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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

Pursuant to Section 73, Rule XI of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing delivered an invocation.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members responded to the Call:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bagatsing
Banal

Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor

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| Del Mar | Macapagal-Arroyo |
| Del Rosario | Maceda |
| Deloso-Montalla | Madrona |
| Dimaporo (A.) | Malapitan |
| Dimaporo (M.K.) | Manalo |
| Durano | Mangaoang |
| Elago | Mangudadatu (S.) |
| Enverga | Marcos |
| Erice | Mariño |
| Eriguel | Marquez |
| Ermita-Buhain | Martinez |
| Escudero | Matugas |
| Espino | Mendoza |
| Estrella | Mercado |
| Eusebio | Mirasol |
| Evardone | Montoro |
| Fariñas | Nava |
| Fernando | Nieto |
| Ferrer (L.) | Noel |
| Ferriol-Pascual | Nogralas (J.J.) |
| Flores | Nogralas (K.A.) |
| Fortun | Nolasco |
| Fortuno | Nuñez-Malanyaon |
| Fuentebella | Oaminal |
| Garbin | Olivarez |
| Garcia (G.) | Ong (E.) |
| Garcia (J.E.) | Ong (H.) |
| Garin (R.) | Ortega (P.) |
| Garin (S.) | Ortega (V.N.) |
| Gasataya | Pacquiao |
| Geron | Paduano |
| Go (A.C.) | Palma |
| Go (M.) | Pancho |
| Gomez | Panganiban |
| Gonzaga | Panotes |
| Gonzales (A.D.) | Papandayan |
| Gonzalez | Pichay |
| Gullas | Pimentel |
| Hernandez | Pineda |
| Herrera-Dy | Plaza |
| Hofer | Primicias-Agabas |
| Javier | Quimbo |
| Kho | Radaza |
| Khonghun | Ramos |
| Labadlabad | Relampagos |
| Lacson | Revilla |
| Lagman | Roa-Puno |
| Lanete | Robes |
| Laogan | Rocamora |
| Lazatin | Rodriguez (I.) |
| Lee | Rodriguez (M.) |
| Limkaichong | Roman |
| Lobregat | Romualdez |
| Lopez (B.) | Romualdo |
| Lopez (C.) | Roque (H.) |
| Lopez (M.L.) | Roque (R.) |

Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Salceda
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Tugna
Ty
Umali
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zarate
Zubiri

With 244 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also the Appendix)

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

After Rep. Edcel C. Lagman confirmed through the Chair that his vote for House Bill No. 5707, entitled, “An Act Rightsizing the National Government to Improve Public Service Delivery” was counted as an affirmative vote, he pointed out that he had neither raised nor showed the thumbs-up or thumbs-down sign during the voting on the Bill. He then cast a vote of abstention and requested that the record be amended to reflect the same.

Taking note thereof, the Chair said that the Body would act on it after the approval of the Journal.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 2

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 2, dated July 25, 2017.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6017, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE JURISDICTION OF THE SANDIGANBAYAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1606, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Umali

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6018, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR THE

MANUFACTURE, ASSEMBLY, CONVERSION AND IMPORTATION OF ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES INCLUDING CHARGING STATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 6019, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE VALEDICTORIANS, SALUTATORIANS AND FIRST HONOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AN AUTOMATIC ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6020, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE CONSULATE IN THE CITY OF NAGOYA, JAPAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 6021, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING 'CULTURE AND TRADITION' IN THE COURSE OF STUDY AMIDST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AS WELL AS, IN ALL PHASES OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SPEARHEADED BY PHILIPPINE CULTURAL EDUCATION COMMISSION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS CREATION, AND FOR OTHER RELEVANT PURPOSES NECESSARY FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES STATED HEREIN”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6022, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FALSE NEWS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 6023, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE OF THE PANAY ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. GRANTED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5360 AND EXTENDED BY THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO END USERS IN THE CITY OF ILOILO”

By Representative Romualdo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6025, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED CHILD LEARNERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mending

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6026, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING A THREE-YEAR DEBT MORATORIUM TO AFFECTED RESIDENTS OF MARAWI CITY”

By Representative Mending

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6027, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GROUNDS FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF A MARRIAGE”

By Representatives Baguilat, Batocabe, Brosas, Casilao, Castro (F.L.), Catamco, Cayetano,

De Jesus, Elago, Garcia (G.), Go (A.C.), Lagman, Alvarez (P.), Tinio and Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 6028, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING WOMEN TO REVERT TO THEIR MAIDEN SURNAME, ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR REVERSION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 6029, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE TAXES ON FINITE MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS AND QUARRY RESOURCES”

By Representative Rocamora

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 6032, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BRITISH SCHOOL MANILA AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCTIVE TO ITS GROWTH AS SUCH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6033, entitled:

“AN ACT ENTITLING BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO FIXED SALARIES AND OTHER BENEFITS BEING ENJOYED BY REGULAR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6034, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING A LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF HOURS AN EMPLOYEE CAN WORK AND BE MADE TO WORK OVERTIME, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 87 AND 89 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Laogan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6035, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING COMBAT DUTY ALLOWANCE AND COMBAT INCENTIVE ALLOWANCE TO CITIZEN ARMED FORCES GEOGRAPHICAL UNIT (CAFGU) ACTIVE AUXILIARIES (CAAs) OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 6036, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE RISE NATURAL PARK IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE NIPAS ACT (R.A. 7586) PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6037, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FISCAL INCENTIVES FOR CORPORATIONS WITH BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DULY ESTABLISHED AND LOCATED IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO”

By Representative Benitez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 6038, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 3 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'STA. CRUZ DAY”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 6039, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE 'ABOT-ALAM' PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6040, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK ON RESILIENT HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 6041, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO JUNIOR CITIZENS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 6042, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND ENHANCING SUPPORT FOR SMALL ORGANIC FARMERS,

AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10068 OR THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT OF 2010”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6043, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BEREAVEMENT LEAVE OF TEN (10) DAYS WITH FULL PAY TO ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

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

House Bill No. 6044, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE DISSEMINATION OF FALSE INFORMATION AS TO THE PRESENCE OF BOMBS, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER INCENDIARY DEVICES IN HIGH DENSITY OR SENSITIVE PLACES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6045, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING TESDA PROVINCIAL TRAINING CENTER IN CALAPAN CITY, ORIENTAL MINDORO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Leachon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6046, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF PUBLIC DOMAIN

LOCATED IN SITIOS FROM THE DIFFERENT BARANGAYS OF ANUPUL, SAN NICOLAS, SAN ROQUE AND LOURDES, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAMBAN, PROVINCE OF TARLAC FROM UNCLASSIFIED FOREST LANDS INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS”

By Representative Villanueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6047, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING PUBLIC RECREATIONAL SPACES IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTRY AND ITS INTEGRATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 6048, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF SUSTAINABLE ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS ALONG EPIFANIO DE LOS SANTOS AVENUE AND PERTINENT MAJOR PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES IN HIGH DENSITY URBAN AREAS, ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6049, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINALABAC, MILAOR, AND PILI (CAMARINES SUR WATERSPORTS COMPLEX) INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6050, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 14-A, OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOCIAL SECURITY LAW' AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7322”

By Representative Erice

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 6051, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE HOSTED ON-THE-JOB TRAINEES (OJTs) TO ABSORB OJTs AS REGULAR EMPLOYEES UPON GRADUATION”

By Representative Erice

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

House Bill No. 6052, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF UDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AS THE FARM TOURISM DESTINATION CAPITAL OF BOHOL”

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6053, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS FROM WITHHOLDING THE DEATH CERTIFICATES OF DECEASED PATIENTS DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS, PROFESSIONAL FEES AND OTHER MEDICAL EXPENSES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6054, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE RATES OF COMBAT DUTY PAY AND COMBAT INCENTIVE PAY OF THE ARMED FORCES

OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND THE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6055, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO TEACHERS AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED IN CONFLICT AREAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6056, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR AIR PASSENGERS AND CARRIER OBLIGATIONS”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6057, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BALIK SCIENTIST PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6058, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WHO WERE SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY, CREATING THE PNP

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6059, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 37 AND 38 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT AND PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS NOT PRESENTLY INCLUDED IN THE LAW”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6060, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FOREST BOUNDARY OF THE PROVINCE OF TARLAC”

By Representatives Yap (V.), Cojuangco and Villanueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6061, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY LOCATED IN MAASIN CITY, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO AN EXTENSION OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1126, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CON-

DUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE TOBACCO EXCISE TAX AND DETERMINATION OF THE TANGIBLE BENEFITS ACQUIRED BY TOBACCO FARMERS OF ILOCOS NORTE”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1127, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPACT OF AERIAL BOMBINGS, EXECUTED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS PART OF THEIR COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATIONS, ON THE FARMER COMMUNITIES, PRIOR AND UNDER THE DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW IN MINDANAO”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1128, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION OF ANAKPAWIS PARTY-LIST REGIONAL COORDINATOR PEDRO ARNADO AND HIS THREE ACTIVIST COMPANIONS BY ELEMENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES UNDER TASK FORCE DAVAO AT A CHECKPOINT IN BRGY. LASANG, BUNAWAN DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY, AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MARTIAL LAW IN MINDANAO”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1129, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,

ON THE ILLEGAL ARREST AND FILING OF TRUMPED UP CHARGES AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE COMPOSTELA FARMERS ASSOCIATION (CFA) IN BRGY. MANGAYON, COMPOSTELA TOWN, COMPOSTELA VALLEY BY ELEMENTS OF THE 66TH INFANTRY BATTALION PHILIPPINE ARMY (IBPA)”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1130, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF LANDLESSNESS AMONG FILIPINO FARMERS, PERPETUATION OF FORMER AND PRESENT HACIENDAS AND THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR LAND DISTRIBUTION, AS STEP TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF GENUINE AGRARIAN REFORM IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1131, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PLIGHT OF HACIENDA ROXAS FARMERS STRUGGLING FOR THEIR RIGHTS TO LAND BEING OPPOSED BY ROXAS AND CO., INC. IN NASUGBU, BATANGAS”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1132, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DISPLACEMENT OF SIXTY-TWO (62) AGRARIAN REFORM

BENEFICIARIES (ARBs) BELONGING TO THE SAMAHANG MAGBUBUKID NG KAPDULA (SAMAKA) FROM THEIR FARMS ON A 155.7-HECTARE LAND IN BRGY. BUCAL, DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE THROUGH UNSCRUPULOUS MEANS LEADING TO THE JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT (JVA) AND TAKING OVER OF THE LANDS BY JAKA INVESTMENT CORPORATION, SOUTH CAVITE LAND COMPANY INC. AND STA. LUCIA REALTY DEVELOPMENT INC.”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1133, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING AND CALLING FOR AN URGENT INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE THREATS, HARASSMENT, AND VILIFICATION AGAINST STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE SALUGPONGAN TA' TANU IGKANOGON COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER IN SITIO NASILABAN, BRGY. PALMA GIL, TALAINGOD, DAVAO DEL NORTE, BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PARAMILITARY GROUP ALAMARA”

By Representatives Tinio, Castro (F.L.), Brosas and Casilao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1134, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING AND CALLING FOR AN URGENT INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE INDISCRIMINATE FIRING AGAINST CHILDREN AND A LUMAD SCHOOL SUPPORTER AND THE EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLING OF ANTI-MINING ACTIVISTS IN COMPOSTELA VALLEY BY THE PHILIPPINE ARMY”

By Representatives Tinio, Castro (F.L.), Brosas and Casilao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1135, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE CASES OF ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT OF OFWs/DOMESTIC WORKERS, AND ESTABLISH ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS REVIEW OUR PRESENT SYSTEM, LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO DETERMINE THE WEAKNESSES OF OUR SYSTEMS IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF THESE VULNERABLE WORKERS, CONSIDERING NEW APPROACHES SUCH AS BAN ON THEIR DEPLOYMENT, AMONG OTHERS, IN THE INTEREST OF PROTECTING THEIR WELFARE, AND IN AID OF LEGISLATION, AMONG OTHERS”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1136, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE TAX REFORM PROGRAM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE UTILIZATION BY THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM TAX REVENUES COLLECTED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10351”

By Representative Quimbo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Resolution No. 1137, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCLUSION OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR AND 13 MAYORS OF SULU IN THE LIST OF LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES WHOSE DEPUTATION AS NAPOLCOM REPRESENTATIVES WERE REVOKED ON HIGHLY SERIOUS GROUNDS OF INVOLVEMENT IN ILLEGAL DRUGS TRADE, CONNIVANCE WITH LOCAL TERRORISTS PARTICULARLY THE ABU SAYYAF GROUP ON KIDNAP FOR RANSOM ACTIVITIES

AND PROVISION IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER OF MATERIAL SUPPORT TO TERRORISTS”

By Representative Arbison

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1138, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION AS TO THE PROCESS AND GUIDELINES IMPLEMENTED BY LTFRB REGARDING PUBLIC RIDE SHARING AND RECOMMEND REMEDIAL MEASURES FOR THE SAFETY OF RIDING PUBLIC”

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1139, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) TO FINALIZE THE NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE TO TRANSPORTATION NETWORK VEHICLE SERVICES (TNVS)”

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 1140, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROCESS BEING FOLLOWED BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) IN GRANTING FRANCHISES TO TRANSPORT NETWORK VEHICLE SERVICES (TNVS) PROVIDERS”

By Representative Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr. for House Bills No. 2622 and 2624;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 1697 and 3410;

Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel for House Bill No. 3409;

Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bills No. 3335, 5158, and 5808;

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Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bills No. 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 822, 823, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2709, 2710, 2711, 2712, 2713, 2714, 2897, 3394, 3560, 3682, 3769, 4067, 4348, 4366, 4367, 4452, 4453, 4454, and 4581;

Rep. Strike B. Revilla for House Bills No. 4973 and 5675;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bill No. 4954;

Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez for House Bills No. 3641 and 4722;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 5560, 5631, and 5655;

Rep. Carlo V. Lopez for House Bill No. 5382;

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for House Bill No. 2881;

Rep. Lorna C. Silverio for House Bills No. 5021, 5228, and 5532;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bills No. 5326, 5570, and 5659, and House Resolution No. 787;

Rep. Alfredo "Albee" B. Benitez for House Bill No. 4973;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bill No. 5672;

Rep. Christopher V.P. De Venecia for House Bill No. 5023;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 5549 and 5751;

Rep. Emmanuel A. Billones for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, and 5524;

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta for House Bill No. 5828;

Rep. Ricardo "RJ" T. Belmonte Jr. for House Bills No. 269 and 5524;

Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna for House Bill No. 487;

Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for House Bill No. 5675;

Reps. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang, Conrado M. Estrella III, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, and Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang for House Bill No. 5811; and

Rep. Franz E. Alvarez for House Bill No. 6.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated July 25, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed 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”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 25, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed 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”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 329), re H.B. No. 6065, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY (NSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, AS THE BILIRAN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY (BILSU) AND REMOVING THE PROHIBITION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9718, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE NAVAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE BILIRAN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BILIRAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 873 and 3066

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Espina

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 330), re H.B. No. 6073, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FINAL FORESTLAND BOUNDARY OF THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3516

Sponsors: Representatives Ty, Nograles (K.A.), Mellana, Plaza, Bag-ao and Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 331), re H.B. No. 6081, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF MANLABANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MANLABANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CAIBIRAN, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, TO CAIBIRAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4160

Sponsors: Representatives Durano and Espina

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1141, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE BASIS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION (NAPOLCOM) TO WITHDRAW THE DEPUTATION OF SEVEN (7) GOVERNORS AND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO (132) MAYORS IN MINDANAO”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1142, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS AND PERSEVERE IN ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO RECOVER THE THREE (3) BELLS OF BALANGIGA FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

By Representative Evardone

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 1143, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PHP 900-MILLION INTERNAL FRAUD CASE OF ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY A BANK EXECUTIVE OF METROPOLITAN BANK AND TRUST CO. (METROBANK)”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1144, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO LOOK INTO THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY ON THE LIVES OF THE RURAL FOLKS AND ITS POTENTIAL AS AN ALTERNATIVE TOOL FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS”

By Representatives Kho and Acosta-Alba

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1145, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN RESPECT OF TAXES ASSESSED ON AND COLLECTED FROM DEL

MONTE PHILIPPINES, INC. RESULTING TO REVENUE LOSS TO THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Villanueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Ron P. Salo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Michelle M. Antonio.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Representative Salo, there being no objection, the Chair declared the Privilege Hour.

On further motion of Representative Salo, the Chair recognized Representative Antonio for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO

While airing an audio-visual presentation, Representative Antonio first dwelt on the country’s dependence on the Angat Dam in the province of Bulacan by saying that it was the source of 97 percent of Metro Manila’s water supply; its water supply was shared among domestic and industrial water needs, irrigation of agricultural lands, and power supply generation to feed the Luzon grid; and in 2016, a portion of its water supply had been earmarked for the Bulacan Bulk Water Project. She then stressed that there was a looming water crisis in view of the dam’s inability to provide sufficient potable water by year 2020 unless the government developed an alternative water source. She also discussed issues related to climate change, the dam’s low water level, the disaster risk involving Metro Manila, and the dam’s location in the West Valley Fault.

Thereupon, Representative Antonio recommended the following: (1) setting up new dams or addressing the problems surrounding ongoing dam projects such as construction delays and environmental issues; (2) formulating a water supply masterplan by key government leaders and stakeholders; (3) conducting oversight among the different agencies involved in water supply such as the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) and passing laws to strengthen and define their roles and functions; (4) holding consultations and informational seminars on water conservation; and (5) undertaking reforestation projects.

After suggesting the creation of a Department on Water as well, Representative Antonio urged her colleagues to immediately act on the impending water crisis.

MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER CAYETANO

Upon recognition by the Chair on Representative Salo’s motion, Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano manifested her full support for the position taken by Representative Antonio. Saying she was the former Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Environment, she pointed out that the government had done very little to protect the source and quality of water in the country. She expressed hope that during the budget hearings, they could ask for more funds in this regard.

The Chair took note of the manifestation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ACOP

On motion of Representative Salo, the Chair next recognized Rep. Romeo M. Acop who sought more information about the impending water crisis.

Representative Antonio stated that a national water plan was not yet in place despite the efforts of government and private agencies and thus proposed to convene a technical working group thereon; establish a strong lead agency to provide policy guidance; update, modernize, and amend the 40-year old Water Code; strengthen the NWRB; and create a regulatory framework governing all water service providers; develop funding and partnering programs to mobilize private resources into the water sector. While she affirmed Representative Acop’s observation that the President had not spoken on the problem, she stressed that the Duterte Administration was silently working on constructing alternative dams in accordance with its policy of a golden age of infrastructure.

In ending his interpellation, Representative Acop proposed to require the agency concerned to come up with a study on the effects of the collapse of the Angat Dam. He also congratulated his colleague for talking about a very important problem.

REQUESTS OF REPRESENTATIVES LAGMAN AND ATIENZA

At this point, Reps. Edcel C. Lagman and Jose L. Atienza Jr. requested that they be allowed to make a manifestation.

The Chair first recognized Representative Lagman to do so.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

As he commended Representative Antonio for her timely speech on the looming water crisis in the country, Representative Lagman said that such was also a worldwide problem. He cited a recent report of the United Nations about a water deficit by 2030 due to water abuse, surging population growth, and climate change. He also cited the report by the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines on the need for more investments in tapping water resources and for proper management, infrastructure development, and government-private sector coordination, and public education on the efficient use of water.

Thereafter, Representative Lagman inquired on the safety of local drinking water being provided by Maynilad Water Services, Inc. and Manila Water Company, Inc.

The Chair took note of Representative Lagman's manifestation.

On motion of Representative Salo, the Chair recognized Representative Atienza for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza manifested his support for Representative Antonio's speech; stressed that Congress must respond to the water crisis; and agreed with Representative Lagman on the importance of proper sewerage treatment facilities. He pointed out that the abundant supply of fresh water in the country was being wasted away by pollution and water had become more expensive than diesel fuel – all because the government and private sectors were not addressing the problems in the water sector.

The Chair took note of Representative Atienza's manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BATOCABE

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Defensor, Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe commended Representative Antonio for bringing out the water problem in the country. He observed the absence of a centralized agency to take care of the water problem. He recalled that in the 2016 elections, the Bicolano voters stated that their number one problem was water supply.

Subsequently, Representative Batocabe expressed hope that Congress would address the matter.

The Chair took note of Representative Batocabe's manifestation, and thereafter recognized Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho for his manifestation.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO

In view of the several manifestations already made on the floor, Representative Salo requested Representative Pancho to limit his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE PANTO

Representative Panto said in Filipino that Angat Dam provided all the water requirements of Metro Manila to the detriment of the irrigation needs of farmers in the Province of Bulacan in which it was located. He also disclosed that the Province of Bulacan did not receive any share from the operations of the Angat Dam as provided for in the Local Government Code.

He concluded that the government should find other sources of water for the metropolis and continue developing other dams. He also explained that he filed House Resolution No. 1106 calling for an investigation on the plight of his constituents especially the farmers who experience no water during the dry months but flooding from the Angat Dam during the rainy season.

The Chair took note of Representative Panto's manifestation.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO

Representative Salo said that he was joining his colleagues in congratulating and commending Representative Antonio for her speech.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Salo thereupon acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III and Strike B. Revilla.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Salo, Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate spoke in Filipino about the true state of the nation from the point of view of the Makabayan Party-List. He said that members of multi-sectoral groups from Mindanao who marched to the Batasan Complex on July 24, 2017 to listen to the State of the Nation Address (SONA), carried with them the burden of martial law; civilian displacement and the loss of property and livelihood due to the war in Marawi and in communities where the New People's Army existed; suspended peace talks with the National Democratic Front; and killings resulting from the war on drugs.

He said that initially, the progressives put their faith in President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for his pronouncements on genuine land reform; national industrialization; end to labor contractualization; independent foreign policy; and resumption of peace talks. He pointed out that one year thereafter, they saw that the President failed in all of these. As proof thereof, he mentioned the abandonment of human rights as well as of justice and due process in favor of militarization as a way of addressing the problems of the nation; passage of a tax reform measure which would actually burden ordinary taxpayers; non-mention of the issue of labor contractualization in the SONA; continued influence of the United States and China in Philippine foreign and domestic policy; cancellation of peace talks that would have paved the way for social and economic reforms.

At this point, Representative Zarate challenged the President to prioritize the passage of the Peoples' Mining Bill in order to address the long-suffering plight of indigenous peoples. He stressed that the President's strong and sharp language should be used only against plunderers, exploiters, and foreign colonizers but not against lumad youths who merely wished to continue their studies or innocent civilians. He opined that the President's promise of change was hopeless if he continued to implement neoliberal and fascist policies instead of listening and defending the ordinary citizens.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

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

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Salo, the Chair recognized Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE TEVES

Representative Teves first raised the issue of illegal mining and quarrying and corruption in Negros Oriental. As he lauded President Duterte's statement in his SONA to stop the environmental destruction, he lamented the unabated extraction of sand and gravel in his province and the alleged involvement therein by some untouchable individuals such as the provincial governor. He called on the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and officials of the DENR-Negros Island Region to oversee the proper quarrying and mining activities in the area and not to be persuaded by local government officials to do otherwise. He also expressed hope that corrupt officials who were responsible for the environmental destruction in his province, will be put in jail.

Representative Teves also raised the issue of illegal gambling in his province and called on Philippine National Police (PNP) Director General Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa to address it because it could hamper the success of the government's anti-poverty programs.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE TEVES' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Teves to the Committee on Rules.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for 40 minutes.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Tom S. Villarín for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

Representative Villarín criticized President Duterte's defense of the military on allegations of human rights, warning of school bombings in lumad schools, and proposed abolition of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) – which he stated in his SONA on July 24, 2017. He stressed that human rights was the heart and soul of the Constitution; was universal and inalienable as well as interdependent and indivisi-

ble; applied equally and did not discriminate; and included freedom of speech, freedom of belief, and protection from suppression. He traced the evolution of human rights in the country and in the world as he opined that the President did not seem to appreciate the historical evolution of society from man – the beast – to that of freeman.

He explained that the CHR was tasked to defend persons from the excesses of the State; provide legal and preventive measures for human rights protection and defense of all Filipinos especially the underprivileged; monitor the country's compliance with international treaties and obligations on human rights; and exercise visitorial powers over detention facilities. He said it should not be abolished because it was a constitutional body and because doing so would negate the gains and sacrifices of anti-dictatorship struggles and human rights victims, negatively affect the international community, and institutionalize the reign of impunity and fear and silence.

Representative Villarín also stressed that it was not the CHR's mandate to stop criminality or conduct law enforcement to curb lawless violence.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

To the Chair's query on the "lapdogs and sycophants" whom Representative Villarín mentioned in his speech, the latter said that they referred to the communications people under the present administration and not to the Members.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Salo, the Chair recognized Representative Lagman for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman inquired whether the President's statement to abolish the CHR reflected disrespect to the Constitution and aversion to the rule of law; and whether his frustration about the agency was a valid cause for abolishing it. Representative Villarín replied that the President's concept and appreciation of human rights seemed to be different from what the Constitution amplified and the President could not be above the Constitution and should not speak based on his emotion.

In response to Representative Lagman's succeeding questions, Representative Villarín affirmed that

the CHR's constitutional mandate was to investigate human rights abuses of the State and its agents but not of rebels and terrorists. He clarified that violations committed by the latter, being non-State parties, should be penalized according to the Revised Penal Code. He added that because of limited budget and personnel and an atmosphere of suppression, the CHR was finding it difficult to fulfill its mandate. He agreed with his colleague's proposal to focus on passing bills aimed at strengthening the Commission, instead of seeking its abolition.

Upon Representative Salo's motion, the Chair next recognized Rep. Gary C. Alejano.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ALEJANO

To the questions of Representative Alejano, Representative Villarín explained the constitutional mandate of the CHR and its focus on violations committed by State actors; and clarified that civilians could not be accused of human rights violations against government agents or authorities. The former observed that members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and PNP would be prone to commit human rights violations if they were not continuously reminded about the role of the CHR and the importance of human rights. The latter pointed out that human rights education had been institutionalized not only in the security sector but also in other government agencies.

Representative Alejano then asked whether the members of the AFP and PNP should also be protected from trumped-up charges. Replying in the affirmative, Representative Villarín added that the CHR should be reinforced to enable it to discharge its functions impartially.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Villarín including the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

QUERY OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Thereafter, in reply to a query of Representative Defensor, Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus affirmed that she was willing to deliver her privilege speech at that moment in view of the statement of a member of the Committee on Rules that there would be no Privilege Hour scheduled the following session.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for another 10 minutes and the Chair then recognized Representative De Jesus.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Representative De Jesus relayed the following concerns which were contained in letters submitted to Gabriela Women’s Party by women, youth, and labor sectors and organizations before President Duterte delivered his SONA on July 24, 2017: (1) prevalence of labor contractualization schemes, unfair labor practices and unsafe working conditions, age discrimination, and layoffs without benefits; (2) lack of clean water and electricity and burdensome premiums and interest rates in government housing projects, thus forcing awardees to sell their units; (3) lack of quality education, school facilities, and teachers especially for lumads and Moros; and (4) hope for significant change and progress in the lives of women in an economy that served the interests of big businessmen and foreigners.

Representative De Jesus said that GABRIELA will continue to work for the resolution of said issues especially in the budget hearings. She pointed out that providing regular jobs and homes and free education as well as fighting terrorism and militarization, would ensure the attainment of peace based on justice.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS’ PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative De Jesus’ privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

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

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 3, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body then approved Journal No. 3, dated July 26, 2017, subject to Representative Lagman’s earlier manifestation for the record to reflect that he had abstained from voting on House Bill No. 5707 on the rightsizing of the national government.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

It was 6:29 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on August 1, 2017.

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

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

1. House Bill No. 5811, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF THE POOR”
2. House Bill No. 2506, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PASO DE BLAS, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS PASO DE BLAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
3. House Bill No. 2507, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY UGONG, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS JUSTICE ELIEZER R. DE LOS SANTOS HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

4. House Bill No. 2508, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAGBAGUIN, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS BAGBAGUIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

5. House Bill No. 3438, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY UGONG, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS ANTONIO M. SERAPIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

6. House Bill No. 5235, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF LAOAG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS LAOAG CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

7. House Bill No. 5689, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'ADLAW HONG BUTUAN”

8. House Bill No. 5789, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF DAVAO A MINING-FREE ZONE”

9. House Bill No. 5790, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BILIRAN A MINING-FREE ZONE”

10. House Bill No. 5793, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING KAPANGYAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

11. House Bill No. 5794, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING GANGUB CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

12. House Bill No. 5803, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MANLILISID, MUNICIPALITY OF JAVIER, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS MANLILISID NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

13. House Bill No. 5806, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE STRETCH OF BEACHES THAT LINE THE ALBAY WEST COAST IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY AS TOURIST SPOTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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| **** ALONTE | CANAMA | EVARDONE |
| ALVAREZ (F.) | **** CARI | FARIÑAS |
| **** ALVAREZ (M.) | CASILAO | FERNANDO |
| ALVAREZ (P.) | CASTELO | **** FERRER (J.) |
| AMANTE | CASTRO (F.L.) | FERRER (L.) |
| AMATONG | CASTRO (F.H.) | FERRIOL-PASCUAL |
| ANDAYA | CATAMCO | ***** FLOIRENDO |
| **** ANGARA-CASTILLO | CAYETANO | FLORES |
| ***** ANTONINO | CELESTE | FORTUN |
| ANTONIO | CERAFICA | FORTUNO |
| AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY | CERILLES | FUENTEBELLA |
| ARAGONES | CHAVEZ | GARBIN |
| ***** ARBISON | CHIPECO | GARCIA (G.) |
| **** ARCILLAS | CO | GARCIA (J.E.) |
| ARENAS | COJUANGCO | **** GARCIA-ALBANO |
| ATIENZA | COLLANTES | GARIN (R.) |
| AUMENTADO | CORTES | GARIN (S.) |
| **** BAG-AO | * CORTUNA | GASATAYA |
| BAGATSING | COSALAN | *** GATCHALIAN |
| **** BAGUILAT | CRISOLOGO | GERON |
| BANAL | CUA | GO (A.C.) |
| BARBERS | CUARESMA | GO (M.) |
| BARZAGA | **** CUEVA | GOMEZ |
| BATAOIL | DALIPE | GONZAGA |
| * BATOCABE | DATOL | * GONZALES (A.P.) |
| BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN | DAZA | GONZALES (A.D.) |
| ** BELARO | DE JESUS | GONZALEZ |
| BELMONTE (F.) | DE VENECIA | ***** GORRICETA |

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| GULLAS | *** OCAMPO | SILVERIO |
| HERNANDEZ | OLIVAREZ | SINGSON |
| HERRERA-DY | ONG (E.) | SUANSING (E.) |
| HOFER | ONG (H.) | SUANSING (H.) |
| *** JALOSJOS | ORTEGA (P.) | SUAREZ |
| JAVIER | ORTEGA (V.N.) | SY-ALVARADO |
| KHO | PACQUIAO | TAMBUNTING |
| KHONGHUN | PADUANO | TAN (A.) |
| LABADLABAD | PALMA | TAN (M.) |
| LACSON | PANCHO | TAN (S.) |
| LAGMAN | PANGANIBAN | TEJADA |
| LANETE | PANOTES | TEVES |
| LAOGAN | PAPANDAYAN | TIANGCO |
| LAZATIN | PICHAY | TING |
| **** LEACHON | PIMENTEL | TINIO |
| LEE | PINEDA | *** TOLENTINO |
| LIMKAICHONG | PLAZA | *** TREÑAS |
| 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 | |

* 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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