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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

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

DEFERMENT OF ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Ann K. Hofer, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 36

At this point, on motion of Representative Hofer, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 36 dated December 3, 2018.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Hofer, 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 Messages from the Senate and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8692, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORTATION, SALE, AND USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8694, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SELLING AND/OR BUYING OF ADMISSION TICKETS OUTSIDE AUTHORIZED

TICKET BOOTHS, OUTLET OR PLACE, DESIGNATED FOR THE PURPOSE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representatives Garbin, Batocabe and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 8695, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF ORPHANED OR ABANDONED MINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7942, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE MINING ACT OF 1995' ”

By Representative Belmonte (J.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 8701, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 12 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE HISTORIC DECISION OF THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION (PCA) IN FAVOR OF THE PHILIPPINES OVER THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA MARITIME DISPUTE”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8704, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE COFFEE INDUSTRY PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8705, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BREAST CARE CENTERS IN EVERY REGION NATION-WIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

SYSTEMS, REMOVE ITS ROLE IN MAINTENANCE AND COLLECTION OF IRRIGATION AND OTHER SERVICE FEES, AND RENAME IT AS THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8706, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8710, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, A LUMP SUM GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP100,000.00), AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 8707, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MULBERRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8711, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MINDANAO RAILWAYS CORPORATION PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8708, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE MALUNGGAY INDUSTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8712, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING INVASION OF PRIVACY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES OR FOR MALICIOUS PUBLICATION”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 8709, entitled:

“AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE MANDATE AND REFOCUS THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE NEW IRRIGATION

House Bill No. 8713, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5487, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ACT TO REGULATE THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE, WATCHMEN OR SECURITY GUARDS AGENCIES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2341, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO DECLARE SCHOOLS AS ZONES OF PEACE AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM”

By Representative Elago

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

House Resolution No. 2342, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT THE PHILIPPINE DECLARATION OF STUDENTS' RIGHTS ADOPTED AT THE NATIONAL STUDENTS' RIGHTS SUMMIT”

By Representative Elago

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

House Resolution No. 2343, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ANOMALIES IN THE SUPERVISION OF THE NATIONAL

ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA) OVER THE ORIENTAL MINDORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (ORMECO)”

By Representative Umali

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2344, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS AND/OR GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO INVESTIGATE THE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF LOTENG IN THE PROVINCE”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2345, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST MANNER THE RECENT HARASSMENT CASE OF THE CHINESE COAST GUARD AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE MEDIA AND URGING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO FILE A PROTEST AGAINST SIMILAR ACTS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OUR RIGHTS AND UPHOLD THE NATIONAL INTEREST”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2346, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS, TO

REVIEW AND STUDY THE GRAVE IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) NO. 3.0 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10879 OR AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHWESTERN TAGALOG REGION TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIMAROPA REGION THAT MANDATE THE TRANSFER OF REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO CALAPAN CITY”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2347, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TOWARDS FORMULATING A FRAMEWORK OR INSTRUMENT THAT WILL ENSURE THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE WELFARE AND RIGHTS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Deloso-Montalla, Lanete, Lopez (M.L.), Go (M.), Gatchalian, Jalosjos, Ong (E.), Revilla, Tan (S.) and Ferriol-Pascual

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated November 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on November 27, 2018 the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1985 and House Bill No. 6604, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REASONABLE RATES FOR POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9006, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'FAIR ELECTION ACT' ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1280 and House Bill No. 8374, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REVISED CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1976 and House Bill No. 8552, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY (PCA), AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1468, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED COCONUT INDUSTRY CODE', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1753 and House Bill No. 2158, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997' ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1233 and House Bill No. 5745, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST

FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1998 and House Bill No. 7735, entitled:

“AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND TRADING OF RICE, LIFTING FOR THE PURPOSE THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTION ON RICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1297 and House Bill No. 7742, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on November 27, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Richard J. Gordon, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Cynthia A. Villar and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1454, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS IN THE REGISTRATION OF LAND TITLES UNDER SECTIONS 118, 119 AND 121, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS AGAINST ENCUMBRANCE OR ALIENATION ON FREE PATENTS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 44 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141 OR THE PUBLIC LAND ACT, AS AMENDED”

and House Bill No. 8078, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE REGISTRATION, ACQUISITION, ENCUMBRANCE, ALIENATION, TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF LAND COVERED BY FREE PATENTS UNDER SECTIONS 118, 119, AND 121 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PUBLIC LAND ACT', AS AMENDED”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on November 27, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Win Gatchalian, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Loren Legarda and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1439, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENERGY VIRTUAL ONE STOP SHOP FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS OF ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS”

and House Bill No. 8417, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENERGY VIRTUAL ONE-STOP SHOP FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS OF ENERGY PROJECTS”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on November 28, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Richard J. Gordon, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Ralph G. Recto, Franklin M. Drilon and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Joint Resolution No. 13, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MAINTENANCE, AVAILABILITY AND RELEASE OF THE FUNDS CREATED PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10766, SPECIFICALLY SUCH FUNDS IN THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, UNTIL DECEMBER 2019

TO ENSURE PAYMENT OF QUALIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS VICTIMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ADMINISTER THE EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION THEREOF”

and House Joint Resolution No. 26, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS INTENDED FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE MARCOS REGIME UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019, AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF TREASURY AND THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RELEASE THE FUNDS AND ENSURE THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, AND THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ADMINISTER THE EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS TO QUALIFIED VICTIMS OR THEIR HEIRS OR REPRESENTATIVES, AS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS REPARATION AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2013,' AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10766”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on November 28, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Richard J. Gordon, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Gregorio B. Honasan II and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1397, entitled:

“AN ACT PREVENTING AND PENALIZING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES THROUGH READABLE PLATE NUMBERS AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 8419, entitled:

“AN ACT PREVENTING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES THROUGH BIGGER NUMBER PLATES AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on November 28, 2018 the Senate adopted House Bill No. 8249 as an amendment to Senate Bill No. 1527, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BRITISH SCHOOL MANILA AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER GRANTING THE SCHOOL CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCTIVE TO ITS DEVELOPMENT”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on November 28, 2018 the Senate adopted House Bill No. 6130 as an amendment to Senate Bill No. 1712, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SARANGANI SPORTS TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Games and Amusements (Committee Report No. 999), re H.B. No. 7528, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE LIVE STREAMING AND BROADCASTING OF COCKFIGHTING FOR PURPOSES OF BETTING AND GAMBLING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Tambunting, Panaganiban, Sy-Alvarado, Nieto and Acop

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Economic Affairs, the Committee on Trade and Industry, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1000), re H.B. No. 8718, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO DEL SUR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CARRASCAL, CANTILAN,

MADRID, CARMEN, AND LANUZA,
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 595

Sponsors: Representatives Garcia (G.), Biron,
Zamora (M.C.), Suansing (E.) and Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government and
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee
Report No. 1001), re H.B. No. 8719, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND INSTITU-
TIONALIZING THE SEAL OF GOOD
LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND ALLO-
CATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE
SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERN-
ANCE FUND”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bills Numbered 6338 and 8221

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon, Garcia
(J.E.), Zamora (M.C.) and Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Special Committee on Bases Conver-
sion (Committee Report No. 1002), re H.B. No.
8720, entitled:

“AN ACT REVITALIZING THE BASES
CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RE-
PUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE 'BASES CONVER-
SION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF
1992,' AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bills Numbered 613, 2391, 3685,
3997 and 6379

Sponsors: Representatives Calixto-Rubiano,
Roman, Sandoval and Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 956
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8654**

On motion of Representative Hofer, there being
no objection, the Body considered on Second Read-
ing House Bill No. 8654 contained in Committee
Report No. 956 as reported out by the Committees
on Basic Education and Culture, and Higher and
Technical Education.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary Gen-
eral read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT MANDATING PUBLIC AND PRI-
VATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE
ARMCHAIRS TO LEFT-HANDED STU-
DENTS.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the
Members, on motion of Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel,
there being no objection, the Body dispensed with
the reading of the text of the measure without prej-
udice to its insertion into the Record of the House.

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the
Chair recognized Rep. Ramon “Red” H. Durano VI,
Chairperson of the Committee on Basic Education
and Culture, for his sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF REPRESENTATIVE DURANO**

On motion of Representative Durano, there be-
ing no objection, the Body considered the Explana-
tory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on
the measure.

On subsequent motion of Representative Pi-
mentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza
Jr. for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION
OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Representative Atienza initially stated that the
issue at hand has long been pending action from the
government, as left-handed students who are per-
ceived to be talented and gifted are not given any
support by school authorities and are left to fend for
themselves the problems associated with being left-
handed. He congratulated the Sponsor for coming
up with a measure that will address the needs of the
students concerned with regard to their condition.

Whereupon, Representative Atienza opined
that he understands the circumstances faced by left-

handed students as he himself is left-handed, particularly when writing on a desk or chair designed for the right-handed.

When asked why the measure mandates the provision of armchairs for left-handed students equivalent to only 10% of the student population and not a higher percentage, the Sponsor explained that studies have shown that universally, left-handed individuals compose 10% of the population. He however expressed the willingness of the Committee to consider any amendment on the matter at the proper time.

Representative Atienza stressed the immediate passage of the measure so that it would benefit immediately all left-handed students. He suggested that they just amend the proposed law later on if they find the estimate inadequate.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHOR FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 8654

Upon request of Representative Atienza and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the former was made additional coauthor of House Bill No. 8654.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no Member who wished further to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee and individual amendments, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8654

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body approved House Bill No. 8654 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Whereupon, Representative Pimentel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Alex "AA" L. Advincula, Sarah Jane I. Elago, and Sabiniano S. Canama.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, the session was suspended at 3:19 p.m. upon motion of Representative Pimentel.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:20 p.m.

OMNIBUS MOTION TO APPROVE ON SECOND READING HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Thereupon, Representative Pimentel submitted an omnibus motion for the Body to consider on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday contained in Committee Reports submitted by the Committees hereunder indicated; dispense with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House, as copies thereof had been previously distributed to the Members; adopt the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminate the period of sponsorship and debate; terminate the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approve the measures on Second Reading:

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations:

1. House Bill No. 8650 contained in Committee Report No. 955, establishing a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training and assessment center in Lal-lo, Cagayan to be known as the Lal-lo, Cagayan TESDA Training and Assessment Center;

Submitted by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations:

2. House Bill No. 5991 contained in Committee Report No. 314, converting the extension office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in Sanchez Mira, Cagayan into a regular district office, and transferring its location to Abulug, Cagayan;

Submitted by the Committees on Tourism, and Appropriations:

3. House Bill No. 6588 contained in Committee Report No. 445, declaring the City of Butuan a heritage tourism zone;

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws:

4. House Bill No. 6613 contained in Committee Report No. 459, declaring September 20 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Ilocos Norte in honor of Doña Josefa Llanes Escoda, the World War II heroine and founder of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, and calling it “Doña Josefa Llanes Escoda Day”;

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

5. House Bill No. 8684 contained in Committee Report No. 976, separating the Malabon National High School (MNHS) – Concepcion Technical-Vocational Annex in Concepcion, Malabon, Metro Manila from the Malabon National High School, and converting it into an independent national high school to be known as Concepcion Technical-Vocational School;
6. House Bill No. 5371 contained in Committee Report No. 977, separating the Tinajeros National High School-Acacia Annex in Acacia, Malabon City, Metro Manila from the Tinajeros National High School, and converting it into an independent national high school to be known as Acacia National High School;
7. House Bill No. 8096 contained in Committee Report No. 978, establishing the Capuy Integrated National School in Capuy, Sorsogon City, Sorsogon;
8. House Bill No. 398 contained in Committee Report No. 982, establishing the Tandang Sora Senior High School in Tandang Sora, Quezon City, Metro Manila;
9. House Bill No. 8187 contained in Committee Report No. 983, establishing the Ambiong National High School in Ambiong, La Trinidad, Benguet;
10. House Bill No. 6105 contained in Committee Report No. 984, establishing the Cabagaayan Elementary School in Sitio Cabagaayan, Sibulan, Toril District, Davao City;

11. House Bill No. 5947 contained in Committee Report No. 985, establishing the Mulawin National High School in Francisco Homes-Mulawin, San Jose del Monte City, Bulacan;
12. House Bill No. 5948 contained in Committee Report No. 986, establishing the San Rafael National High School in San Rafael I, San Jose del Monte City, Bulacan;
13. House Bill No. 8693 contained in Committee Report No. 987, separating the Villamayor National High School-Bagolatao Annex in Bagolatao, Minalabac, Camarines Sur from the Villamor National High School, and converting it into an independent national high school to be known as Bagolatao National High School;

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws:

14. House Bill No. 8696 contained in Committee Report No. 989, declaring February 1 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Camarines Norte in honor of Jose Maria C. Panganiban, repealing for the purpose Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9090;
15. House Bill No. 8697 contained in Committee Report No. 990, declaring November 26 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Dasmariñas City, Cavite, and all its barangays to be known as the “Foundation Day of the City of Dasmariñas”;
16. House Bill No. 8698 contained in Committee Report No. 991, declaring June 16 of every year a special working holiday in Baybay City, Leyte, to be known as “Baybay City Charter Day”;
17. House Bill No. 8699 contained in Committee Report No. 992, declaring March 1 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Davao City, to be known as the “Araw ng Dabaw,” repealing for the purpose R.A. Nos. 7551 and 7685;
18. House Bill No. 8700 contained in Committee Report No. 993, declaring December 27 of every year a special nonworking holiday

in Baybay City, Leyte in celebration of its “Binaybayon Festival”;

Submitted by the Committees on Public Works and Highways, and Appropriations:

19. House Bill No. 8702 contained in Committee Report No. 994, converting the Sta. Ignacia-Guimba Provincial Road in the Provinces of Tarlac and Nueva Ecija via Gerona-Pura Road stretching from Nambalan, Sta. Ignacia to Buenavista, Pura, all in Tarlac Province into a national road; and

Submitted by the Committees on Civil Service and Professional Regulation, and Appropriations:

20. House Bill No. 8703 contained in Committee Report No. 995, establishing a Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) office in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 3:21 p.m. upon motion of Representative Pimentel.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:25 p.m.

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

Upon resumption of session, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting the aforementioned House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, the session was suspended at 3:26 p.m. upon motion of Representative Pimentel.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
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Acharon
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerilles

Chavez	Marquez
Chipeco	Mending
Cortes	Mirasol
Cortuna	Montoro
Crisologo	Noel
Cuaresma	Nolasco
Cueva	Ong (E.)
Daza	Ong (H.)
De Jesus	Ortega (P.)
Defensor	Ortega (V.N.)
Del Mar	Pacquiao
Deloso-Montalla	Pancho
Dimaporo (A.)	Panotes
Durano	Papandayan
Elago	Pichay
Enverga	Pico
Erice	Pimentel
Escudero	Pineda
Espina	Primicias-Agabas
Evardone	Ramos
Ferrer (J.)	Relampagos
Floirendo	Revilla
Fortun	Roa-Puno
Fortuno	Rodriguez (I.)
Garbin	Roman
Garces	Romualdez
Garcia (G.)	Roque
Garin (S.)	Sagarbarria
Gasataya	Salimbangon
Gatchalian	Salo
Go (A.C.)	Salon
Go (M.)	Sambar
Gonzaga	Sangcopan
Gonzales (A.P.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Gonzales (A.D.)	Savellano
Gonzalez	Silverio
Gullas	Suansing (E.)
Hernandez (P.)	Suansing (H.)
Hofer	Suarez
Jalosjos	Sy-Alvarado
Javier	Tambunting
Labadlabad	Tejada
Lacson	Teves
Lagman	Ting
Lanete	Tinio
Lazatin	Tolentino
Lee	Treñas
Limkaichong	Tugna
Lopez (B.)	Tupas
Lopez (M.L.)	Unabia
Macapagal-Arroyo	Unico
Maceda	Uy (J.)
Malapitan	Uy (R.)
Mangudadatu (S.)	Vargas
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Velasco-Catera
Marcoleta	Villarica
Marcos	Villarin
Mariño	Violago

Yap (M.)
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 172 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on the dates mentioned herein, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the amended Provisional Rules of the House:

Distributed on November 29, 2018:

1. House Bill No. 6764, entitled: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE CAPITAL AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL FROM THE CITY OF PASIG, METRO MANILA TO THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL";

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Garin (S.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Mercedes K. Alvarez.

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula

Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Atienza
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cortes
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Daza
De Jesus
Defensor
Del Mar
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Durano
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Escudero
Espina
Evardone

Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garces
Garcia (G.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Hernandez (P.)
Hofer
Javier
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Lazatin
Lee
Limkaichong
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Malapitan
Mangudadatu (S.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
Mending
Mirasol
Montoro
Noel
Nolasco
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Pancho
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pico
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rodriguez (I.)

Roman
Romualdez
Roque
Sagarbarria
Salimbangon
Salon
Sambar
Sangcopan
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Silverio
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tejada
Teves
Ting
Tinio
Tugna
Tupas
Unabia
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Vargas
Velasco-Catera
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (M.)
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 161 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6764.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF HOUSE BILLS**
(Continuation)

Distributed on November 29, 2018:

2. House Bill No. 8580, entitled: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE

OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAMBURAO, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

3. House Bill No. 8581, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RONDA IN THE 7TH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acosta-Alba
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Advincula
Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Atienza
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cortes
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Daza
De Jesus
Defensor
Del Mar
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Durano
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Escudero
Espina
Evardone
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garces
Garcia (G.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Hernandez (P.)
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Javier
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman

Lanete
Lazatin
Lee
Limkaichong
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Malapitan
Mangudadatu (S.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
Mending
Mirasol
Montoro
Noel
Nolasco
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Pancho
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pico
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rodriguez (I.)
Roman
Romualdez
Roque
Sagarbarria
Salimbangon
Salon
Sambar
Sangcopan
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tejada
Teves
Ting

Tinio
Tugna
Tupas
Unabia
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Vargas
Velasco-Catera
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (M.)
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 163 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bills No. 8580 and 8581.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Alvarez (M.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Garin (S.).

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF HOUSE BILLS**
(Continuation)

Distributed on November 29, 2018:

4. House Bill No. 8582, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING BARANGAY BALUTAKAY LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANSALAN, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR AN ECO-AGRITOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

Distributed on November 28, 2018:

5. House Bill No. 8587 “AN ACT RENAMING THE JUNCTION TALUBIN-BARLIG-NATONIN-PARACELIS-CALACCAD ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY TALUBIN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC, BARANGAYS LINGOY, GAWANA (POBLACION), FI-ANGTIN, LIAS, CHUPAC AND LUNAS

IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARLIG, BARANGAYS BANAOG, TONGLAYAN, UGTONG, ALUNOGAN, STA. ISABEL, POBLACION, BANAWEL AND SALIOK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NATONIN AND BARANGAYS POBLACION, BANTAY, BACARRI UP TO CALAC-CAD ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARACELIS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE, AS REP. MAXIMO B. DALOG ROAD”;

Distributed on November 29, 2018:

6. House Bill No. 8591, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FINAL FOR-ESTLAND BOUNDARY OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE”;

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
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Acharon
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Atienza
Banal
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro

Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
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Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
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Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cortes
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Daza
De Jesus
Defensor
Del Mar
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Durano
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Enverga
Erice
Escudero
Espina
Evardone
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garces
Garcia (G.)
Gasataya
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Hernandez (P.)
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Javier
Labadlabad

Lacson
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Lanete
Lazatin
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Limkaichong
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
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Mangudadatu (S.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
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Nolasco
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Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
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Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pico
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rodriguez (I.)
Roman
Romualdez
Roque
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salimbangon
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado

Tambunting
Tejada
Teves
Ting
Tinio
Tugna
Tupas
Unabia
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Vargas
Velasco-Catera
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (M.)
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 166 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on November 29, 2018:

7. House Bill No. 8612, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE SIAY-KABASALAN WETLANDS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SIAY AND KABASALAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
8. House Bill No. 8631, entitled: “AN ACT GRANTING THE LANA O DEL NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO ALL END-USERS IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE”;

9. House Bill No. 8632, entitled: “AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RT BROADCAST SPECIALIST PHIL. INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8126, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE R.T. BROADCAST SPECIALIST PHILIPPINES A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN MINDANAO”;
10. House Bill No. 8634, entitled: “AN ACT GRANTING THE CADIZ RADIO AND TELEVISION NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE WESTERN VISAYAS AREA”;

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
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Acosta-Alba
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Advincula
Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Atienza

Banal
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cortes
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Daza
De Jesus
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Duavit
Durano
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Escudero
Espina
Evardone
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garces
Garcia (G.)
Gasataya
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez

Gullas
Hernandez (P.)
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Javier
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Lazatin
Lee
Limkaichong
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Malapitan
Mangudadatu (S.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
Mending
Mirasol
Montoro
Noel
Nolasco
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Pancho
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pico
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rodriguez (I.)
Roman
Romualdez
Roque
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salimbangon
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano

Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tejada
Teves
Ting
Tinio
Tugna
Tupas
Ty
Unabia
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Vargas
Velasco-Catera
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (M.)
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 169 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF HOUSE BILLS**
(Continuation)

Distributed on November 29, 2018:

11. House Bill No. 8642, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE TINAKAYANAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PAN-GASINAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

12. House Bill No. 8643, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING SITIO MAPITA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGUILAR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
13. House Bill No. 8644, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING MOUNT SAN ISIDRO LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”; and

Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Atienza
Banal
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
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Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cortes
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Daza
De Jesus
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Duavit
Durano
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Escudero
Espina
Evardone
Fernando
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garces
Garcia (G.)

Distributed on November 28, 2018:

14. House Bill No. 8648, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS JAMES LEONARD TAGLE GORDON DAY, A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF OLONGAPO AND IN THE SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND HEROISM OF JAMES LEONARD TAGLE GORDON.”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya

Gasataya
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
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Limkaichong
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Malapitan
Mangudadatu (S.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
Mending
Mirasol
Montoro
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Nolasco
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Pancho
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pico
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rodriguez (I.)
Roman
Romualdez
Roque
Sagarbarria
Sahali

Salimbangon
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tejada
Teves
Ting
Tinio
Tugna
Tupas
Ty
Unabia
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Vargas
Velasco-Catera
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (M.)
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 170 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8690

On successive motions of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8690, calendared under the Business for the Day contained in Committee Report No. 980 and submitted by the Committees on Civil Service and Professional Regulation, and Appropriations, regulating the practice

of Environmental Engineering in the Philippines; 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 the sponsorship remarks on the measure upon motion of Rep. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, Chairperson of the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved House Bill No. 8690 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Erlpe John “Ping” M. Amante to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE AMANTE

Representative Amante addressed the Chamber regarding the alleged illegal raid conducted on the property of Jabonga, Agusan del Norte Mayor Jamin Monton and Vice Mayor Glicerio Monton Jr. by members of the Agusan del Norte Provincial Police. After he described his political relationship with the Montons as well as their unblemished record of service and contribution to the progress of Jabonga, Representative Amante then narrated the events that transpired before, during, and after the alleged illegal raid. He recalled a similar raid that involved two barangay captains from his district in early 2018 about which he delivered a privilege speech.

Thereupon, Representative Amante asked his colleagues to support his resolution for a congressional inquiry into the incident and for the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Philippine National Police (PNP) to conduct their own investigations, in order to unmask the truth and to address the issues of political harassment, abuse of power, and police brutality.

REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE AMANTE

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Amante’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair next recognized Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

As he cited December 10, 2018 as the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Representative Casilao decried the recent filing of charges of kidnapping, human trafficking, and child abuse against Rep. France L. Castro and former Rep. Satur Ocampo. He stressed that their only fault, if at all, was to respond to the cry for help of a lumad school in Talaingod, Davao del Norte. He explained that this and other lumad schools in the country, which were established by private and religious groups upon compliance with the operational requirements of the Department of Education (DepEd), had been suffering from long-term harassment and violence from military forces.

At this point, Representative Casilao stated that he will oppose and fight against any further extension of martial law in Mindanao. This, as he said that such extension would only result in continuing abuse of and disregard for civilian authority, and violation of human rights by the military. He stressed that the government should instead attend to the socioeconomic needs of the people.

As it is the obligation of the State, its agents and its instrumentalities to ensure the protection and defense of human rights of its citizens, he pointed out that in situations where these instrumentalities or agents of the State are the ones violating the human rights of its citizens, they should be punished more severely.

REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Casilao’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

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

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Representative Elago rose to convey to the Body the significance of the commemoration of International Students’ Day on November 17, 2018 which the students worldwide observe not only to

highlight their importance as vehicles of societal change and to address their issues and concerns, but also to heighten the campaign to safeguard their democratic rights.

She then described the events that took place during the entire month of November involving the student and youth leaders nationwide and cited the two major unity statements passed during a recent students' summit, namely, the Philippine Declaration of Students' Rights, and the Declaration of Unity to Protect Educational Institutions as Zones of Peace and Academic Freedom. She also informed the Body that a series of activities was also lined up to celebrate the Human Rights Consciousness Week, and added that the youth sector will again speak to celebrate the International Human Rights Day on December 10, 2018.

REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

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

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

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

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 996 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8714

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8714 contained in Committee Report No. 996 as reported out by the Committees on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT FURTHER PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY STRENGTHENING, EMPOWERING AND ENHANCING THE FINANCING PROGRAMS FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES'.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Pimentel, 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.

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Dennis C. Laogan, Chairperson of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development, for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE LAOGAN

Representative Laogan initially stated that House Bill No. 8714 is the substitute bill to House Bill No. 4498, introduced by Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr., and House Bill No. 5540, introduced by Reps. Michael L. Romero, PhD and Enrico A. Pineda which will benefit micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the country. He then highlighted the objectives and salient provisions of the Bill and underscored that amending the Magna Carta for MSMEs would ensure the full capitalization of the Small Business Corporation to enable it to better serve the MSME sector; and to extend the mandated lending for MSMEs which expired on June 17, 2018.

Representative Laogan thereafter asked for the Members' support and immediate passage of the Bill for the benefit of the MSMEs.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair suspended the session at 4:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:59 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8714

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8714.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 997 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8715

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8715 contained in Committee Report No. 997 as reported out by the Commit-

tees on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development, and Appropriations.

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

“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, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Representative Laogan, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE LAOGAN

At the outset, Representative Laogan explained that the Committee on Appropriations approved the funding provisions of the Bill but with amendments. He affirmed that the establishment of the innovation policy will drive economic development and inclusive growth.

He next highlighted the main objectives of the proposed Philippine Innovation Act which include, among others, strengthening the position of the MSMEs in the innovation system, specifically to promote their growth and national competitiveness, and enabling them to be part of the domestic and global supply chain. He also cited several salient features of the Bill and stressed that the enactment of the proposed Act is necessary as it shall adopt a whole-of-government approach in implementing the country’s innovation strategies to effectively drive innovation across all areas of government. He added that the Bill seeks to establish an innovation fund to be used to strengthen entrepreneurship and enterprises engaged in developing innovative solutions.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8715

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor; terminated the period of

amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved House Bill No. 8715 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 972 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8673

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8673 contained in Committee Report No. 972 as reported out by the Committee on Human Rights.

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

“AN ACT PROHIBITING RACIAL, ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Pimentel, 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.

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DELOSO-MONTALLA

Representative Deloso-Montalla stressed that the Bill is heralded as another milestone in human rights legislation, both in Asia and in other parts of the globe. She said that the issue of discrimination has been a divisive one, but despite variable opposition to the measure, she stressed that it is firmly rooted on constitutional and legal grounds.

She pointed out that the measure defines discrimination and prohibited acts of discrimination in different milieus; ensures the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship without discrimination or preference; and complies with the obligations of the country under various human rights conventions and treaties to which the country is a party. She then urged the Members to support the passage of the Bill as their names will be forever etched in the hearts and minds of the Filipino people for leaving a legacy that eradicates discrimination in the exercise of religious freedom and guarantees full respect for human rights and human dignity.

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Arnel U. Ty for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TY

Representative Ty sought clarification on the penalties to be imposed on violations committed against citizens transacting with government agencies or corporations and the compensation to be given to the aggrieved party.

The Sponsor clarified that a specific provision on reparation to victims is provided in the measure, and thereafter discussed with Representative Ty the maximum penalties that will be imposed on violators. They also focused on the thrust of the measure in defining acts of discrimination and the possibility of crafting another law that would define specific compensation for victims of discrimination.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8673

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no other Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved House Bill No. 8673 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 957 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8655

On subsequent motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8655 contained in Committee Report No. 957 as reported out by the Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

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

“AN ACT DEFINING ELECTRONIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9262, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN ACT OF 2004'.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Pimentel, 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.

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, for her sponsorship remarks.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA-DY

Upon request of Representative Herrera-Dy, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body approved to consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

At this point, Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus sought recognition from the Chair.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8655

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8655.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Edward Vera Perez Maceda and John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8655

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8655 contained in Committee Report No. 957 as reported out by the Committee on Women and Gender Equality, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING ELECTRONIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES, AND PRESCRIBING

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9262, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN ACT OF 2004.' ”

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Representative De Jesus for her manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Representative De Jesus manifested her support for House Bill No. 8655, as she noted the limitations of R.A. No. 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children (AVAWC) Act in protecting women against electronic violence.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8655, AS AMENDED

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no other Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor; and approved the Committee amendments as presented on the floor by Representative Herrera-Dy; terminated the period of amendments; and approved on Second Reading, through *viva voce* voting, House Bill No. 8655, as amended.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 37

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 37 dated December 4, 2018.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:33 p.m. upon motion of Representative Pimentel.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:35 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 936 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8626

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8626 contained in Commit-

tee Report No. 936 as reported out by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development.

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

“AN ACT PRESERVING THE INDIGENOUS GAMES OF THE PHILIPPINES.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Pimentel, 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 Pimentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr., one of the main authors of the measure, for his sponsorship remarks.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BELARO

Representative Belaro stressed that he was sponsoring House Bill No. 8626 consistent with the objectives of his Party-List on the promotion of history, arts and culture. He then asked that the Body adopt the Explanatory Note of the measure as his sponsorship remarks thereon.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8626, AS AMENDED

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor; approved the individual amendments presented by Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, PhD; terminated the period of amendments; and approved on Second Reading, through *viva voce* voting, House Bill No. 8626, as amended.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:40 p.m. upon motion of Representative Pimentel.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:42 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended anew at 5:42 p.m. upon motion of Representative Pimentel.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:43 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1002 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8720

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8720 contained in Committee Report No. 1002 as reported out by the Special Committee on Bases Conversion.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair then *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:43 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:43 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1002 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8720 (Continuation)

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

“AN ACT REVITALIZING THE BASES CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992,' AS AMENDED.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Pimentel, 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.

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CALIXTO-RUBIANO

Representative Calixto-Rubiano first acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) officials headed by Chairperson and Administrator Wilma

Eisma. She thereafter explained that House Bill No. 8720 seeks to fortify and reaffirm the powers granted to SBMA by R.A. No. 7227 to maximize the potential economic and social benefits of establishing the Subic Special Economic Zone.

She underscored how the SBMA has been faced with challenges because of rising competition with investment destinations in other Asian countries; hence, the measure would strengthen the SBMA's administrative and operational governance; allow professionals to improve systems and procedures within the zone; and fortify the territorial jurisdiction of the SBMA by authorizing certain municipalities to cede their territory to the economic zone for a period of less than 50 years, among others.

On motion of Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Representative Ty for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TY

Representative Ty sought clarification on the number of directors that will be added to the current SBMA directors, and how the increase would affect the issuance of clearance to investors.

Representative Ty also inquired why SBMA has allowed sublease rental of its properties which in turn, has made rentals too expensive and thus, became a deterrent to potential investors. He asked how an additional board member can make Subic Special Economic Zone more competitive.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TY

As the Sponsor could not give him an accurate number of the locators under sublease contracts, Representative Ty moved to defer the consideration of the Bill at hand so as to give the Body more time to study the operations and policies of the SBMA.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 6:04 p.m., the Chair suspended the session upon Representative Roa-Puno's motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:06 p.m.

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Geraldine B. Roman, to whom Representative Calixto-Rubiano yielded the sponsorship of the Bill.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMAN

Representative Roman expressed the same desire that Representative Ty has over increasing the number of locators and facilitating business applications within the SBMA area as well as encouraging potential investors therein.

Representative Roman stated however that the sublease of properties within the SBMA was an internal policy; Representative Ty's concerns have nothing to do with the Bill's proposal to increase the number of SBMA's board directors; and that the Bill is a very important piece of legislation that could facilitate the entry of investors and locators in the SBMA area. For these reasons, she asked Representative Ty to reconsider his motion.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TY

Representative Ty disagreed with Representative Roman's explanation and reasoned out that inasmuch as he was willing to support the measure, the Sponsors were unprepared and should be given more time to review and gather relevant data. In view thereof, he reiterated his motion to suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8720 until next week and committed to support the Bill once his questions shall have been answered satisfactorily.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:15 p.m., the Chair resumed the session.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8720**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8720.

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8714**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8714 contained in Committee Report No. 996 and reported out by the Committees on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development, and Appropriations, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY STRENGTHENING, EMPOWERING AND ENHANCING THE FINANCING PROGRAMS FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES'.”

Representative Roa-Puno stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of amendments and on her motion, the Chair recognized Representative Laogan, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to sponsor the measure and Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson to introduce individual amendments.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 6:16 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:17 p.m.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Representative Bravo (A.) for his amendments, in lieu of Representative Lacson who was not around at that moment.

**AMENDMENTS OF
REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)**

As proposed by Representative Bravo and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved Representative Bravo's amendments in Sections 1 and 6.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT
OF REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)**

Representative Bravo proposed to insert, subject to style, a new sub-paragraph (f) under Section 7, as an additional function of the MSMED Council, to wit: REGULATION AND PROVISION OF NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. -- THE MSMED COUNCIL SHALL EXERCISE EXCLUSIVE, REGULATORY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY FUNCTION OVER NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN AS-

SOCIATIONS AND THEREUPON CAN COLLECT FEES FOR SUPERVISION, LICENSES, PERMITS AND PENALTIES.

Representative Laogan declined the proposed amendment as he cited R.A. No. 8367 which provides that non-stock savings and loan associations are under the supervision of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. He added that the MSMED Council is an inter-agency body handling policy and developmental functions and does not have the capacity to handle supervision and regulation.

When the Chair asked if Representative Bravo was withdrawing his proposed amendments, the latter replied that he might just bring the same for consideration of the bicameral conference committee.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no more Committee and individual amendments, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8714, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting House Bill No. 8714, as amended.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1000 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8718

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8718 contained in Committee Report No. 1000 as reported out by the Committees on Economic Affairs, Trade and Industry, Appropriations, and Ways and Means.

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

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO DEL SUR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CARRASCAL, CANTILAN, MADRID, CARMEN, AND LANUZA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno,

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.

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Representative Bravo (A.), author of the measure, for his sponsorship remarks

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)

Representative Bravo stressed that the creation of an export processing zone in the CARAGA Region is needed to generate employment and pump-prime economic activities that will benefit not only Mindanao but the entire country. He said that it was also in line with the Duterte Administration’s program to decongest Manila of manufacturing industries.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8718

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved House Bill No. 8718 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES

Upon Representative Roa-Puno’s motion, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members to the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5675 and Senate Bill No. 2081, allowing the rectification of simulated birth records: Reps. Sandra Y. Eriguel, MD, Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Melecio J. Yap Jr., Anthony M. Bravo, PhD, and Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 6:25 p.m., the Chair declared a recess upon Representative Roa-Puno’s motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:27 p.m., the session resumed.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8720

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8720

contained in Committee Report No. 1002 as reported out by the Special Committee on Bases Conversion, entitled:

“AN ACT REVITALIZING THE BASES CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992,' AS AMENDED.”

Representative Roa-Puno stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate and thereafter, the Chair recognized Representatives Calixto-Rubiano and Ty to resume their sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TY (Continuation)

Ending his interpellation, Representative Ty asked the Sponsor for a list of all locators that are leasing and subleasing properties in the SBMA; the rates of the leases and subleases; and the terms of the lease contracts including the provisions on the renewal of the same.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair next recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate who inquired about additional incentives for SBMA locators and expressed concern about protecting the interest of workers who are not paid full wages and do not have security of tenure.

Representative Calixto-Rubiano clarified that the Bill does not provide for additional incentives for locators but revitalizes the territorial jurisdiction of the SBMA; and that such revitalization involves, among others, increasing the number of members of the board of directors, one of whom shall be appointed by the President from the indigenous communities. She added that the SBMA works closely with various directors to ascertain the concerns and problems of the locators' workers.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On successive motions of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments and the Chair recognized Rep. Federico “Ricky” S. Sandoval II for his amendments.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair suspended the session at 6:40 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:40 p.m.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE SANDOVAL

As proposed by Representative Sandoval and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments on pages 3, 11, and 14 of the Bill.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee and no other individual amendments, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bill No. 8720 the names of Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8720, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading, through *viva voce* voting, House Bill No. 8720, as amended.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair suspended the session at 6:47 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, December 10, 2018.

It was 6:54 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

(Sgd.) **MR. DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING**
Acting Secretary General

Approved on December 10, 2018.

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

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

1. House Bill No. 7785, entitled: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE SELECTION OF NATIONAL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANIES, DESIGNATING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PERFORMING ARTS GENRES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
2. House Bill No. 7856, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY"
3. House Bill No. 8627, entitled: "AN ACT REQUIRING HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CLINICS, AND OTHER FACILITIES TO RELEASE A CADAVER IN THEIR POSSESSION WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS FROM THE TIME OF DEATH TO THE FAMILY OR RELATIVES IN RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9439, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES' "
4. House Bill No. 8683, entitled: "AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997' "

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ABAYA		BENITEZ	*	DEL ROSARIO
ABAYON		BERNOS		DELOSO-MONTALLA
ABELLANOSA	*****	BERTIZ		DIMAPORO (A.)
ABU	**	BIAZON	****	DIMAPORO (M.K.)
ABUEG		BILLONES	*	DUAVIT
ACHARON	*****	BIRON		DURANO
** ACOP		BOLILIA	*****	DY
**** ACOSTA		BONDOC		ELAGO
ACOSTA-ALBA		BORDADO		ENVERGA
ADIONG		BRAVO (A.)		ERICE
ADVINCULA	****	BRAVO (M.V.)	****	ERIGUEL
***** AGARAO		BROSAS	*	ERMITA-BUHAIN
AGGABAO	*	BULUT-BEGTANG		ESCUDERO
***** ALBANO	*	CAGAS		ESPINA
***** ALCALA		CALDERON	****	ESPINO
ALEJANO		CALIXTO-RUBIANO	*	ESTRELLA
ALMARIO		CAMINERO	*****	EUSEBIO
ALMONTE	*****	CAMPOS		EVARDONE
ALONTE		CANAMA	****	FARIÑAS
ALVAREZ (F.)		CARI	*	FERNANDO
ALVAREZ (M.)		CASILAO	**	FERRER (J.)
***** ALVAREZ (P.)		CASTELO	*	FERRER (L.)
AMANTE		CASTRO (F.L.)	*****	FERRIOL-PASCUAL
AMATONG		CASTRO (F.H.)	***	FLOIRENDO
ANDAYA	*	CATAMCO	*****	FLORES
ANGARA-CASTILLO		CAYETANO		FORTUN
***** ANTONINO		CELESTE		FORTUNO
**** ANTONIO	*****	CERAFICA	*****	FUENTEBELLA
AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY		CERILLES		GARBIN
ARAGONES		CHAVEZ		GARCES
ARBISON		CHIPECO		GARCIA (G.)
ARCILLAS	*****	CO	*****	GARCIA (J.E.)
** ARENAS	*****	COJUANGCO	****	GARCIA-ALBANO
ATIENZA	****	COLLANTES	*****	GARIN (R.)
***** AUMENTADO		CORTES		GARIN (S.)
**** BAG-AO	**	CORTUNA		GASATAYA
***** BAGATSING	*****	COSALAN	***	GATCHALIAN
**** BAGUILAT		CRISOLOGO	*****	GERON
* BANAL	*****	CUA		GO (A.C.)
* BARBERS		CUARESMA		GO (M.)
* BARZAGA		CUEVA	****	GOMEZ
BATAOIL	*	DALIPE		GONZAGA
***** BATOCABE	****	DATOL		GONZALES (A.P.)
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN		DAZA		GONZALES (A.D.)
BELARO		DE JESUS		GONZALEZ
* BELMONTE (F.)	****	DE VENECIA	****	GORRICETA
BELMONTE (J.C.)		DEFENSOR		GULLAS
* BELMONTE (R.)		DEL MAR	**	HERNANDEZ (F.)

HERNANDEZ (P.)	****	OLIVAREZ	*****	SIAO
* HERRERA-DY		ONG (E.)		SILVERIO
HOFER		ONG (H.)	*	SINGSON
*** JALOSJOS		ORTEGA (P.)		SUANSING (E.)
JAVIER		ORTEGA (V.N.)		SUANSING (H.)
***** KHO		PACQUIAO		SUAREZ
***** KHONGHUN	**	PADUANO		SY-ALVARADO
LABADLABAD	*	PALMA		TAMBUNTING
LACSON		PANCHO	*****	TAN (A.)
LAGMAN	*	PANGANIBAN	*	TAN (M.)
LANETE		PANOTES	*	TAN (S.)
* LAOGAN		PAPANDAYAN		TEJADA
LAZATIN		PICHAY		TEVES
***** LEACHON		PICO	*****	TIANGCO
LEE		PIMENTEL		TING
LIMKAICHONG		PINEDA		TINIO
**** LOBREGAT	*	PLAZA	***	TOLENTINO
LOPEZ (B.)		PRIMICIAS-	***	TREÑAS
		AGABAS		
* LOPEZ (C.)	****	QUIMBO		TUGNA
LOPEZ (M.L.)	****	RADAZA		TUPAS
***** LOYOLA	*	RAMIREZ-SATO	*	TY
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO		RAMOS	****	UMALI
MACEDA		RELAMPAGOS		UNABIA
***** MADRONA		REVILLA	*****	UNGAB
MALAPITAN		ROA-PUNO		UNICO
***** MANALO	*	ROBES		UY (J.)
* MANGAOANG	****	ROCAMORA		UY (R.)
MANGUDADATU (S.)		RODRIGUEZ (I.)	*****	UYBARRETA
MANGUDADATU (Z.)	*	RODRIGUEZ (M.)		VARGAS
MARCOLETA		ROMAN	****	VARGAS-ALFONSO
MARCOS	*****	ROMERO	****	VELARDE
MARIÑO		ROMUALDEZ	*****	VELASCO
MARQUEZ	****	ROMUALDO		VELASCO-CATERA
***** MARTINEZ	****	ROQUE	*****	VELOSO
**** MATUGAS	****	SACDALAN	****	VERGARA
***** MELLANA		SAGARBARRIA	*****	VILLAFUERTE
MENDING	*	SAHALI	*	VILLANUEVA
***** MENDOZA	*****	SALCEDA	*****	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
***** MERCADO		SALIMBANGON		VILLARICA
MIRASOL	**	SALO		VILLARIN
MONTORO		SALON		VIOLAGO
* NAVA		SAMBAR	*****	YAP (A.)
* NIETO	*	SANDOVAL		YAP (M.)
NOEL		SANGCOPAN	**	YAP (V.)
***** NOGRALES	****	SANTOS-RECTO	*****	YU
NOLASCO	*****	SARMIENTO (C.)		ZAMORA (M.C.)
**** NUÑEZ-MALANYAON		SARMIENTO (E.M.)		ZAMORA (R.)
***** OAMINAL		SAVELLANO		ZARATE
***** OCAMPO	*****	SEMA		ZUBIRI

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

*** Attended meetings of CA/HRET/Conference Committee/Committee meetings authorized by Committee on Rules

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

***** Absent without notice

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