V. Del Mar were made additional coauthors of House Bill No. 6590.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 435 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6578

On successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body subsequently considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6578 as contained in Committee Report No. 435 and reported out by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations, establishing a retirement benefit system in the Office of the Ombudsman and augmenting its employee benefits; dispensed with the reading of the text of the Bill without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House, as copies of the measure had been distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure, upon motion of Representative Umali, Chairperson of the Committee on Justice; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6578

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, Representatives Albano and Bravo (A.) were made additional coauthors of House Bill No. 6578.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

In accordance with the Rules governing inquiries in aid of legislation, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved

to refer the following House Resolutions to the Committees hereunder indicated:

1. House Resolution No. 1338, on the management and administration of the country's radio frequency spectrum by the National Telecommunications Commission – to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;
2. House Resolution No. 1339, on the billing charge being promulgated by the various telecommunication entities – to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;
3. House Resolution No. 1345, on the alleged attacks on students' democratic rights in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education; and
4. House Resolution No. 1394, on the procedure of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) in granting provisional certificates of accreditation to Electronic Gaming System (EGS) service providers and the manner of selecting and awarding the privilege to operate internet gaming cafes – to the Committee on Games and Amusements.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 446
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6589**

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body subsequently considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6589 as contained in Committee Report No. 446 and reported out by the Committee on Agrarian Reform, rationalizing the requirements imposed by the Department of Agrarian Reform regarding land registration to facilitate speed and efficiency in land registration; dispensed with the reading of the text of the Bill without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House, as copies of the measure had been distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure, with the concurrence of Representative Gullas, Sponsor of the Bill; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; and terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments.

**ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6589**

Likewise, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the following Members were made additional coauthors of House Bill No. 6589: Reps. Pablo C. Ortega, Romeo M. Acop, Florida "Rida" P. Robes, Ron P. Salo, Ann K. Hofer, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Rodolfo T. Albano III, Johnny Ty Pimentel, Enrico A. Pineda, Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr., Reynaldo V. Umali, Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao, Glona G. Labadlabad, Divina Grace C. Yu, Mark O. Go, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D., Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Eugene Michael B. De Vera, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr., Christopher V.P. de Venecia, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Ana Cristina Siquian Go, Vincent "Bingbong" P. Crisologo, Victoria Isabel G. Noel, Juliette T. Uy, Arlene D. Brosas, France L. Castro, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, Rosanna "Ria" Vergara, Micaela S. Violago, and Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6589**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved House Bill No. 6589 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

It was 7:08 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on November 20, 2017.

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED

Printed copies of the following measure were distributed to the Members during the session:

House Bill No. 6449, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PASONANCA WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE LOCATED IN ZAMBOANGA CITY AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT”

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Journal No. 35****Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

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ABUEG	*****	BIAZON		DIMAPORO (A.)
ACHARON		BILLONES		DIMAPORO (M.K.)
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ALBANO		CAGAS		ESCUDERO
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ALEJANO		CALIXTO-RUBIANO		ESPINO
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ANTONIO	****	CERAFICA		FORTUNO
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ARCILLAS		CO		GARCIA (J.E.)
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ATIENZA	****	COLLANTES		GARIN (R.)
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***** BANAL		CUA		GO (A.C.)
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LAOGAN		PAPANDAYAN		TIANGCO
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LOBREGAT		PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	*	TUGNA
LOPEZ (B.)		QUIMBO	*****	TUPAS
LOPEZ (C.)	****	RADAZA	*****	TURABIN-HATAMAN
LOPEZ (M.L.)	**	RAMIREZ-SATO		TY
*** LOYOLA		RAMOS		UMALI
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO		RELAMPAGOS		UNABIA
MACEDA	*****	REVILLA		UNGAB
MADRONA		ROA-PUNO		UNICO
MALAPITAN	*	ROBES	*	UY (J.)
MANALO		ROCAMORA		UY (R.)
MANGAOANG		RODRIGUEZ (I.)	*	UYBARRETA
* MANGUDADATU (S.)		RODRIGUEZ (M.)		VARGAS
MANGUDADATU (Z.)	*****	ROMAN		VARGAS-ALFONSO
MARCOLETA	*****	ROMERO	*	VELARDE
***** MARCOS	*	ROMUALDEZ		VELASCO
***** MARIÑO		ROMUALDO	*	VELASCO-CATERA
MARQUEZ		ROQUE (H.)		VELOSO
MARTINEZ	****	ROQUE (R.)		VERGARA
MATUGAS		SACDALAN	*****	VILLAFUERTE
MELLANA		SAGARBARRIA	**	VILLANUEVA
**** MENDING		SAHALI		VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
MENDOZA		SALCEDA		VILLARICA
MERCADO	***	SALIMBANGON	****	VILLARIN
MIRASOL	*	SALO		VIOLAGO
MONTORO	*	SALON	**	YAP (A.)
NAVA		SAMBAR		YAP (M.)
* NIETO		SANDOVAL		YAP (V.)
NOEL	*****	SANTOS-RECTO		YU
** NOGRALES (J.J.)		SARMIENTO (C.)		ZAMORA (M.C.)
NOGRALES (K.A.)		SARMIENTO (E.M.)	***	ZAMORA (R.)
NOLASCO		SAVELLANO		ZARATE
NUÑEZ-MALANYAON		SEMA		ZUBIRI
OAMINAL		SIAO		
*** OCAMPO	****	SILVERIO		

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

*** 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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