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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg 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, Representative Divina Grace C. Yu delivered the invocation.

**DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL  
AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On successive motions of Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr., there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll as well as the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions, including the Communication, which were referred to the appropriate Committees or consigned to the Archives as hereunder indicated:

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 4107, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SECTORS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1467, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED, ‘CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND ACTIVITIES, PROVIDING FOR ITS CAPITALIZATION AND FOR THE REQUIRED GOVERNMENT PREMIUM SUBSIDY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representatives Salon and Lee

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4108, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY ON STUDENTS’ RIGHTS AND WELFARE”

By Representative Baguilat

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

House Bill No. 4109, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PEOPLE’S LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD (PLEB), FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551”

By Representative Chipeco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4110, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ILOILO BAPTIST CHURCH (PHILIPPINES) TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE NON-COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Treñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4111, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL GREEN BUILDING CODE AND RATING SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4112, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000' ”

By Representative Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4114, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE ZAMBOANGA CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE ZAMBOANGA CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4115, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FINAL FORESTLAND BOUNDARY OF THE PROVINCE OF SIQUIJOR”

By Representative Rocamora

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4116, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF PHILIPPINE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE”

By Representative Rocamora

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4117, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF MANDAUE FROM THE 6<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO CREATE THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MANDAUE CITY”

By Representative Cortes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4118, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FIRST LOVE BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8100 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE FIRST LOVE BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL FM AND AM RADIO STATIONS AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO' FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Jalosjos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4119, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE HOLDING OR DETENTION OF HUMAN REMAINS OR CADAVERS BY HOSPITALS, CLINICS, MORGUES, FUNERAL PARLORS FOR NON PAYMENT OF HOSPITAL/MEDICAL BILLS AND FUNERAL EXPENSES”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4120, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING GEN. LUIS TRAVERSING FROM BARANGAY LAWANG BATO TO VALENZUELA-CALOOCAN BOUNDARY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF VALENZUELA, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Martinez  
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
 AND HIGHWAYS

DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF  
 1992', PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS  
 THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PUR-  
 POSSES"

House Bill No. 4121, entitled:

By Representative Salo

"AN ACT CONVERTING A. MARIANO  
 STREET TRAVERSING FROM A.  
 MARIANO STREET IN BARANGAY  
 BAGBAGUIN TO STO. ROSARIO BA-  
 RANGAY MAPULANG LUPA IN THE  
 SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF VALEN-  
 ZUELA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND  
 URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4125, entitled:

By Representative Martinez  
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
 AND HIGHWAYS

"AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY  
 OF DATU HALUN SAKILAN MEMORIAL  
 HOSPITAL ALSO KNOWN AS THE PRO-  
 VINCIAL HOSPITAL OF TAWI-TAWI IN  
 THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGAO,  
 PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI FROM LEVEL  
 2 WITH FIFTY (50) BED AUTHORIZED  
 CAPACITY TO LEVEL 3 WITH TWO  
 HUNDRED (200) BED AUTHORIZED CA-  
 PACITY, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES  
 AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL  
 HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE IN-  
 CREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL  
 AND THEIR SALARIES, AND APPROPRI-  
 ATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

House Bill No. 4122, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING QUE GRANDE  
 ROAD FROM GEN. T. DE LEON BRIDGE  
 TO MINDANAO AVENUE IN THE SEC-  
 OND DISTRICT, CITY OF VALENZUELA  
 INTO A NATIONAL ROAD"

By Representative Sahali

By Representative Martinez  
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
 AND HIGHWAYS

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4126, entitled:

House Bill No. 4123, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING MALINIS STREET  
 TRAVERSING FROM MALINIS STREET  
 IN BARANGAY BAGBAGUIN TO VALEN-  
 ZUELA-CALOOCAN BOUNDARY IN  
 THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF  
 VALENZUELA, INTO A NATIONAL  
 ROAD"

"AN ACT DECLARING THE TURTLE IS-  
 LANDS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPAL-  
 ITY OF TURTLE ISLANDS, PROVINCE  
 OF TAWI-TAWI, AS A PROTECTED  
 AREA"

By Representative Sahali

By Representative Martinez  
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
 AND HIGHWAYS

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RE-  
 SOURCES

House Bill No. 4127, entitled:

House Bill No. 4124, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHEN-  
 SIVE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR HOME-  
 LESS AND INFORMAL SETTLER FAMIL-  
 LIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
 REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED,  
 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'URBAN

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPART-  
 MENT OF HEALTH TO SET AND AP-  
 PROVE THE BED CAPACITY OF ALL  
 DOH HOSPITALS AND FOR OTHER PUR-  
 POSSES"

By Representative Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4128, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A TWO-THOUSAND PESO (P2,000.00) ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSION OF SSS MEMBER-PENSIONERS AND RATIONALIZING THE POWERS, DUTIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION (SSC), FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4129, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES NATIONWIDE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4130, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING TO FOURTEEN (14) DAYS THE PATERNITY LEAVE AND REMOVING THE LIMITATION ON DELIVERY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8187, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PATERNITY LEAVE ACT OF 1996' ”

By Representative Castelo

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

House Bill No. 4131, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE LIMA HONG CHANNEL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PROVINCE OF

PANGASINAN AS A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 4132, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN EVERY REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, DISTRICT, CITY AND MUNICIPAL HEALTH CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 4133, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TAX AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAX LIABILITIES FOR TAXABLE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2016”

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4134, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 24, 34 AND 110 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997', AS AMENDED, REDUCING THE INCOME TAX LIABILITIES OF INDIVIDUALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bag-ao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4135, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONWIDE CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAM OUTLINING ITS POLICIES, FRAMEWORK, AND STRUCTURE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Bag-ao and Bordado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 4136, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 7816, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4137, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR ROBBERY, THEFT AND DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4138, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION MARIA CLARA LOBREGAT NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN BARANGAY VITALI PASSING TO BARANGAY SIBULAO TO JUNCTION MARIA CLARA LOBREGAT NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN BARANGAY TAGASILAY, ALL IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Lobregat and Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4139, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION BARANGAY SIBULAO TO MERLOQUET FALLS IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Lobregat and Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4140, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE STRENGTHENING OF THE NATIONAL EXTENSION SYSTEM TO ACCELERATE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4141, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON FOOD AND OTHER BASIC COMMODITIES TO GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO AFFORDABLE FOOD AND ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLY, PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 4142, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING REFERENCE TO BRAND NAMES IN THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ALLOWING FOR THE EXTENSION OF A WINNING BIDDER’S PERIOD TO ENTER

INTO CONTRACT WITH THE PROCURING ENTITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT' ”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 4143, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4144, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 145 (C) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative De Vera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4145, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INCORPORATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8168 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE FILIPINAS BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representative Lagman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4146, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO CHILDREN OF ACTIVE

MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4147, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO CHILDREN OF THE DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4148, entitled:

“AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIME OF RAPE AND ITS PENALTIES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8353 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RAPE LAW OF 1997”

By Representative Baguilat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4150, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TOTAL BAN ON ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINES, FOR OTHER PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF LANDMINES, BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES, FOR THE CREATION OF A PHILIPPINE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON LANDMINES, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES”

By Representative Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 4151, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING WIRE TAPPING IN CASES INVOLVING VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE

KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002', AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4200, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE WIRE TAPPING AND OTHER RELATED VIOLATIONS OF THE PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4152, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING FIXED TERMS FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE MAJOR SERVICE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4153, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SALARY STEP INCREMENT FOR TEACHERS WITH SPECIALIZATION IN SCIENCE AND/OR MATHEMATICS”

By Representative Bolilia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 4154, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS A NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PADRE GARCIA, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, IN CELEBRATION OF ITS KABAKAHAN FESTIVAL AND FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Bolilia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4155, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE RICE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM IN PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bolilia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 4156, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE TAX EXEMPTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS OPERATING IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4157, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997' ”

By Representative Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4158, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING INCENTIVES TO SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN FORESTED AREAS WITHIN THEIR SUBDIVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT



House Bill No. 4159, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4670 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' ”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4160, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MANLABANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BRGY. MANLABANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CAIBIRAN, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN INTO THE CAIBIRAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Espina

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4161, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING SIX (6) MONTHS MEDICAL SERVICE IN LOCAL HEALTH FACILITIES FOR POST-GRADUATE PHYSICIANS AND NEW MEDICAL SPECIALISTS”

By Representative Espina

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4162, entitled:

“AN ACT REVOKING IRRIGATION SERVICES FEES AND OTHER RELATED FEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1702”

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4163, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NHW JCT. MALANDAG-DATAL BATONG, MALUNGON - BOUNDARY MIASONG, TUPI PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Pacquiao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4164, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY MABINI - PINTOR - UNION, MUNICIPALITY OF GAMU TO MANGCURAM - LULUTAN, CITY OF ILAGAN, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Go (A.C.), Montoro, Albano, Dy, Ty, Aggabao and Panganiban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4165, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL HIGHWAY FROM THE LANA O DEL NORTE INTERIOR CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, LANA O DEL NORTE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALAKAG, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, WITH A CROSSROAD AT BARANGAY PANALAWAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, LANA O DEL NORTE AND CONNECTING ROADS TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN ILIGAN CITY THROUGH BARANGAY PUGAAN, ILIGAN CITY AND TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN MARAWI CITY THROUGH THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAPAL, LANA O DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN UNITY CROSSROAD AND HIGHWAYS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (M.), Dimaporo (A.), Acosta-Alba, Siao and Adiong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4166, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN PABLO CITY LICENSING CENTER OF SAN PABLO CITY, LAGUNA APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aragon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4167, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Aragon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4168, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CAMARINES SUR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, CREATING FOR SUCH PURPOSE THE CAMARINES SUR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4169, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE BICOL LIGHT AND POWER CORPORATION A FRAN-

CHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, OWN, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN THE TOWNS OF BAAO, BALATAN, BATO, BUHI, BULA, NABUA, AND THE CITY OF IRIGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4170, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE SERVICE FEES FOR THE USE OF IRRIGATION FACILITIES OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION' ”

By Representative Unabia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4171, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY AUTOPSY ON BODIES OF CRIME VICTIMS, DEATHS UNDER MYSTERIOUS AND SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4172, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE KOLAMBUGAN-TANGKAL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF KOLAMBUGAN AND TANGKAL, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (M.) and Dimaporo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4173, entitled:

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

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4174, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9520, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939 AND CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVES, TRANSFERRING THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION FUNCTIONS ON COOPERATIVES TO THE DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Plaza, Mellana, Zubiri, Canama, Pichay and Geron

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4175, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A DRIVERS’ EDUCATION PROGRAM AS AN ELECTIVE FOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4176, entitled:

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

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4177, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONTINUING NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR HYBRID AND OTHER QUALITY SEEDS PRODUCTION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4178, entitled:

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

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4179, entitled:

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

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4180, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO DXRA-RMC (RIZAL MEMORIAL COLLEGES) BROADCASTING

CORPORATION TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING STATION IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE TO ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS”

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4181, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CREATION OF 'THE PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING ACT OF 2016' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4182, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE REVITALIZATION, REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF R.A. NO. 4156 ENTITLED 'AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION' ”

By Representative Tambunting

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

House Bill No. 4183, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF DISPOSABLE POLYSTYRENE FOOD CONTAINER, DISPOSABLE NONRECYCLABLE PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINER, AND DISPOSABLE NONRECYCLABLE CONTENT PAPER CONTAINER, AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4184, entitled:

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

By Representative Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4185, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO PROVIDE FREE MAINTENANCE MEDICINES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4186, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BULUSAN VOLCANO LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BARCELONA, BULUSAN, CASIGURAN, IROSIN AND JUBAN, IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ramos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4187, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING STRATEGIC PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE STOPS IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Go (A.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MOLINO ROAD TO AGUINALDO HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

House Bill No. 4188, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9262, DEFINING THE ACT OF REPRODUCTIVE COERCION AND THE ACT OF CHILD ABANDONMENT, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Revilla, Advincula, Barzaga and Ferrer L.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

By Representative Go (A.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4192, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE SHARE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 284 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

House Bill No. 4189, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MOLINO BOULEVARD IN BACOR CITY, CAVITE TO BACOR BOULEVARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

By Representative Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4193, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - SUYANGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY SUYANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. LUNA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SUYANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

House Bill No. 4190, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MOLINO-SALAWAG-PALIPARAN ROAD IN THE CITY OF BACOR AND CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE TO BACOR-DASMARIÑAS ROAD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

By Representatives Revilla and Barzaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4194, entitled:

House Bill No. 4191, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DAANG HARI ROAD (LAS PIÑAS-MUNTINLUPA-CAVITE LINK ROAD) FROM THE INTERSECTION OF COMMERCE AVENUE AND INVESTMENT DRIVE IN LAS PIÑAS-MUNTINLUPA, DAANG REYNA ROAD,

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER PROVINCIAL JAILS FROM THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN

AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990' ”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4195, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - CONSUELO ANNEX IN BARANGAY CONSUELO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. LUNA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CONSUELO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4196, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION BARANGAY ROXAS, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO TO BARANGAYS MABINI, LIBERTAD, BAILAN AND T. ARLAN, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MONICA, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4197, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION BARANGAY CONSUELO TO BARANGAYS CORAZON, STA. CRUZ, STA. FE, LIBERTAD, CABITONAN AND CATANGNAN, ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. LUNA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4198, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY TUBURAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN TO BARANGAY MAASIN, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4199, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY CONSUELO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. LUNA TO BARANGAY SALVACION, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4200, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY ROXAS, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO TO BARANGAYS NUEVO CAMPO AND TALISAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN BENITO, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4201, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION SONGKOY TO BARANGAY SERING, ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4202, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION NUEVA ESTRELLA, BARANGAY NUEVA ESTRELLA TO BARANGAY SALUG, ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND THE APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

#### RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 478, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND FOR THE DEMISE OF HIS EXCELLENCY, BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, KING OF THAILAND”

By Representative Lee

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 479, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT SPATE OF KILLINGS OF LUMAD AND PEAS-

ANT LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS PERPETRATED BY SUSPECTED ELEMENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 480, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE NATIONAL DENGUE PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, REVIEW THE PROCESSING AND REGISTRATION OF THE DENGUE VACCINE INCLUDING THE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE FROM SANOFI PASTEUR, EXAMINE RELEVANT RESEARCH AND STUDIES ON THE EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF THE VACCINE AND PROPOSE REMEDIAL MEASURES THAT PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 481, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DECLARING JULY 15 OF EVERY YEAR AS 'NATIONAL SMOKE-FREE DAY' UPON WHICH ALL CITIZENS SHALL BE PROHIBITED TO SMOKE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 482, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY SINGERS FOR WINNING THE GRAND CHAMPION IN THE 33RD FESTIVAL DE INTERNACIONAL DE MUSICA DE CANTONIGROS IN SPAIN LAST JULY 19 TO 16, 2015”

By Representative Abueg

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 483, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO REVIEW AND ASSESS THE FOREIGN POLICY POSTURE OF THE DUTERTE ADMINISTRATION SO THAT WE CAN EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 484, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE GERALDINE ROMAN FOR BEING HAILED AS ONE OF THE INSPIRING WOMEN OF 2016 BY MOTTO WEBSITE, FROM THE EDITORS OF TIME MAGAZINE”

By Representatives Garin (S.), Batocabe, Alonte-Naguiat, Chavez, Velasco-Catera, Estrella, Villanueva, Mending, Turabin-Hataman, Casilao, Noel, Teves, Aglipay-Villar, Ty, Garcia-Albano, Enverga, Tupas, Ong (H.), Ermita-Buhain, Arenas, Catamco, Sahali, Bautista-Bandigan, Montoro, Siao, Nava, Yu, Herrera-Dy, Cortuna, Bravo (A.), Arcillas, Bertiz, Salon, Campos, Garbin, Tinio, Andaya, Cua, Aumentado, Relampagos, Castro (F.L.), Elago, De Jesus, Paduano, Fortun, Bag-ao, Bagatsing, Geron, Romero, Tan (S.), Belaro, Tugna, Garcia (G.), Tan (A.), Maceda, Aragones, Canama, Barzaga, Acosta, Gullas, Madrona, Cueva, Ferrer (J.), Dimaporo (M.), Marquez, Sema, Roa-Puno, Akbar, Defensor, Hofer, Nuñez-Malanyaon, Gomez, Uy (J.), Gonzales (A.P.), Pineda, Villarin, Quimbo, Del Rosario, Lacson, Garin (O.), Laogan, Zubiri, Roque (R.N.), Ortega (V.), Suansing (E.) and Salo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Resolution No. 485, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN ALLOTING OR REALIGNING FUNDS AMOUNTING TO PHP170 MILLION UNDER THE 2017 NATIONAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM FOR THE FORMULATION OF THE METRO CEBU TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN”

By Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Sarmiento (E.), Pancho, Ong (H.), Sambar, Del Mar, Caminero, Garcia (G.), Durano, Cortes, Calderon and Radaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 486, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO STRONGLY CONDEMN THE VIOLENT DISPERSAL OF THE DEMONSTRATION OF PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS LED BY NATIONAL MINORITY GROUPS IN FRONT OF THE US EMBASSY IN MANILA, AND CALLING ON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT A PROBE ON THE INCIDENT AND SUMMON TO CONGRESS THE PERPETRATORS BEHIND IT, ESPECIALLY PO3 FRANKLIN KHO AND SR. SUPT. MARCELINO PEDROZO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS OF THE MANILA POLICE DISTRICT”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 487, entitled:

“OMNIBUS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT DISPERSAL OF NATIONAL MINORITIES AND SUPPORTERS HOLDING A PEACEFUL PROTEST AT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AND CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, BY THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE SAID BRUTAL POLICE DISPERSAL OF PEOPLE EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE AND AIR THEIR GRIEVANCES”



By Representatives Zarate, De Jesus, Casilao, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Rep. Strike B. Revilla for House Bill No. 1613;

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Reps. Erlpe John "Ping" M. Amante, Alejandro Y. Mirasol, Enrico A. Pineda, Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez and Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bill No. 2798;

Rep. Tom S. Villarín for House Bills No. 533, 534, 535, 1858, 1859, 1894, 2141, 2774, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III for House Bills No. 3518, 3519, 3520, 3521, 3606, 3607, 3608 and 3635;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 262, 264 and 2867;

Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bills No. 234 and 963;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No. 264 and 3422;

Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr. for House Bills No. 307, 308, 381, 382, 1291, 1858, 1859, 1894, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2798, 3318, 3469, 3518, 3519, 3520, 3521, 3606, 3607, 3608, 3635 and 3655;

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 1853, 1858, 2141, 3556, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV for House Bill No. 555;

Reps. Jesus "Boying" F. Celeste, Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang, Winston "Winnie" Castelo, Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV, Greg G. Gasataya, Isagani S. Amantong and Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu for House Bill No. 516;

Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II for House Bill No. 3777;

Rep. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II for House Bills No. 2314 and 2916;

Rep. Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro for House Bill No. 824;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bill No. 287;

Rep. Len B. Alonte-Naguiat for House Bills No. 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1672, 1675, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 2228, 2234, 2235, 2236, 3821, 3822, 3823, 3824, 3826, 3827, 3828 and 3829;

Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria for House Resolution No. 393;

Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy for House Bills No. 1858 and 1859;

Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan for House Bills No. 287 and 288;

Rep. Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu for House Joint Resolution No. 2;

Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez for House Bill No. 414;

Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento for House Bill No. 4093;

Rep. Rene L. Relampagos for House Bills No. 104, 257, 516, 588 and 1858;

Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for House Bill No. 257; and

Rep. Mercedes K. Alvarez for House Bills No. 3457, 3458 and 3459.

#### COMMUNICATION

Letter dated October 19, 2016 of Salvador C. Medialdea., Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 10923 which was signed on October 15, 2016 by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING

FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

#### THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

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

On further motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Frederick W. Siao who delivered the following privilege speech.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SIAO

Honorable Speaker, distinguished colleagues in this august Body, guests, ladies and gentlemen. Maayong hapon kanadtong tanan.

Every day we keep hearing everybody talk of the need to be proactive, to look ahead in order to be prepared and to act with dispatch on the necessary action steps. And yet, also every day, we keep facing the harsh realities of things that were not done, unnecessary problems that could have been avoided, early counter measures that could have minimized the damage inflicted and similar such regrettable situations.

Just consider the pressing problems of today: inadequate and expensive electricity, congested seaports, substandard airports, urban traffic snarls, unsatisfactory mass transit system, rice shortages, high unemployment, widespread poverty, low-cost housing backlogs, disaster unpreparedness, polluted rivers and lakes, unabated smuggling, widespread drug menace, peace and order disturbances, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

Then, let us ask ourselves. Number one, could we have prevented this from happening?

Number two, could we have mitigated their adverse consequences?

Number three, what similar problems are looming in the horizon waiting to become monstrous concerns in the future years?

Number four, what action steps must we do now to avoid or prevent more such problems and/or to minimize their adverse consequences on our growing but still fragile Philippine economy?

Number one and number two are truly post-mortem questions. There's nothing we can do about them now. Let the responsible agencies or accountable entities fix those problems. But let us give them our full support and remove any or all hindrances that block or impede their work.

However, number three and number four are a different matter altogether. These demand foresight, fortitude, and a strong political will to get things done at the soonest possible time. This way, we can stop bad things that will otherwise happen to our subsequent regret.

Let us pause for a brief flashback on a national tragedy that occurred over the period 1995 to 2009, and since then, has remained unacted upon until this very day. This disaster hurts because its epicenter strikes smack in the congressional district that I represent -- Iligan City -- where my constituents took the full brunt of its unintended, unwanted, and harmful after-effects.

Once upon a time, with the encouragement and support of DBP, PNB and RCBC, the National Steel Corporation was put on a rescue mission starting in 1974, involving six distressed steel companies, for the purpose of recovering the banks' financial exposures, thus averting possible shortages of an essential commodity and saving thousands of workers from the brink of unemployment.

And for so many years we were so focused on basic survival matters. Eventually, when the overall situation had been stabilized, National Steel Corporation's parent company, the National Development Company or NDC, approved a gradual upgrading and expansion program with a capital expenditure budget of ₱27 billion spread over the period 1984 to 1994 with the technical assistance of steel industry consultants from all over the world.

With these enhancements in its manufacturing capabilities, coupled with managerial excellence, unusual for government-controlled corporation, National Steel Corporation was able to satisfy the key performance norms of sufficient quantities, suitable quality, competitive prices and reliable deliveries.

Once upon a time, around 1994, when its projects were nearing completion, National Steel Corporation attained a dominant market position: an average market share of 62% in its four market niches. This was targeted to reach 80 % upon full completion in 1995 to 1996 of its ongoing projects. This high market share represented the customers' vote of confidence on National Steel Corporation's

capability to perform well in a competitive setting that included import liberalization and tariff reduction.

To prove its competitiveness in foreign markets, National Steel Corporation was also exporting flat steel products regularly in the early 1990s to the West Coast of the United States and to Indonesia and China.

With these developments, National Steel Corporation's revenue was running at approximately ₱11B to ₱12 billion per year and was headed towards ₱18B to ₱20 billion annually in the next couple of years. The bottom line was always positive, delivering some ₱200M to ₱300M per year of net profits that accrued to its parent company, National Development Company.

Because the local market relied heavily on National Steel Corporation for its requirements, the economy also enjoyed two additional benefits: there were very few instances of violations of product standards and smuggling of imported steel.

National Steel Corporation employed some 3,500 to 4,000 employees. From 1994 to 1995, approximately 70% of them were from Iligan City. That included their family members. This was equivalent to about 21,000 to 24,000 heads who depended on National Steel Corporation for their day-to-day living expenses.

In addition, National Steel Corporation had two commendable programs among its corporate social responsibility undertakings—the self-explanatory “Hire Iligan” and “Buy Iligan” programs. Given its total bills of nearly two billion pesos per year for payroll/benefits and for power, utility, supply, services, it is easy to imagine the huge and substantial “multiplier effect” on the local economy of Iligan.

Finally, National Steel Corporation was a good corporate taxpayer with total annual payments to the government, national and local, of approximately ₱1.5 billion every year. On the local scene, National Steel Corporation was religiously paying its taxes, property and business taxes in particular. In fact, quite remarkably, whenever Iligan City needed emergency funding assistance for urgent infra projects, National Steel Corporation helped out by paying its taxes in advance.

Once upon a time, in obedience to the national government's privatization program, National Steel Corporation was turned over in 1995 to private sector investors, Westmont/Wing Tiek of Malaysia, who, based on evaluations, offered the best deal in this regard -- a total investment package of

approximately ₱ 12 billion for primary and secondary shares of stocks representing majority control of the heretofore fully government-owned corporation.

The new Malaysian owners committed, among other things, to continue with National Steel Corporation's highly successful business plans. This commitment also included the implementation of National Steel Corporation's Phase II-B of its expansion/upgrading projects and, thereafter, to consider the integration of its Iligan mills all the way to the upstream iron and steel-making stage as Phase III.

As we all know, these commitments were not honored and National Steel Corporation's corporate performance declined, leading to a shutdown in 1999. Subsequently, India's Global Ispat entered the picture in 2004 but fared just as badly, leading to another shutdown in 2009.

As I have recounted, National Steel Corporation started out as a "basket case" of dead or dying predecessor businesses that were rescued and successfully brought back to life to, thereafter, play a major role in the national economy of the Philippines and the local economy of Iligan City, only to be killed again by the wrongful and misguided implementation in 1995, and continued thereafter, of the neo-liberal economic policy of privatization of industries.

Thus, this Cinderella-type story did not end with the usual "and they lived happily ever after." Instead, from 1995 onwards, it rapidly deteriorated and was left alone to fend for itself despite its major economic role and despite its being a major industrial project in a "vital-industry" classification. Honestly, up to now, I don't understand why small and medium sized banks are rescued immediately by the government and, yet, the country's biggest steel mill was allowed to fail with the government merely watching as a passive bystander. Is one inconsequential bank considered by the government as "too big to fail" while its biggest steel mill is deemed too insignificant to bother with?

This unfolding tragedy was obvious as early as 1997 when the newly privatized and foreign-controlled National Steel Corporation was committing a series of managerial blunders supposedly under the watchful eyes of government appointed directors at the National Steel Corporation's board. Thereafter, it went into an initial shutdown in 1999, restarted in 2003, but sputtered shortly thereafter, until it went into a total shutdown in 2009. In this stage, it was again left alone to die under the government's disappointingly apathetic hands-off stance.

Through this, one thing is very clear. National Steel Corporation did not fail because it was ill-equipped or unprepared for the competitive challenges of a difficult industry sector. We have to emphasize the word "clear" because under competent government control which was in the years 1974 to 1995, this company performed very well. However, when it was subsequently turned over to foreign private sector investor and managers, this very same company inexcusably wobbled, limped, stumbled and thereafter collapsed. To the credit of the downstream businessmen within the steel-producing sector, they made crucial adjustments in their operating plans to prevent a severe raw material shortage from crippling their operations.

As you will recall, National Steel Corporation's shutdown removed from the domestic supply stream the following tonnages per year: long products billets at 300,000 metric tons (MTs) per annum; flat steel hot-rolled products at 1,200,000 MTs per annum; cold-rolled products at 600 MTs per annum; and tinplates at 100 MTs per annum.

Today, the long products subsector is doing alright with its input requirements to produce 5.7 million MTs of finished goods per year, under conditions of partial import dependence. But, the flat steel subsector has a worrisome total of import dependence for input materials needed to produce 3.1 million MTs of finished products per year. If National Steel Corporation did not collapse, it could have supplied a big chunk of these tonnages to the downstream steel companies and their respective user-sectors such as construction, infrastructure, shipbuilding, automotive/transport sector, fabrication, cans/containers, and others.

For quite some time now, the Philippines has relied heavily on the world's excess steel capacity especially from China to address the basic weakness of our steel industry. However, with our stable and volatile relation with China then, and now it's getting better, how long should we continue with this uneasy arrangement? Moreover, all this time, we have also been closing our eyes to unfair trade practices such as government subsidies, export rebates, dumping prices, and probably, substandard product quality and specifications. This may be a convenient thing to do short-term, but is harmful in the long term as these unfair trade practices damage our economy's industrial development prospects as many other countries manifested in various unfair trade cases filed against China.

As the world's major economies shift back to growth mode in the next few years, as China cuts back its supply capability, there will be relatively less and less steel materials available in the international markets to supply the growing Philippine

demand which is forecast to go further from 8.8 MTs in 2015 to a conservatively estimated 20 million MTs in 2030.

This is the looming crisis that I am referring to. How long can the flat steel subsector sustainably make do with the huge gaps in its supply chain? How far into the future can the entire Philippine steel industry satisfy the rapidly rising domestic demand with its near-total dependence on imported inputs?

This could have coped well when the total industry annual demand was only 3 to 4 million MTs in the years 2000 to 2010, or even when it grew to 8.8 million MTs in 2015. However, looking forward, the nagging questions before us now are:

1. Can the industry still cope well with this huge import dependence for input materials when the total demand hits 15 million MTs around year 2020? Will it be similarly ready when the domestic demand hits 20 million MTs or more by 2030?
2. How long should we tolerate unfair trade practices by exporting countries that inflict long-term damages to our domestic industries?
3. Considering that around half of the import input materials come from China, is it prudent to continue with this supply dependence given the geo-political tension in the West Philippine Sea?
4. Because the steel industry is a vital industry with extensive linkages with other sectors in the economy, should we start building immediately our domestic capacity as a defensive stance just in case the perceived volatilities in our present supply sources erupt into troublesome realities?

As I am aware, it takes a minimum of five years to plan, finance, build, start up, and stabilize a new steel mill. Philippine domestic steel demand has grown by leaps and bounds to the tune of 115% in the last five years, which is more than double. With our economy poised for a take-off in the coming periods, and our infrastructure spending accelerating with it, a severe shortage could ensue unless we start taking action now.

As steel industry people keep reminding me, and precisely because of the long lead times needed for opening new/additional capacities, the flat steel subsector is most worrisome because this is where the high-value materials with extensive external linkages are being produced. And yet, quite unfortunately, this is where we can probably have a quicker near-term solution by possibly re-

habilitating and upgrading the existing Iligan rolling mills of the former National Steel Corporation. Let's remember that these same facilities produced world-class and competitively-priced flat steel products until National Steel Corporation was privatized in 1995.

Last May 2014, while the main protagonists - the investor versus banks versus liquidators -- were still in a prolonged legal stalemate in Singapore's arbitration and court proceedings, news broke out that the Iligan plant was abandoned and left totally exposed to the elements and it was also left virtually unprotected and, thereby, vulnerable to be vandalized and to be looted.

The supreme irony is that the same plant is the only asset of significant value -- almost ₱30 billion at the time of its 1995 privatization and perhaps worth only ₱10 billion now -- to either of these protagonists. And, as they overlooked or even neglected their own respective interests, they similarly jeopardized the ultimate collectability of Iligan City's property tax receivables which have grown and are still growing into a huge ₱4.6 billion as of the latest count.

After extensive discussions on the pros and cons of this matter, the Iligan City Sanggunian finally decided to put a levy on the Iligan Plant assets concerned. Given the unfortunate turn of events, Iligan LGU officials believe that doing nothing at this crucial time is tantamount to a criminal act of omission, an inexcusable dereliction of duty. Hence, the levy -- with the process officially commenced in 2014 with the publication of the notice of tax delinquencies.

Following due process and complying with legal requirements, the Iligan LGU took protective custody and legal ownership of these assets last October 19, 2016, with any excess values accruing to National Steel Corporation or GSPI creditors and other legitimate claimants.

According to the steel plant's history, it was taken over by DBP and NDC in the 1970s as distressed businesses of predecessor corporations, then rehabilitated, upgraded, expanded in the 1980s and 1990s until it became our country's dominant steel producer that was ready to face global competition and only a step away towards full integration via the upstream iron and steelmaking project.

Today, we are back, sadly, to this plant's 1970s situation which culminated in the 1974 DBP foreclosure of the Iligan Steel Mills and their subsequent reactivation, expansion, and upgrading under National Development Company. In this connection, we suggest that the Department of

Trade and Industry (DTI) or the Department of Finance (DOF) consider once more having National Development Company spearhead the revival of the country's flat steel operations, starting with the existing Iligan Steel Mills and consistent with the current economic policy of inclusive growth and re-emphasis of manufacturing businesses in order to create, directly and indirectly, more employment and greater poverty alleviation. Incidentally, the intensified drive for higher levels of infrastructure expenditures will most definitely require bigger and bigger tonnages of steel products in the coming years.

In closing, we hereby recommend the following action steps to be taken immediately:

1. Revive the Presidential Iron and Steel Committee. The strategic importance of developing the entire steel industry is too big in scope and with its vertical and horizontal inter-linkages, probably too "masalimuot" for any single government department or agency to handle. It likewise needs seamless inter-agency coordination and focused attention at the topmost levels of government. DTI's recently prepared industry roadmaps can be utilized as the initial master plan.

2. Mobilize National Development Company as the action arm of the PISC or the Presidential Iron and Steel Committee, without deviating from the overall policy that the private sector is the main engine of economic growth.

Further, the starting set of urgent actionables by NDC are: a) to commission the various feasibility studies for firm actionable decision making; b) to invite prospective foreign strategic investors; c) to plug the flat-steel supply-chain gap quickly and properly, as the feasibility studies will indicate—with the Iligan steel mills being one alternative for this important purpose.

3. Amend the Iron and Steel Industry Act, Republic Act. No. 7103, to attune it to today's economic realities and to legally enable PISC policy decisions. An extra-pragmatic justification is to unify and synergize Executive and Legislative branches of government and avoid or minimize the usual bickering that delay or dilute important initiatives. This can also stabilize the overall investment climate, and thereby encourage massive capital expenditures needed to supply the total steel demand of 20 million metric tons per annum anticipated by 2030 or earlier.

If my distinguished colleagues so require and to speed up the resolution of urgent issues, these recommendations can be discussed with greater relevant detail in the Committee on Trade and In-

dustry and/or at the Committee on Economic Affairs. It is further suggested that NEDA, DTI, NDC, and the DOF, and other concerned government agencies be invited to these hearings together with interested private sector industry associations.

I will conclude my statements today by quoting from Republic Act No. 7103's Declaration of Policy: "The State shall provide impetus to the growth, promotion, and development of the iron and steel industry as the springboard and basis for launching Philippine industrialization."

Given the ASEAN market integration which began in 2015, and knowing how our neighbors particularly Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia have prepared their respective industries in the last several years, this declaration has become quite significant and the action steps in relation thereto very, very urgent.

Several weeks ago, or early in the term of our beloved leader of the land, President Duterte said, "Steel is needed everywhere. It is the mother of all industries and the backbone of industrialization and it will allow us to build all we need in our country like cars and weapons. Industrialization is key to real economic growth."

Fortunately, and thankfully, we now have a passionately action-oriented President who can rectify the apathy, neglect, and "teka muna" attitude of the previous administration. Indeed, it is late, but not yet too late. It is the Duterte Administration's "action agad" paradigm that will help us avert the looming crisis in the Philippine steel industry that could retard, or even set back, the present trajectory towards economic progress.

Finally, as fate would have it, we were collectively assembled here by the electoral exercise of 2016 to support this declared program of our President. Let it therefore be known that this 17th Congress of the House of Representatives provided the badly-needed spark that triggered the chain of events that led to the attainment of the country's long-cherished dream of industrialization, economic progress, and inclusive growth.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for hearing me out today. A pleasant afternoon to all.

## SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Abaya  
 Abayon  
 Abu  
 Abueg  
 Acop  
 Acosta  
 Advincula  
 Agarao  
 Aggabao  
 Aglipay-Villar  
 Akbar  
 Almario  
 Almonte  
 Alvarez (F.)  
 Amatong  
 Angara-Castillo  
 Antonio  
 Aragoes  
 Arcillas  
 Atienza  
 Bag-ao  
 Banal  
 Barzaga  
 Batocabe  
 Belaro  
 Belmonte (F.)  
 Belmonte (J.C.)  
 Belmonte (R.)  
 Benitez  
 Bernos  
 Bertiz  
 Bolilia  
 Bondoc  
 Bordado  
 Bravo (A.)  
 Bravo (M.V.)  
 Brosas  
 Cagas  
 Calderon  
 Calixto-Rubiano  
 Caminero  
 Campos  
 Casilao  
 Castelo  
 Castro (F.H.)  
 Cayetano  
 Cerilles  
 Chavez  
 Chipeco

Collantes  
 Cortes  
 Cortuna  
 Cosalan  
 Crisologo  
 Cueva  
 Dalipe  
 Dalog  
 Daza  
 De Jesus  
 De Vera  
 Defensor  
 Del Mar  
 Deloso-Montalla  
 Dimaporo (M.K.)  
 Durano  
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 Elago  
 Enverga  
 Erice  
 Eriguel  
 Escudero  
 Espina  
 Espino  
 Estrella  
 Evardone  
 Fernando  
 Ferrer (J.)  
 Ferrer (L.)  
 Flores  
 Fortuno  
 Garbin  
 Garcia (G.)  
 Garcia (J.E.)  
 Garin (S.)  
 Gatchalian  
 Geron  
 Go (M.)  
 Gonzaga  
 Gonzales (A.P.)  
 Gonzales (A.D.)  
 Gonzalez  
 Gullas  
 Herrera-Dy  
 Javier  
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 Labadlabad  
 Lacson  
 Lagman  
 Laogan  
 Lazatin  
 Leachon  
 Limkaichong  
 Lobregat  
 Lopez (B.)  
 Macapagal-Arroyo

Maceda  
 Malapitan  
 Manalo  
 Mangaoang  
 Marcos  
 Mariño  
 Marquez  
 Martinez  
 Matugas  
 Mending  
 Mirasol  
 Nava  
 Nieto  
 Noel  
 Nograles (K.A.)  
 Nolasco  
 Nuñez-Malanyaon  
 Oaminal  
 Ocampo  
 Olivarez  
 Ong (E.)  
 Ong (H.)  
 Ortega (P.)  
 Ortega (V.N.)  
 Paduano  
 Palma  
 Pancho  
 Panganiban  
 Panotes  
 Papandayan  
 Pichay  
 Pimentel  
 Pineda  
 Primicias-Agabas  
 Quimbo  
 Ramos  
 Relampagos  
 Roa-Puno  
 Rocamora  
 Romero  
 Roque (H.)  
 Sagarbarria  
 Salimbangon  
 Salo  
 Salon  
 Sambar  
 Santos-Recto  
 Sarmiento (C.)  
 Sarmiento (E.M.)  
 Savellano  
 Siao  
 Silverio  
 Singson  
 Suansing (E.)  
 Suansing (H.)  
 Sy-Alvarado

Tambunting  
 Tan (A.)  
 Teves  
 Tinio  
 Tolentino  
 Tugna  
 Unabia  
 Ungab  
 Unico  
 Uy (R.)  
 Vargas  
 Vargas-Alfonso  
 Velarde  
 Velasco  
 Velasco-Catera  
 Vergara  
 Villanueva  
 Villarica  
 Villarin  
 Violago  
 Yu  
 Zamora (R.)  
 Zubiri

With 169 Members responding to the call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

#### **RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On motion Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour and the Chair recognized Rep. Siao anew and Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROQUE (H.)**

On Rep. Roque's queries, Rep. Siao underscored that the economy of Iligan depended a lot on the taxes that the National Steel Corporation (NSC) paid to the city and national government. He explained that when it was privatized, it was mismanaged first by a Malaysian company and then an Indian company; and since that time, the government did not take any steps to bring it back to life. He added that when NSC was still a government-owned/-controlled corporation, it did not enjoy special privileges, subsidies, or protection from unfair trade practices. Assuring his colleague that it had always followed labor laws, he affirmed Rep. Roque's assumption that it could employ more workers if it was resurrected, properly managed, and given new investments.

Thereafter, Rep. Siao said that the DOF and the DTI as well as the National Development Company (NDC) should take a direct hand in reviving the steel



industry in general and the flat steel subsector in particular. Rep. Roque suggested that the matter of resurrecting the NSC and starting the company anew that would produce upstream steel products, should be referred to the Committee on Trade and Industry and other appropriate committees.

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. DIMAPORO (M.K.)**

To the questions of Rep. Dimaporo, Rep. Siao stated that Iligan City had no choice but to bear the brunt of the collapse of the NSC. He opined that the company's facilities could still be rehabilitated but only with a proper and thorough technical audit and market study. Further, he explained that the city government revoked a tax restructuring deal with the NSC when its Indian investors did not comply with the payment schedules.

As regards unpaid taxes, Rep. Siao underscored that a tax restructuring deal was arranged with the city government in 2004, but was revoked by the city government when the obligors or the payors, primarily the Indian investors, did not comply with the payment schedules that were agreed upon. As regards the foreclosure of plant assets, he explained that the city government initially took a maximum tolerance stand but eventually imposed a tax lien.

Rep. Dimaporo thereafter congratulated Rep. Siao for his speech, as he stressed that the progress of Iligan City will also benefit Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur including the Bangsamoro community therein; insurgency could end if poverty was addressed; and the NSC brought employment not only to Iligan City but also to its peripheries. He asked the government to save what was once the prime industrial city in Mindanao and opined that the NSC could be revived under President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's leadership.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. GONZAGA**

Reps. Gonzaga and Siao discussed the possible trade agreements and partnership with other ASEAN countries with regard to the development of the steel

industry; the supply of steel requirements in the absence of local production; the role of various government agencies in encouraging private sector investors; and the impact of reviving the National Steel Corporation on employment generation.

#### **EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body extended the time of the Privilege Hour by 10 minutes.

Thereafter, on further motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr. for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. DEFENSOR**

Reps. Defensor and Siao first delved on NSC's remaining assets and plant facilities, the kinds of products that it manufactures, and its receivership status by a group of liquidator-banks.

Rep. Siao then reiterated his proposals to revitalize the company including the revival of the Presidential Iron and Steel Committee, mobilization of the National Development Company, and the amendment of the Iron and Steel Industry Act. For his part, Rep. Defensor asked the Members to support his bill creating the Philippine Metal Industry Corporation (PHILMICO) that would take the place of the NSC and engage in the processing of metals that will create a downstream metal industry.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. SIAO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Siao's privilege speech and interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 39, dated October 19, 2016.

**MANIFESTATION OF REP. BONDOC**

Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc manifested that the Plenary Affairs Bureau had brought to the attention of the Committee on Rules that 184, and not 169 Members, had responded to the Roll Call.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

It was 5:42 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on November 8, 2016

**DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED**

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

1. House Bill No. 416, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING HOME ECONOMICS GRADUATES TO TEACH HOME ECONOMICS SUBJECTS AND HOME ECONOMICS-RELATED TECHNICAL-VOCA-TIONAL SUBJECTS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECOND-ARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, RESPECTIVELY, CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533 OR THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCA-TION ACT OF 2013”

2. House Bill No. 4100, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING HIGHER EDUCA-TION INSTITUTIONS AND TECHNICAL-VOCA-TIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO EN-SURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS, THEREBY CREATING A SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE FOR THIS PUR-POSE”

Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Philippines

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***** ABELLANOSA	BERNOS	** DEL ROSARIO
ABU	BERTIZ	DELOSO-MONTALLA
ABUEG	**** BIAZON	*** DIMAPORO (A.)
*** ACHARON	***** BILLONES	DIMAPORO (M.K.)
ACOP	**** BIRON	***** DUAVIT
ACOSTA	BOLILIA	DURANO
** ACOSTA-ALBA	BONDOC	DY
*** ADIONG	BORDADO	ELAGO
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MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	** REVILLA	UNGAB
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OCAMPO	SILVERIO	

\* Appeared before/after Roll Call

\*\* On official mission

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

\*\*\*\*\* Absent without notice

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