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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Eric D. Singson called the session to order.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER**

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

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

On successive motions of Representative Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr., there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (A.D.), 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 Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 4470, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MIMAROPA REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER IN PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN”

By Representatives Acosta, Abueg and Alvarez (F.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4471, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 11 OF R.A. NO. 8345 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997', INCREASING ITS PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

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

House Bill No. 4472, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (LBP) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE 'AGRICULTURAL CREDIT POLICY COUNCIL (ACPC)' TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) IN SYNCHRONIZING ALL CREDIT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4473, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (LBP) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE 'AGRO-INDUSTRY MODERNIZATION CREDIT AND FINANCING PROGRAM (AMCFP)' TO IMPLEMENT CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4474, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL AGRI-FISHERY MECHANIZATION PROGRAM (NAFMP) TO IMPROVE THE STATES AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SECTOR THROUGH MECHANIZATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

EVALUATION CENTER (AMTEC), INCREASING ITS FUND ALLOTMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4478, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SUGAR-CANE INDUSTRY, INCREASING ITS ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4475, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 31 OF RA NO. 10601 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MECHANIZATION (AFMech) LAW', INCREASING ITS PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

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

House Bill No. 4479, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL LAND REFORM AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 4476, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 19 AND ARTICLE 39 OF RA NO. 7394 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES', INCREASING ITS PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4480, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (LBP) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUND ALLOTMENT FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF RA NO. 3844 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE AGRICULTURAL LAND REFORM CODE', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4477, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) TO SET ASIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND (ACEF) FOR GRANTS TO UPGRADE THE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY TESTING AND

House Bill No. 4481, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE YUBO EXTENSION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARRANGAY YUBO, CITY OF LA CARLOTA, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

FROM LA GRANJA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS YUBO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ferrer (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4482, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4483, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHOSE GENERAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE (GWA) IS NOT LOWER THAN 85 PERCENT”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4484, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUES FROM SALE AND DISPOSITION OF LANDS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7917, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BASES CONVERSION

House Bill No. 4485, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PD 420 OR PRESIDENTIAL DECREE CREATING THE PHILIPPINE RACING COMMISSION, TO INCLUDE OTHER KINDS OF ANIMAL RACING UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF THE PHILIPPINE RACING COMMISSION”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 4486, 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”

By Representative Cari

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4487, entitled:

“AN ACT FIXING THE WAGE RATE OF BUS DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4488, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE SPED CENTER FOR EVERY COMPONENT CITY AND AT LEAST TWO SPED CENTERS FOR EVERY HIGHLY URBANIZED CITY”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4489, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT OFFERING INCENTIVES THEREFOR AND AMENDING ACCORDINGLY THE LABOR CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez

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

House Bill No. 4490, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO COMMEMORATE THE 'ARAW NG MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL' ”

By Representative Almonte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4491, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING AERIAL SPRAYING AS A METHOD OF APPLYING CHEMICALS AND SIMILAR SUBSTANCES ON AGRICULTURAL CROPS”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4492, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING SALES OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND LEASE OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT INTENDED FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS FROM VALUE ADDED TAX AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECTION 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE”

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4493, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FRESH GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT”

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4494, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF VALUES EDUCATION ON THE INTERNET IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4495, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NORTHERN LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTH LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE

House Bill No. 4496, entitled:

“AN ACT SUBDIVIDING THE ONE-BARANGAY MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALNEG IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KALAW, BARANGAY CABARITAN AND BARANGAY QUIBEL”

By Representative Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4497, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION, BROADENING ITS POWERS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, FARMERS, FISHERFOLKS, AND WORKERS BY RECONSTITUTING IT AS THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7393, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION ACT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4498, entitled:

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

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4499, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN REFORM ADJUDICATION COMMISSION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 4500, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL ROTARY DAY AND A REGULAR WORKING DAY”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4501, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146 OR THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4502, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER TWENTY-THREE EVERY YEAR AS 'A NATIONAL DAY OF COMMEMORATION FOR ALL VICTIMS OF EXTRALEGAL KILLINGS' ”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 4503, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8370, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CHILDREN'S TELEVISION ACT OF 1997' ”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 4504, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PAN-AY DAKO, CLARIN NORTH DISTRICT, MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS FELINA SEVILLA OAMINAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Oaminal

RESOLUTIONS

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 573, entitled:

House Bill No. 4505, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION TO APPOINTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN CASES OF REMOVAL OR REPLACEMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 46 AND 389 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991' ”

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ACCREDITATION GIVEN BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) TO TRANSPORT NETWORK COMPANIES (TNC’S) AND THE OPERATIONS OF UBER, GRAB AND UHOP”

By Representative Acop

By Representatives Panganiban and Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 574, entitled:

House Bill No. 4506, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTER IN THE BARANGAY OF SINUDA, MUNICIPALITY OF KITAOTAO, BUKIDNON”

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT', SPECIFICALLY SECTION 38 THEREOF, ON THE POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) FOLLOWING THE SUICIDE OF ERC DIRECTOR FRANCISCO JOSE VILLA JR. FROM ALLEGED PRESSURE FROM ERC CHAIR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER JOSE VICENTE B. SALAZAR TO APPROVE CONTRACTS WITHOUT PROPER BIDDING AND DUE ADHERENCE TO PROCEDURE, AND ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION BEHIND ERC DEALS, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF WITHHOLDING THE ERC BUDGET DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE INQUIRY”

By Representative Zubiri

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 4507, entitled:

House Resolution No. 575, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY MAGUGPO IN THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE INTO FIVE (5) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MAGUGPO POBLACION, BARANGAY MAGUGPO EAST, BARANGAY MAGUGPO WEST, BARANGAY MAGUGPO NORTH AND BARANGAY MAGUGPO SOUTH”

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE PROLIFERATION OF FAKE VERSIONS OF FIVE POPULAR DRUGS THAT ARE BEING SOLD LOCALLY THAT PUT MANY PEOPLE’S LIVES IN DANGER”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 576, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE LATEST FINDINGS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION THAT THERE ARE 1.1 BILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE THAT SUFFER FROM HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE WITH THE BURDEN OF THE CONDITION SHIFTING FROM THE RICH TO THE POOR COUNTRIES AND PUTTING TOGETHER A NATIONAL COUNTERMEASURE”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

With the permission of the Body, the following Members were made coauthors of the Bills and Resolution hereunder indicated:

Rep. Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 1853, 2141, 3556, 3557, 3632, 3945 and 4127;

Rep. Henry C. Ong for House Bills No. 492 and 3975;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bill No. 4113;

Reps. Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II, Milagrosa "Mila" T. Tan and Suharto T. Mangudadatu for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Raul A. Daza for House Bills No. 555 and 558;

Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 1853, 2141, 3556, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao for House Bills No. 97, 98, 99, 100, 101 and 1047;

Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for House Bill No. 1853;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 132, 135, 1387 and 3955;

Reps. Franz E. Alvarez, Anna Katrina M. Enverga, Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta, Jonas C. Cortes, Eric M. Martinez, Johnny Ty Pimentel, Micaela S. Violago, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo, Ricardo "RJ" T. Belmonte Jr., Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr., Emmanuel F. Madrona, Sherwin N. Tugna, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, Harlin Neil J. Abayon III, Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr., Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr., Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr., Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr., Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, Wes Gatchalian, Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo, Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho, Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr., Jose L. Atienza Jr., Mercedes K. Alvarez and Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu for House Bill No. 3946;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 2318, 2319, 2474, 2953 and 3782;

Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho for House Bill No. 1968;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bills No. 132, 533, 2774, 3864 and 3904;

Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 1853, 2141, 3556, 3557, 3632, 3945, 4127 and 4174;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bills No. 3729, 4093, 4146, 4147, 4175, 4205 and 4335;

Rep. Len B. Alonte-Naguiat for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 1615, 1853, 2141, 2862, 2863, 2864, 3556, 3557, 3632, 3852, 3853, 3943, 3945, 4087, 4088, 4089, 4090, 4127 and 4337;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 4171 and 4311 and House Resolution No. 535;

Rep. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II for House Bill No. 1;

Rep. Ferdinand L. Hernandez for House Bill No. 1859;

Reps. Eric D. Singson, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Sandra Y. Eriguell, M.D., Pablo C. Ortega, Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos, Ramon C. Nolasco, Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang, Mark O. Go, Maximo B. Dalog, Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr., Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, Ronald M. Cosalan, Ma.



Lourdes R. Aggabao, Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Arnel U. Ty, Ana Cristina Siquian Go and Randolph S. Ting for House Bill No. 4144;

Rep. Emmanuel A. Billones for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 1853, 2141, 3556, 3557, 3632, 3945, 4127 and 4174;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bill No. 1890;

Rep. Horacio P. Suansing Jr. for House Bill No. 3330;

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta for House Bill No. 3858;

Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna for House Bill No. 4334; and

Rep. Rodrigo A. Abellanosa for House Bill No. 1858.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 25), re H.R. No. 580, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO FORMER PRESIDENT BENIGNO S. AQUINO III AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION THAT SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THE PHILIPPINE POSITION IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA ARBITRATION”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 78, 79, 159 and 185

Sponsor: Representative Villarica

#### TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 26), re H.R. No. 581, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (UNCLOS) ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL FOR ITS EFFICIENT HANDLING AND FAVORABLE AWARD IN THE ARBITRATION OVER THE CONFLICTING CLAIMS IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 76

Sponsor: Representative Villarica

#### TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 27), re H.R. No. 276, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO REOPEN THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL IN BARCELONA, SPAIN”

recommending its adoption without amendment

Sponsor: Representative Villarica

#### TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 28), re H.R. No. 251, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING ARCHITECT BARTHOLOME B. VISTA AND AMBASSADOR J. EDUARDO MALAYA FOR THE PHP 11 MILLION RENOVATION OF THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA AT NO COST TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT”

recommending its adoption without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Villarica and Turabin-Hataman

#### TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 29), re H.B. No. 989, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF EMPLOYERS IN POSTING NOTICES OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES IN NEWSPAPERS, SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION VENUES”

recommending its approval with amendment, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 1353 and 3267

Sponsors: Representatives Ting, Chipeco, Nograles (K.) and Villarica

#### TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 30), re H.B. No. 64, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

recommending its approval without amendment, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 80, 1044 and 1676

Sponsors: Representatives Ting, Nograles (A.), Aglipay-Villar, De Jesus and Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 31), re H.B. No. 4524, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS, INTO A NATIONAL TECHNICAL – VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN RAFAEL TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 940

Sponsors: Representatives Escudero, Nograles (K.) and Tiangco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:09 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:20 p.m.

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Doy C. Leachon who delivered the following question of privilege:

## QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. LEACHON

Mr. Speaker, our dear honorable ladies and gentlemen of this House of Congress, good afternoon.

This Representation seldom rises such as in this rare occasion as he believes that this is not his arena. He used to be in a local government unit which he headed for quite a number of years. The present and the past mandate are entirely different, if not exactly opposite.

Thus, leading to this hall as I stand before you today on a matter of personal and collective privilege has brought upon me mixed emotions. Mixed emotions that have kept me for days to have second thoughts of whether it is still relevant and indispensable to expose findings and facts that I will be sharing before you and to the whole nation today. Why?

Number one, I hate naming personalities and dragging them to issues that would negate a friendly working environment contrary to the House's written and traditional concept of brotherhood.

Number two, our countrymen, admittedly for years, have already been exceedingly flooded with controversies, large-scale, scandalous or otherwise: issues of corruption and of failed leadership which have brought this country for more than three decades to lag behind the developing and successful economies of countries in Asia. Given these, I contemplated whether it is still logical for Congress to meddle rather than perform and just be in the forefront of chartering the better horizon of this nation.

Number three, is it still effective to use this podium considering that whatever expose' that I will be sharing with you might just become a part of unresolved questions just like in the past?

However, it is my personal position that I could not live happily if I cannot speak my mind and if this House which I am now learning to love is being used, intentionally or unintentionally, to hide the truth of national significance, which affects the integrity and reputation of Congress, individually or collectively. Equally, I cannot allow any of my family members to be in a state of threat to life and security as a result of being in possession of vital information affecting government's abuses thereby leaving our people to a hopeless and most often disadvantageous position. Moreso, the fact that exposing such information through a limited avenue like a Committee hearing where, fortunately, this Congress invited him is only his leverage to such threats and yet he was unreasonably barred from speaking. That is to me seriously unforgiveable.

Mr. Speaker, to set these things straight, I am regretfully condemning the attempt of some Members of this House present in the hearing in aid of legislation particularly the Committee on Health being chaired by Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D., who, likewise, registered the same regret

and condemnation in a press release regarding the attempt to prevent the Committee's invited resource persons to speak on what they think they substantially know for the complete resolution of an investigation. I am referring to the Committee hearing which happened last Monday regarding House Resolutions No. 444 and 480 on the school-based immunization of the tetravalent dengue vaccines program of the Department of Health (DOH), authored respectively by Reps. Tan (A.) and Estrellita B. Suansing.

The thrust of the investigation is a public health issue which, by the way, I will not discuss today as this is not part of my discussion and what is pending before that Committee. What I am concerned about are two things: number one is the shocking experience of invited persons subjected to gagging if not bullying of certain Members of this House. The gagging issue which brought about the humiliation of concerned persons was basically for me elementarily, senselessly, and to make it more bluntly, illogically anchored on a certain premise that the invited persons were not given authorization, unmindful of the fact that no authorization was actually needed as they were invited as distinguished and independent health advocates.

As regards the gagging, Mr. Speaker, I would not dwell on the Members' motivation, but I would like to ask now, "Kailangan mo pa ba ng authorization para ang witness ay magsalita sa isang Committee hearing?" Tayo po ay saksi sa Senado na sa extra-judicial killings (EJKs), ang mga testigo ay sorpresa, hindi imbitado pero pinagsasalita sa Senado. Ako po ay naging miyembro ng House Committee on Justice regarding the investigation on the National Bilibid Prison drug trade. Bakit pinayagan magsalita ang hindi imbitado? Bakit dito pinigilang magsalita? Bakit dito? Sino ang pinigilan? Does this Congress, Mr. Speaker, have a double standard as to the treatment of invited persons? It must be noted that the resource persons were given invitations.

Now, Mr. Speaker, undeniably, these persons are of unquestioned reputation being leading doctors, medical scientists, awarded as Ten Outstanding Filipino Physicians. It is unfortunate that by such actuation, the conduct and dignity of the House Members who gagged the resource persons are now put into question.

What is deeply hurting, Mr. Speaker, is the remark of those Congressmen that the conduct of the investigation is "something fishy." Now, I would like to ask, kung ganoon pala pong something fishy, ako po ay may tanong. This is now a three billion dollar question: what is "something fishy" that they attempted to curtail a fair-play query on this controversial DOH program?

Kung ganoon pala, I had my own expedition, at ito po ang aking nakita na bigger than fish and sufficient enough for me to file a House Resolution which seeks to investigate, in aid of legislation, the apparent, obvious, and manifest illegality of the procurement and misappropriation of public funds relative to the dengue vaccination program of the DOH amounting to ₱3.5 billion. And boldly, Mr. Speaker, I am ready to say now, I will rename the Dengue Vaccination Program of the DOH as the Philippines' Denggoy Vaccination Program.

For the record, here are the shocking revelations, Mr. Speaker:

One, ang gamot po sa Pilipinas, para maipagbili, ay kailangang rehistrado sa Food and Drugs Administration (FDA). Noong December 22, 2015, six months before the 2016 elections, ito po ay nabigyan ng FDA ng CPR or certificate of product registration sa pamamagitan ng Officer-in-Charge ng FDA na dating Secretary ng DOH noong panahong iyon. Ating tandaan na ang may programa ng dengue vaccine ay DOH. Bakit kinakailangan ng isang FDA director, who happens also to be the Secretary of Health, ang mag-a-approve ng CPR? This, in fact, is an obvious and manifest conflict of interest. Tama po ba?

Pangalawa, atin pong tandaan na ang isang gamot, even if FDA-registered, ay kinakailangan na maging miyembro ng PNDF. This is the Philippine National Drug Formulary na ang nagrerekomenda ay ang Formulary Executive Council (FEC), para po iyong gamot na naaprubahan ng FDA ay maibenta sa mga gobyernong ospital at magamit ang public funds para mabili ito. Malinaw po na dalawa ang proseso: FDA tapos FEC.

By tradition, from FDA to FEC, it would take more than one year para ang gamot ay maging isang otorisadong gamot sa Pilipinas. Ano po ang nangyari? My dear colleagues in Congress, please take note of this one, please take note of the dates. Nagkaroon po ng miting ang Formulary Executive Council (FEC) ng DOH ng January 7 and January 27. Ito po iyong grupo na nag-aapruba ng gamot para maipagbili ng gobyerno ang mga gamot na iyon. Ano ang sabi ng members ng FEC? Bawal ibenta ang dengue vaccine for reasons grounded on the following: (1) the vaccine may be hazardous; (2) this was not a priority program of the National Immunization Program of the government and the same was not funded under the 2016 General Appropriations Act; and (3) the amount of ₱3.5 billion was too costly for only a demonstration program. Ito po ang objection ng FEC na nag-aapruba ng gamot. Ano po ang nangyari? But despite not being allowed by the FEC, the subject drug, dengue vaccine, was included in a purchase request dated January 19, 2016.

My dear colleagues in Congress, please take note of this one. Ang isang departamento ay pumirma ng purchase request amounting to ₱3.5 billion, bibili ng gamot pero hindi otorisadong ipagbenta ang gamot sa merkado dahil bawal sa gobyerno. Malinaw po na ibi-bid nila ang hindi gamot at bawal na gamot sa Pilipinas. Kung may-roon pong dokumento na nagsasabi nito -- I have in my possession, and probably you would ask, saan nanggaling ito – at kung ito po man ay galing sa isang little lady, that will be proven during the investigation. Ang pinakamalala sa istorya na ito ng “Denggoy Vaccination Program” ay gaya ng sinabi ko, this is not part of the 2016 General Appropriations Act. In essence, isa lang ang ibig sabihin: may programa, bibili ng ₱3.5 billion, pero walang pondo na inilaan ang Kongresong ito.

And what is the most shocking of them all? The amount is ₱3.5 billion. Saan po nanggaling ang ginamit na pambili ng denggoy vaccine? What made the procurement grossly illegal is the fact that the fund used came from Personnel Services or savings from the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund. Why is it grossly illegal? One, if you have savings of ₱3.5 billion, that would not be spent because that should be reverted back to the Treasury. Two, if, granting for the sake of argument, as the Supreme Court said, this would be just an augmentation program, the program must be stated in the General Appropriations Act. Unfortunately, as I said, this program was not included in the 2016 GAA. And worst of them all, the procurement and implementation were done illegally under illegal standard procedures, despite the ruling of the Supreme Court on the Disbursement Acceleration Program, which declared that it was unconstitutional.

As I said before, it would take one year for an FDA-approved drug to be included in the national list of drugs. Very suspicious, magtataka po kayo na ganito kasimple: nung December 22, 2015, binigyan ng FDA approval despite the conflict of interest pero noong February 3, less than two months, napuwera ang FEC na magbigay ng provisional exemption. Wala pong dalawang buwan. Nakakapagtaka. Pero bago nabigyan ng authorization ang dengue vaccine, 15 days prior ay naimpormahan na ang purchase request kahit hindi awtorisado ang gamot. Ang nakakapagtaka ay bakit nagmamadali ang DOH, at halos napuwera ang FEC members na nag-aaprubang gamot na magbigay ng provisional exemption sa dengue vaccine based lamang sa naging pahayag sa FEC council meeting ni Undersecretary Kenneth Go sa mga miyembro ng FEC na ang dapat nilang gawin ay pawang ministerial lamang dahil may political decision na ang higher committee, gayung ₱3.5 bilyon ang gagastusin at bibili ng isang milyong dosage or doses, at gayung 200,000 lamang ang dengue cases sa Pilipinas kung kaya’t napakalaki ng kasong bibigyan ng vaccine, one million.

It was also very surprising, Mr. Speaker, that they were really in a hurry to produce that vaccine because the purchase order was signed on March 9 pero nung March 10 ay iyong purchase order ay nandoon na sa supplier.

### REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair reminded Rep. Leachon that he had already exceeded his time and when the latter requested a few minutes more, he asked him to wind up.

### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. LEACHON

(Continuation)

From the procurement implementation on March 9, dineliver po at nag-implement na sa Marikina. Twenty-six days ang Sanofi nakapagdeliver. Twenty-six days, this is perhaps the fastest procurement delivery of DOH in history. We must remember that we are talking here of about one million doses of vaccine. Bago po magawa ito, isang taon. Pero nai-deliver lang ng 26 days, nakapagtataka. Ano nga ba ang gamot na ito? Tingnan po natin.

Ang dengue vaccine ay may pangalang Dengvaxia, gawa sa France, ang kumpanya ay Sanofi. Ang official distributor niya sa Pilipinas ay Zuellig Pharmaceutical Company. DOH Undersecretary Kenneth Go is connected with Zuellig as the executive director from 2001 to 2013, may-roon na namang conflict of interest. The supposed expert na magbibigay ng cost effectiveness ay si Dr. Hilton Lam; siya po ang inupahan ng Sanofi na mag-conduct ng survey sa Pilipinas. Pero si Dr. Lam ay miyembro ng FEC. Hindi kaya nabili na ng Sanofi, ang supplier ng gamot, ang FEC?

It must be noted that it is only the Philippines, the only country in Asia, na gumagamit ng dengue vaccine. Ang sabi ng ibang bansa like Singapore, it is not cost-effective and clearly viable para gamitin sa dengue. If there are badges of fraud na dapat malaman ng DOH, ang sabi nila sa news report ay ang Sanofi daw na galing France ay multinational company and is of good reputation. Now, if you will ask me the track record of Sanofi, it is proven to have been tarnished for years: (1) Ayon sa Industry Week, publication po ng France, September 10, 2007, ang Sanofi ay pinagbayad ng US \$190 million ng Amerika dahil sa false claims nito sa kanilang medicare and federal health programs; convicted ang Sanofi; (2) according to Pearce Pharma, dated March 2014, convicted ang Sanofi sa Germany dahil -- at convicted ang dalawang empleyado -- nag-bribe sila at sila ay binigyan ng fine na 28 million euros; (3) sa China, sila po ay undergoing investigation for fraud and bribery; and (4) in Kenya din may bribery; ito po’y headline kahapon lamang.

And lastly, would you believe, Mr. Speaker, ang Pilipinas ay naging tagapagligtas ng Sanofi because based on the report of Pearce Pharma, US\$21 million lamang ang kita nila noong nakaraang taon pero dapat po US\$200 million. Nalulugi na po ang Sanofi. Walang bumibili ng dengue vaccine pero ang Pilipinas, kahit hindi otorisado, kahit delikado, P3.5 billion ang binili ng Pilipinas at the expense of one million school children.

With the foregoing, Mr. Speaker, I have only one further question. Hindi po kaya nauto ang Pilipinas?

If anybody here would agree, we can conclude right now that the DOH program regarding vaccination can be renamed as the "Philippine Denggoy Vaccination Program."

Mr. Speaker, before I end, we all know for a fact the many issues besetting our country -- for almost four decades now, from when this nation was once considered one of the brightest stars of Asia up to this time that we are struggling again to be better amidst the challenges of recurring failed leaderships. With this new administration and with all its imperfections, this Representation deeply believes, along with the overwhelming number of Filipino people, that our leaders' pure intentions are relevant and indispensable in chartering a new course in this nation's history. And these being combined with efforts to drastic action towards development, which is being witnessed right now, is already enough indication that good seeds of change are growing. The culmination that probably the Philippines may be a First World country, will definitely outlive us. We only have hope to cling on to. This, by the way, will never fail because I do believe that hope will always be the bedrock of this nation.

It is only for the future generations to see, who are the children of today. But with the revelations of today that their lives are compromised as they are and they might be further victims of misled public health care, the right to life must be in place. It will be in place if the right to good government will be pursued. Needless to state, Mr. Speaker, an investigation of the subject matter at hand is in order.

God bless this country.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REP. ACOP**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Romeo M. Acop manifested his intent to interpellate Rep. Leachon.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the session was suspended at 4:43 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:51 p.m.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ACOP**

To Rep. Acop's questions, Rep. Leachon agreed that resource persons in committee hearings should be given appropriate treatment; savings could not have been used to procure the aforesaid dengue vaccines because there were no savings to speak of at the time they were purchased; there was no dengue outbreak to justify said procurement; the purchase was not authorized and was done hastily; the drug was not included in the PNDF submitted by FEC; and the DOH negotiated with the supplier of the drug even before it was authorized for distribution in the Philippines. He then pointed out that Sanofi had been entangled in bribery and corruption in four instances in other countries.

Lastly, Rep. Leachon agreed to provide Rep. Acop with the official documents on said procurement.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair suspended the session at 5:01 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:02 p.m.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. LEACHON'S QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Leachon's question of privilege and the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

#### **THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

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

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BELARO**

After acknowledging the presence of his guests in the Session Hall, Rep. Belaro delivered the following privilege speech:

The search for truth is never easy. It may be painful but it is always worth it.

By the way, ladies and gentlemen, the title of my speech is "THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH IN THE BILIBID DRUG TRADE ISSUE."

My dear colleagues in Congress, ladies and gentlemen, this Representation rises on the basis of a personal and collective privilege arising from bashing both from traditional media and social media that this Representation received over the weekend on his cross-examination of Mr. Ronnie Dayan, the driver of Senator Leila De Lima, during the hearing held last November 24, 2016 by our Committee on Justice of which this Representation is a member.

Apparently, such bashing was triggered by the article appearing at the online site, Rappler, entitled, "Kailan Kayo Nag-Climax? Nonsense Questions At The Bilibid Drug Hearing." The article, ladies and gentlemen, contained disjointed quotations from my questions to Mr. Dayan and a corresponding video clip which featured not the entire portion of my questioning but only that portion which tended to condition the mind of the reader that indeed, the questions this Representation asked are indeed nonsensical. To add insult to the injury po, sana naman, mas maganda-gandang picture ang inilagay nila sa akin; siguro naman hindi naman ako ganoon ka-pangit.

Apparently, the said Rappler article was the primary basis of netizens and other journalists who heaped criticisms on this Representation, the other Members of this Body who participated in such investigation, as well as upon the whole institution of the House of Representatives. It also appears that most of these bashers and critics did not view the entire participation of this Representation during the said investigation. To date, said article is still trending and still peddling to netizens a slanted view of reality.

The most acute criticism this Representation received, ladies and gentlemen, is that I should be ashamed of myself, ashamed considering that this Representation represents the education sector in Congress. Thus, I am dedicating this speech to all educators and teachers nationwide to whom I wish to convey certain clarifications with this speech and to all stakeholders of the Philippine educational system --- the parents, the students, the schools, and school personnel -- to affirm to all of you and the entire citizenry that the participation of your Representative in Congress is not a deviation of his legislative role but instead, an affirmation of what we educators espouse to our students, which is the search for truth.

For the record, I wish to state that the said Rappler article and other similar media coverage which followed suit are unfair as they were taken out of context, selective in presentation, and slanted to suit preconceived biases and prejudices. Please allow me to cite three reasons.

First, the very purpose of summoning Dayan to the Justice Committee hearing is to prove the nature of the relationship of Dayan and then Secretary Leila De Lima and how such relationship was used or not used in the drug trade. Such purpose *per se* is mature and thus, it is expected that the consequent investigation cannot but delve on the parameters of such intimacy not out of curiosity but due to the logical necessity of raising specific questions as to whether such intimacy was used to further the drug trade. By way of analogy, in a prosecution for rape or seduction, it is an absolute necessity to ask questions that would establish or demolish the factual basis of such crime. If in our criminal law justice system, prosecutors are even allowed to ask questions which are delicate in nature, so should we in our investigation in Congress. We cannot be more strict than our courts of justice.

Ladies and gentlemen, the fact that the parties already admitted their relationship is immaterial as we cannot take those admissions at face value. With such admission, all the more that we have to dig deeper as there is a need to probe the metes and bounds of such relationship so as to know the exact power relations between them: whether Dayan was of such character as to overpower the good Senator and to enable him to intervene in government affairs in his capacity as driver-bodyguard and be seen in various ways such as receiving money, meeting people, and making decisions for the latter and appointing people to the Bureau of Corrections. Or, is it the other way around that Ronnie Dayan is just being used by the good Senator. Or there is simply no such connection to the drug trade, that both parties are not guilty of anything other than being lovers at the wrong place at the wrong time.

In Korea, ladies and gentlemen, we got news that there is a nationwide protest over the alleged interference in government affairs of an adviser to the sitting president. We admire the Koreans for having such a high standard of ethics that even if that intervention is not yet proven, there is already a mounting call for the sitting President to resign from office. In stark contrast, here in the Philippines, we are merely conducting an investigation when we are already raising the house up to the highest mountains in an effort to prevent the truth from coming out. And, we, Congressmen who are only doing our duty of hurling the necessary yet hurtful questions, are being accused of hurling

nonsense questions. On the contrary, to our detractors, let me say this: you have a perverted sense of nationalism as our questions are not nonsensical but are in fact questions of national interest.

Given such a purpose in making Dayan testify to Congress, there is nothing, absolutely nothing wrong with the way the Members of this Body who participated in the questioning of Dayan as they are all relevant questions. After all, Rule 128, Section 4 of the Rules of Court has persuasive influence in a congressional investigation in aid of legislation. Accordingly, for evidence or a question to be relevant it should have "such a relation to the fact in issue as to induce belief in its existence or non-existence." Notably, the same rule even provides that evidence on collateral matters may be allowed, "when it tends in any reasonable degree to establish the probability or improbability of the fact in issue." Given such a definition of what is relevant under our laws on evidence, it is easy to see that questions that tend to establish the degree of intimacy such as knowledge of the favorite food of one party by the other, awareness of an anniversary or even the predilection for sili -- you know, ladies and gentlemen, sili, the Bicolano staple -- all tend to establish the limits of such intimacy. These are all legitimate jumping-board questions to the logical implication that such intimacy translates to power over the decision-making powers of the parties in relation to the drug trade. Given that context, I would say that even the question of whether the parties share the same room is legitimate as it tests whether Dayan has seen receipt of such volume of received money which would naturally be kept in the bedroom or an area known only to persons with intimate relations.

At this juncture, ladies and gentlemen, it baffles me that most of my critics are making it appear that with the questioning of Dayan, we have already disrespected the good Senator. Knowingly, ladies and gentlemen, to this let it be put on record that it is never our intention to disrespect Senator De Lima who is a co-equal member of the legislature. After all, the person whom we cross-examined was not Senator De Lima but Ronnie Dayan. Dayan was the witness who appeared before us and not Senator De Lima and thus, it is but fair that our examination should only be evaluated with respect to the handling of Dayan but not of the good Senator. It is a continuing source of amazement for this Representation why nobody even complained that the rights of Dayan were ever violated but that of Senator De Lima who was not even the witness during our investigation.

Then there are basic rules of evidence that we have to follow. When a witness appears, it is fair game to test the consistency of his statements, to take note of his demeanor in relation to certain

questions, however offbeat they are as they are reflective of his character and personality. The body language of the witness speaks a thousand words. And such language can only be reflected in his courtroom behavior by triggering words which the interrogator can ask.

Yes, the language used by many Members of Congress who participated in the questioning of Dayan may have been colorful but that is called for by the situation not only because the witness himself displayed a penchant for such colorful language himself such as "sinasalat" and "walang basagan ng trip," but also because the subject matter of the inquiry is itself very delicate in nature. In fact, instead of lambasting the Members of Congress who asked questions which may be perceived as colorful, credit should be given to them for being so prudent and careful that not a graphic word or phrase which explicitly details the sexual act was ever used by any of the cross-examiners.

The second point, ladies and gentlemen, that I would like to raise with respect to the said Rappler article is its selective presentation of the questions I raised. For instance, the Rappler article only featured that portion wherein I was referring to a "climax." That was a myopic and short-sighted thing to do as it deprived the question of its proper context. In this regard, I challenge my critics that if only they would care to view the entire portion of my questioning, they would all agree that there is a context to my question. At that juncture in the proceeding, Dayan playfully answered that the relationship he and Senator De Lima had reached typhoon intensity "5." What this Representation did was only to take off from there and asked Dayan, in view of the admitted relationship from 2007 to 2014, in what year the relationship reached intensity "5," to which Dayan admitted to have occurred in 2010 when Senator De Lima was then our Secretary of Justice. Moving forward, this Representation took the pains of having Dayan identify the intensity of their relationship on a per year basis from 2007 to 2014 as a pretext to subsequent questions detailing certain functions that were already entrusted to her by the good Senator, for example, depositing money, receiving money, suggesting appointments, and securing appointments in the Bureau of Corrections.

Clearly, it is as clear as it is being, that the context of the "climax" question is a specific year, not the sexual act which my detractors would like to make it appear. It is my detractors, I repeat, it is my detractors, who are inputting malice in the word "climax" as climax by itself is a neutral word. In fact, at that moment in my questioning, I could not have possibly meant climax in a sexual way. Why? Because that is basically and humanly impossible because my reference is a year. I could have probably meant it literally as it is a biological

fact that climax in the medical or even the physical sense lasts only for a few minutes; unless one is a superman, nobody could ever attain climax continuously for one whole year. That is a ridiculous and outlandish interpretation.

However, there is also the view that probably I could have used another word other than “climax.” Reviewing the available words in any thesaurus of the English language of whatever version, we can probably use any of the following as you probably know: summit, top, vortex, cap, zenith, or in Tagalog to borrow from the rich Tagalog phraseology of the Honorable Deputy Speaker Castro, “sukdulan,” “tuktok,” “tugatog,” and others. But even if I use these words, ladies and gentlemen, there would be negligible difference. It is my humble opinion that even if I use the plain words “highest point” or “pinakamataas” or “pinakamalakas” to refer to their relationship, all such words would anyway be viewed with malice by somebody who has a prejudiced or biased mindset.

The third point that I would like to raise, ladies and gentlemen, that it is very, very unfortunate that the Rappler article slanted its presentation to make it appear that we encourage sexism and disrespect for women and display the most callous manifestation of gender insensitivity. In this regard, ladies and gentlemen, we are severely missing the forest for the trees, the bushes for the stalks, and the greenery for the stems. We are investigating the Honorable Senator not because she is a woman, but because she happens to be the sitting Secretary of Justice at the time when drug trade is at its highest point. We are probing the relationship of Dayan and the good Senator not because we are interested in the lurid details of their intimacy, but because we want to get details as to how their intimacy served as a conduit in the proliferation of the drug trade. For God’s sake, ladies and gentlemen, we are not peeping toms or voyeurs, as what our detractors would like us to appear; we only want specifics as to how the said affair fueled the channel of drug money from Bilibid to Secretary De Lima, if ever that is the case.

At this juncture, I wish to apologize to all my friends and supporters who were hurt by the said article. I also wish to apologize to all the women and men who reacted negatively to the said article. It is never the intention of this Representation that in doing my job, I shall cause much pain and injury to anyone. To those who were hurt, I cannot blame them given the selective, myopic, and slanted presentation in said article. I understand that any person in that situation would feel the same. However, please do not blame us, all those who participated in the investigation, as we are also victims of this selective reporting of the media who, instead of focusing on the relevant matters of the investigation, focused on the personal lives of the Members of this Body.

Mataas po ang aming paggalang sa ating mga kababaihan, sa ating mga asawa, mga kapatid, mga anak, at bawat babae sa ating lipunan ay karapat-dapat lamang igalang. Mataas din po ang aming pagtingin sa LGBT. In fact, ako po ay isa sa mga author ng Anti-Discrimination Bill na pending ngayon sa Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

I, therefore, would like to appeal to members of the media to be balanced in the presentation of their articles and to be accountable to the public for any mind conditioning that they will ever make. I am especially worried by certain features of some online news sites which have controlled mechanisms for feedback from the public as they are susceptible for manipulation by certain interest groups. Ang ibig ko pong sabihin, iyong mga online sites na ito, kahit mag-post ka ng comment, hindi tatanggapin ang comment mo because they are resorting to mind conditioning. They even have these mood meters -- angry, happy, sad. Me and my staff tried registering our comments as happy and yet, it still registered the same, unhappy or angry. It is retained at 81% despite the so many people who already registered a happy vote. I believe that a congressional investigation is in order to prevent these online sites from peddling opinions which only suit their interest.

We also appeal to the other Members of this Body. Ladies and gentlemen, my dear colleagues in Congress, we should protect the integrity of our institution from the intrusion on our right to conduct inquiry in aid of legislation. Article VI, Section 21 of the Constitution expressly provides Congress with such right; and let us not allow bias and prejudice becloud our judgment by unwarranted attacks on the personalities of the Members of this Body. I also appeal to the entire Filipino nation to be cognizant of what really is at stake in this investigation. It is the future of our country that is right now being victimized by the drug malaise. Ang recent statistics po is that mayroon na pong five million out of 80 million na drug addict sa Pilipinas: roughly around five percent, who are potential criminals, as we take judicial notice that those who are into drugs are potential rapists and thieves who already do not know how to distinguish right from wrong. The gravity of the drug problem should make us worry not only for our safety but that of our children and the generations to come, if it remains unabated. Let not an investigation on the love affair of persons in power becloud that judgment.

Lastly, ladies and gentlemen, I appeal to educators and teachers, stakeholders of the Philippine educational system – schools, parents, and students to whom we owe our being in the halls of Congress today. To all of you, I wish to assure all of you, that your representative in Congress, by



participating in the investigation on Dayan and by just doing his job as a member of the Committee on Justice, did not ever renege on the most basic of values that we treasure and we teach our children -- the search for truth, the continuous search for truth. I have my chin up, ladies and gentlemen, when I say this: that the purpose of any investigation should be to bring out the truth. Preconceived biases on alleged sexism and gender insensitivity should never get in the way in the search for truth despite the fact that it may hurt some people. The truth is always worth it as per se, the truth is liberating, and as the cliché states, it shall set us free.

Thank you very much and good afternoon.

### SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

### ROLL CALL

Likewise, on motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

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Acop  
Acosta-Alba  
Advincula  
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Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Albano  
Alejano  
Almario  
Almonte  
Alonte-Naguiat  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amante  
Angara-Castillo  
Antonio  
Aragones  
Arcillas  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Bagatsing  
Baguilat  
Banal  
Barzaga

Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Benitez  
Bernos  
Billones  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Brosas  
Bulut-Begtang  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Campos  
Cari  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Celeste  
Cerafica  
Cerilles  
Chavez  
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Cortes  
Cortuna  
Crisologo  
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De Vera  
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Ermita-Buhain  
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Garcia (G.)  
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Garin (S.)  
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Herrera-Dy  
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Martinez  
Matugas  
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Mirasol  
Montoro  
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Nograles (K.A.)  
Nolasco  
Nuñez-Malanyaon  
Olivarez  
Ong (E.)  
Ong (H.)  
Ortega (P.)  
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Papandayan  
Pichay  
Pimentel  
Pineda  
Primicias-Agabas  
Quimbo  
Radaza  
Ramirez-Sato  
Ramos  
Relampagos  
Roa-Puno  
Rocamora  
Rodriguez (I.)  
Roman  
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Roque (H.)  
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Sarmiento (C.)  
Sarmiento (E.M.)  
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 Velarde  
 Velasco  
 Velasco-Catera  
 Veloso  
 Vergara  
 Villafuerte  
 Villanueva  
 Villaraza-Suarez  
 Villarica  
 Villarin  
 Violago  
 Yap (M.)  
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 Zamora (M.C.)  
 Zamora (R.)  
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With 224 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. De Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III and Belaro.

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

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour and the Chair recognized Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara to interpellate Rep. Belaro.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. VERGARA**

On Rep. Vergara's initial query, Rep. Belaro affirmed that he could have rephrased his question in another way but the word "climax" was negligibly different from other English or Tagalog synonyms; and maintained that it was his detractors who were malicious because they imputed malice on a neutral word.

Rep. Vergara pointed out that she felt offended while watching the Committee hearing; opined as un-

called for, the phrasing of Rep. Belaro's questions using the word "climax"; and reminded her colleague that they were public officials. For his part, Rep. Belaro reiterated his apology to colleagues who felt offended and explained that it was never his intention to cast insult or injury and that he had no motive and malice on his part.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. BROSAS**

Speaking for Gabriela Party-List, Rep. Brosas decried the sexist, out-of-line, and insulting line of questioning that took place in the aforesaid hearing; expressed support for the investigation on the drug trade; stressed that Congress should not be used to violate women's rights as she cited the recent celebration of the National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Children which Congress itself enacted; reminded her colleagues to be circumspect; and requested striking off from the records portions of the hearing dealing with the intimacies of Mr. Dayan and Secretary De Lima's relationship.

Rep. Belaro reiterated that he did not intend to cast harm or injury to anyone; what mattered was the substance and not the style of questioning; and that his questions were meant to find out how the intimacy of said persons figured in the illegal drug trade. He apologized anew to the women sector but clarified that he was just doing his job as an investigator.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. CASTRO (F.L.)**

On behalf of ACT Teachers Party-List, Rep. Castro focused on the impact on the youth and student sector of Rep. Belaro's remarks and language which she considered as uncalled for. Although she expressed support for the investigation on the drug trade, she reminded her colleagues to be very careful with their questions as they could have double meanings and to ensure that these were based on ferreting out the truth.

Rep. Belaro reiterated his apologies and said that he had no intention to hurt anyone especially the youth. Nevertheless, he stressed that it made no sense to prevent the youth from hearing the truth and although truth could be painful, it was worth pursuing.

## REFERRAL OF REP. BELARO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Rep. Belaro, together with the interpellations thereon, to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao who delivered the following privilege speech:

### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

Daghang salamat, Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader.

Ang topiko ko po ay hinggil sa parating na ika-153 kaarawan ng ating unang Pangulo, pambansang bayani na si Gat Andres Bonifacio. Ito po ay ikinakabit namin doon sa popular na binanggit noong nakaraang hearing, "Tunay, Tapat, at Wagas na Pag-Ibig para sa Bayan."

Honorable Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, mga staff at mga manggagawa ng House of Representatives, mapagpalayang hapon po sa inyong lahat.

Sa darating na Nobyembre 30, ang ika-153 taong kaarawan ng ating dakilang lider ng Rebolusyong Pilipino, ang Supremo ng Katipunan, at ng masang anakpawis laban sa kolonyalismong Kastila, ang bayani at unang Pangulong si Gat Andres Bonifacio. Sa bahagi ng Anakpawis Party-List, kinikilala namin ito bilang Araw ng mga Anakpawis dahil kami ay kumukuha ng inspirasyon sa pakikibaka at pagbigkis niya sa masang manggagawa at magsasaka para sa paglaban, para sa tunay na kalayaan at demokrasya.

Ngayong araw hanggang bukas, nagaganap ang pulong ng Pambansang Konseho ng Anakpawis Party-List. Dinaluhan ng mga kinatawan mula sa iba't ibang rehiyon mula Luzon, Visayas, at Mindanao, at mayor na isyung usapin pa rin ay nanatili sa usapin ng lupa, sahod, trabaho, pabahay, at karapatan bilang mga nabanggit sa kanilang mga reports o ulat sa nagdaang eleksyon 2016.

Mr. Speaker, at kapwa ko Mambabatas, naniniwala akong kumbinsido kayo na mayorya sa ating mamamayang Pilipino at populasyon ay nakabatay o namumuhay sa kanayunan. Ayon din sa datos ng Philippine Statistics Authority, 55% ng populasyon ay nasa kanayunan. Kaya sa mahigit na 100 milyong Pilipino, 55 milyon ang nasa mga probinsiya. Samakatuwid, wala silang ibang pagkukunan ng kabuhayan kundi ang pagbubungkal ng lupa, at kung ibabatay sa demo-

krasya, na isa sa mga mayor na mithiin ni Bonifacio, ito ay ang kanilang demokratikong karapatan para sa lupa na sinasalamain ng tunay na reporma sa lupa, na pinapasimulan ng libreng pamamahagi ng lupa. Alam naman po natin dahil ito po ay panahon ng kolonyalismong Espanyol, na ang pagsakop sa ating lupain at ang pagkamdang ng daang-daang libong ektaryang lupain ng mga conquistadores, ng gobernador-heneral, at ng ibang kanilang itinayong gobyerno, ay pang-agaw ng lupa sa mga mamamayan na tinawag nilang mga "indiyo."

Mga kapwa Mambabatas, may bago tayong pangulo, si Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte na nagtagumpay noong eleksyon dahil sa kanyang pangako na "Change is Coming."

Naghihintay ang masang Pilipino ng mga pundamental na pagbabago. Una rito ang pagbabago para sa tunay na reporma sa lupa. Mahalagang usapin ito dahil ang Pangulo ay nangako ng pagbabago na kung saan ipapamahagi ang mga lupang ito. At kongkretong maisabatas ang tunay na reporma sa lupa. Nakasalang po ang mga panukalang batas na iyan.

Noong Pebrero, sa Presidential Challenge Forum na inorganisa ng Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas o KMP, ipinangako ng noong kandidato pagkapangulo na hindi lamang sapat na bigyan ng lupa ang mga magsasaka, bagkus, dapat silang bigyang ayuda. Kasunod nito, sa kanyang speech sa Tarlac, ipinangako din ng ating kumakandidatong pangulo at ngayon ay Pangulo, ang free irrigation services para sa mga magsasaka. Tayo rito sa Kongreso noong budget hearing na ipinanukala ang paglalaan ng dagdag na ₱4 biyon na subsidy sa budget ng NIA para di na maningil ng Irrigation Service Fee o ISF, pumupustura pa rin ito na maningil dahil ito raw ang nakasaad sa kanilang charter.

Napakaraming isyu ang umaapekto sa mga magsasaka sa kasalukuyan. Maging ang multi-bilyon na Coco Levy Fund na hinuthot sa mga magsasaka, na ipinangako ng Pangulo na ibabalik sa kanila ay sa kasalukuyan, hindi pa rin naibabalik.

Sa isyu ng mga manggagawa, matinkad ngayon ang pagbabasura ng kontraktwalisasyon. Ipinangako rin ito ng ating Pangulo, na sa isang linggo lang ng kanyang administrasyon ay ibabasura na ito. Mahigit 100 araw na po sa kanyang panunungkulan, ay umiiral pa rin ang kontraktwalisasyon. Si Department of Labor and Employment Secretary Bello ay inaasa na rin sa Kongreso ang pagbabasura nito. Walang hakbanging ginawa ang kanyang departamento, ang Ehekutibo, para magkaroon ng moratorium sa implementation ng Department Order 18-A.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa ko mambabatas, ang sahod ng manggagawang Pilipino ay malinaw na mababa. Ang pinakamataas na minimum wage ay sa National Capital Region. ₱491.00 per day, habang ang pinakamababa ay ₱260.00 sa Region VIII o Eastern Visayas. Ang tanong ko ukol rito, may nabubuhay pa bang pamilyang manggagawa sa ₱260.00 kada araw? O para mabuhay ay titipirin nila ang kanilang pagkain. Minsan, dapat tatlong beses sa isang araw kumakain, dalawang beses na lamang. Mababaon sa utang ang mga manggagawa at iba pang porma ng pagtitiis hanggang sa kinalaunan ay namamatay sila sa gutom o sakit. Ang mababang sahod ng mga manggagawa ay pagkondena sa kanila sa kamatayan, Mr. Speaker.

Ang panawagan ng masang manggagawa sa pangunguna ng Kilusang Mayo Uno at All Workers' Unity ay ₱750.00 national minimum wage at lubos naming sinusuportahan ito. Noong Setyembre, nagsalita na rin ang Pangulo ukol sa pantay na sahod sa Metro Manila at mga probinsiya, pagtanggap sa mga provincial rate.

Ang sector ng urban poor ay napakarami rin na kinakaharap, mula sa malawakan at mararahas na demolisyon ng kanilang komunidad, hanggang sa kawalan ng kabuhayan, maging sa mga utilities sa mga relocation sites.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, habang ang mga marginalized sectors ay nag-iinis-yatiba na para isulong ang kanilang mga interes at karapatan, ang gobyerno, partikular ang pulis at militar, ay itinuturing pa silang mga target ng militarisasyon, harassment, at Oplan Bayanihan na nagdudulot ng mga human rights abuses.

Ang mga katutubong lumad ng Mindanao, dahil nga sa kawalan ng serbisyong panlipunan mula sa gobyerno ay nagtayo ng kanilang mga paaralan; ngunit ngayon ito ay nagiging target ng mga militar. Sa kasalukuyan, 18 lumad schools sa Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat ang biktima ng threat, harassment, and intimidation, ayon sa Save Our Schools Network. Nagpapakana ang militar at local government units na ang Center for Lumad Advocacy and Services o CLANS ay front daw ng New People's Army.

Sa Masbate, sa mga bayan ng Montreal, Dimasalang, at Cawayan, todo pa rin ang mga military operation kahit pa may ceasefire. Ang mga militar sa ilalim ng 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ng Philippine Army ang nagpakana ng mga civil military operation, na disenyo pa ng Oplan Bayanihan ng dating administrasyon. Ito ay nagbubunga ng mga human rights abuses at pag-abala sa kanilang kabuhayan sa sakahan. Kung kaya't mahigit 3,000 magsasaka ang nag-rali sa munisipyo ng Cawayan para ipanawagan ang pull-out ng militar dahil nga hindi nga sila makapagsaka at nasisira ang kanilang mga pananim.

Sa Caraga Region, patuloy ang malawakang militarisasyon kung saan 78 na barangay sa 22 bayan ng Agusan del Sur, Agusan del Norte at Butuan City ang binabaraan ng militar sa ilalim ng 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Philippine Army.

Mr. Speaker, mahalaga ang isyung karapatang pantao dahil habang isinusulong ng Pangulo ang peace talks sa National Democratic Front of the Philippines o NDFP, ay todo naman sa operasyong militar at nilalabag ang mga karapatan ng mga magsasaka.

Mga kapwa ko mambabatas, Mr. Speaker, mula pag-upo ni Pangulong Duterte, hanggang SONA, sa kanyang first 100 days, hanggang sa kasalukuyan, lupa at kapayapaan pa rin ang panawagan ng masang magsasaka.

Kung si Bonifacio ay nilaban ang kolonyalismong Kastila, tayo naman ay nahaharap sa dominasyon ng United States at iba pang kapitalistang bansa sa mga programa at patakaran ng gobyerno.

May kalayaan ba ang bansa kung ang dikta ng bansang US na mag-deploy sila ng mga sundalong Amerikano ay susundin na lamang ito ng ating gobyerno? Kapag iniutos nila ang pananatili ng Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) o ng Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA), ay hindi ba ito mababali? Bagamat makailang beses nang tinuligsa ng ating Pangulo ang US sa panghihimasok nito, sa dulo ay nanatili pa rin ang mga patakarang idinikta nila. Kami sa Anakpawis ay matagal nang nananawagan na ipawalang-bisa ang VFA, ang EDCA, at ang Mutual Defense Treaty at iba pang mga hindi pantay na kasunduan ng Pilipinas sa US.

Kung ibabatay sa mithiin ng ating bayaning si Gat Andres Bonifacio, malayo sa kalayaan at demokrasya ang kalagayan ng masang anakpawis. Hindi malaya ang mga magsasaka na magbungkal ng lupa, pinapalayas sila at kinakamkam ang kanilang mga lupa. Diktado pa rin ng mga dayuhan ang mga patakaran ng gobyerno tulad ng mga neoliberal na polisiya. Mababa pa rin ang sahod at pasahod ng ating mga manggagawa. Walang matirhan ang mga urban poor o mga illegal settlers. Inaagawan ng lupang ninuno ang ating mga katutubo o mga lumad sa Mindanao. Inaagawan din ng pangisdaan ang ating mga mangingisda at hindi sila makapangisda. Ang mga manggagawang-bukid ay naghihirap sa mga hacienda, na daan-daang mga hacienda.

Bilang pagtatapos, Mr. Speaker, ay hahalaw ako sa tula ng bayaning si Gat Andres Bonifacio:

“Aling pag-ibig pa ang hihigit kaya sa pagkadalisa’y at pagkadalisa’y gaya ng pag-ibig sa tinubuang lupa? aling pag-ibig pa? Wala na nga, wala.”

Ito ang aming panawagan, ang dapat na dalisa’y, wagas, at tapat ay ang pag-ibig sa bayan. Isadiwa ang mithiin at pakikibaka ng ating bayani na si Gat Andres Bonifacio para sa kalayaan at tunay na demokrasya. Tunay na reporma sa lupa, ipatupad! Sahod ng mga manggagawa, itaas! Kontraktuwalisasyon ay ibasura! Pag-pullout sa mga militar sa mga komunidad! Lupa at kapayapaan, maka-mamamayang pagbabago, dapat ngayon na! Pambansang kalayaan at demokrasya, ipaglaban!

Magandang hapon, Mr. Speaker. Kapwa mambabatas, daghang salamat.

### **REFERRAL OF REP. CASILAO’S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

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

### **SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

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

### **DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members to the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 3408 or the 2017 General Appropriations Bill: Reps. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Maria Carmen S. Zamora, Federico “Ricky” S. Sandoval II, Dakila Carlo E. Cua, Elenita Milagros “Eileen” Ermita-Buhain, Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, Reynaldo V. Umali, and Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez.

### **REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS**

Majority Leader Fariñas announced that the Bicameral Committee on the 2017 Budget Bill would meet the following day at 10:00 a.m. at Senate Conference Rooms No. 2 and 3.

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

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour.

On further motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago who delivered the following privilege speech:

### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ELAGO**

Ginoong Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, magandang gabi.

Sa darating na ika-30 ng Nobyembre, ipagdiriwang natin ang ika-153 anibersaryo ng kapanaganakan ni Andres Bonifacio. Hayaan ninyo akong magbalik-tanaw sa ilang mahahalagang araw sa buhay ng dakilang Supremo.

Nitong taong 2012, ibinigay ng Hukbong Sandatahan ng Espanya sa ating gobyerno sa pamamagitan ng National Historical Commission of the Philippines ang mga digital copies ng daangdaang dokumento ng Katipunan na nakatago sa Archivo General Militar de Madrid. Isa sa mga dokumento ng Katipunan mula sa Madrid ay ang dokumento ng pagtatatag sa Katipunan na nakakagulat na ang petsa ay mas matanda pa sa alam nating petsa ng pagkakatatag ng Katipunan na ika-7 ng Hulyo, 1892 sa buwan ng Enero ng nasabing taon; mas maaga ng anim na buwan.

May pamagat ang mga dokumentong ito na, “Casaysayan”, “Pinagcasundoan”, at “Manga Daquilang Cautosan”. Hayaan ninyo akong sipiin ang itroduksyon ng dokumento.

*“Pagsasaysay ng mga dahilanan ng paghiwalay ng Kapuluang ito mula sa ag-aangking Inang Espanya. Ang umuudyok sa amin na humiwalay sa Espanya ay ang malabis niyang ugali, matigas na loob, kataksilan at iba pang mga karumdumal na gawa na hindi dapat gamitin ng sino mang Ina sa alin mang anak. Isinasaysay na ang mga Kapuluang ito ng Pilipinas ay humihiwalay sa Espanya magbuhat sa araw na ito at walang kinikilala at kikilalanin pang Puno at makapangyayari kundi itong Kataastaasang Katipunan.”*

Ang pangalawang pinakamatandang dokumento ng Katipunan mula sa ibinigay sa atin ng Espanya ay may petsang Agosto 1892, at ganito ang nakasulat:

*“At kaya sa mga iniitrog kong mga kapatid na si Gomez, Burgos at Zamora na nilait sa pagsintang lubos sa ating bayang Pilipinas, at sa mga gayo’y nawawakawak, nagdurusa, at nangamatay nang iba sa pagkakapatapon, inihahandog ang*

*aming puso at buhay sa pagdamay sa ilalim ng isang mahigpit at dakilang Katipunang itatatag ngayon sa pagpipilitang maagaw sa kukong masakim ng mga Kastila itong ating bayan at mapalaya sa hirap ang sariling bayan.”*

Ano ang saysay ng aking pagsipi sa mga pinakamatandang dokumento ng Katipunan na nadiskubre sa Madrid? Isang bagay lamang: batid ng mga nagtatag ng Katipunan ang kalagayan ng bayan na lugmok sa pang-aapi at pagsasamantala sa panahon ng kolonyalismong Espanyol. At sino-sino ang mga namuno sa pagtatatag ng Katipunan? Isang manggagawa ng kumpanyang Briton at Aleman na nagngangalang Andres Bonifacio at abogado si Ladislao Diwa, kapwa 28 years old; at estudyante ng abogasya na si Teodoro Plata, 25 anyos. Ilan sa mga nakiisa sa kanilang paninindigan at sumama sa Katipunan ang makata at manunulat na si Aurelio Tolentino, 25 anyos; estudyante ng medisina na si Pio Valenzuela, 23 anyos; at estudyante ng abogasya na si Emilio Jacinto, 19 anyos.

Narinig ba ninyo ang mga edad ng aking mga nabanggit? Bonifacio at Diwa, 28 anyos; Plata at Tolentino, 25; Valenzuela, 23; Jacinto, 19. Kung hindi man sila buhay noong binitay sa Luneta ang tatlong paring martir na Gomburza, may muwang na ba sila sa mga taong 1872 para balikan ang araw na iyon at gamiting dahilang para mapoot sa pananakop ng Espanya? Kasaysayan ang humaplos sa diwa't damdamin ng mga kabataan at estudyanteng ito para gumawa ng malalaking sakripisyo para sa mas malalaki pang bagay sa kanila -- ang magsabog ng liwanag ng kalayaan, kata-rungan, at pagkapantay-pantay sa bayang ito. Kung hindi sila tumindig at lumaban noon, paano kaya tayo ngayon?

Tayo ang nakikinabang ngayon sa kalayaang isinulong, ipinaglaban, at pinanindigan nila. Kalayaan na pangarap lamang noon ng mga 28, 25, 23, at 19, pangarap na hindi lamang nananatiling pangarap kundi isang binhi na kanilang itinanim na ngayo'y isang matayog nang puno na hitik sa bunga ng pakikibaka, ang Republika ng Pilipinas.

Bago itatag ang Katipunan, naganap ang mga pag-aaklas sa iba't-ibang mga lalawigan at ilang dekada rin ang ginugol sa pagsusulong ng mga re-porma sa mga opisyal sa Madrid. Kaya't itong sina Bonifacio at iba pang mga kasamang kabataan sa Pilipinas ay hindi na natutuwa sa pagsasawalang kibo ng pamahalaang Espanyol sa mga re-pormang itinutulak. At noong 1892 nga, itinanim ang binhi ng kalayaan at kasarinalan sa Tondo sa tawag na Kataas-taasang, Kagalang-galangan Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan.

Ilan sa mga kilalang bayani ng bayan ngayon ang hindi sang-ayon noon sa Katipunan; sina Jose

Rizal, Antonio Luna, at Apolinario Mabini. Re-porma ang hinihingi nila at ayaw nilang mapurnada ito dahil lamang sa paghihinala ng mga awtoridad noon na mauwi lamang ito sa isang rebolusyon. Noong una, kabaliwan ang mag-ispip na lumaya ang Pilipinas mula sa Espanya; katwiran ni Rizal, kailangan munang mulatin ang mga Pilipino sa pamamagitan ng edukasyon; katwiran ni Luna, hindi kakayanin ng mga Pilipino ang lakas ng puwersang Espanyol na tatlong-daan taon nang naghahari sa Pilipinas at daan-daang pag-aalsa na ang natalo at nasawata; buo pa rin ang pananalig ni Mabini na maidadaan pa sa pakikipag-usap sa Espanya ang mga pagbabago nang walang pagdang ng dugo at pagkalagas ng buhay.

Hindi pa kasama rito ang mga personalidad noon na kontento na sa maituturing na nilang kaunlaran at kaayusang panlipunan na mayroon noon -- palibhasa'y nakikinabang ang mga pamilya nila sa negosyo at politika, at nagpapakasasa sa mga titulo, mga medalya, at mga parangal. Ito ang mga tipo nina Pedro Paterno at Felipe Buencamino na kasama sa mga itinuturing nating mga dakilang Pilipino bagaman ngayon ay nagdurusa na dahil hinusgahan na sila ng kasaysayan.

Samantala, ibinintang kina Rizal, Luna, at Mabini ang rebolusyong sinimulan nina Bonifacio -- binitay si Rizal, ipinatapon si Luna, at naka-hospital arrest naman si Mabini dahil sa kanyang pagiging lumpo. Ang tulad ni Paterno ay sinamantala ang pagkakataon na makapagpasikat sa mga Espanyol at nagyabang na kaya niyang kumbinsihin ang mga rebolusyonaryo na sumuko sa iisang kondisyon na tawagin siyang Prinsipe ng Luzon pagkatapos; at si Buencamino ay bumuo pa ng hukbong loyalista sa Espanya na lumaban sa puwersa ni Emilio Aguinaldo sa Cavite.

Sa huli ay tinanggap ni Rizal na hindi na mapipigilan pa ang mga Pilipino na mag-asam ng pagbabago sa paggamit ng dahas gayung dahas din ang pilit na pinapalunok sa baw't naghihirap ng sambayanang Pilipino. Hayaan ninyong sipiin ko mismo ang matamis na pagtanggap ni Rizal sa kanyang kapalaran mula sa “*Mi Ultimo Adios*,” gamit ang saling Tagalog ni Bonifacio ng nasabing tula:

*“Ika’y guminhawa laking kagandahang, ako’y malugmok at ika’y matanghal, hininga’y malagot, mabuhay ka lamang, bangkay ko’y masilong sa iyong kalangitan.”*

Gayundin sina Luna at Mabini na niyakap din kalaunan ang rebolusyong sinimulan ni Bonifacio at nanguna pa sa pagtatanggol ng kalayaan nang dumating ang mga Amerikano.

Ito ang sinabi ni Mabini tungkol kay Bonifacio sa kanyang talambuhay na *La Revolucion Filipina* noong 1902:

*“Ang dismayadong si Andres Binifacio ay parating sinasabi nang siya’y nabubuhay pa na huwag matakot kanino man -- huwag matakot kanino man kundi sa Kasaysayan, at tunay ngang ang Kasaysayan ay hindi bulag sa hustisya, at ang hatol nito ay malupit sa sinumang nagkasala.”*

Hindi lang si Mabini ang nakapagtala sa sinabing ito ni Bonifacio na katakutan ang kasaysayan. Maging ang magiting na bayani mula sa Batac, Ilocos Norte na si Artemio Ricarte, na gumawa rin ng sariling talambuhay. Ayon kay Ricarte:

*“Si Bonifacio ang taong nagturo sa bayang Pilipino ng tunay na landas, upang maibulid ang pang-aalipin ng mga dayuhan—na sa tuwing kausap ng kanyang mga kasama—ay lagi nang nilalabasan sa bibig ng mga ganitong pangungusap: ‘Pagsikapan ninyong huwag makagawa ng mga pagkakasalang makadudungis sa inyong mga pangalan. . . Matakot kayo sa Kasaysayan . . . na siyang di mapagkakailaan ng inyong mga kagagawan.’”*

Ang maybahay din mismo ni Bonifacio, na si Gregoria de Jesus, ay nagbilin sa mga kabataan noong 1928 gamit ang sumpa ni Bonifacio: “Matakot kayo sa kasaysayan pagka’t walang lihim na di nahahayag.”

Biktima rin mismo si Bonifacio sa tahasang pagbura sa alaala ng kanyang buhay at mga nagawa. Matapos siyang paslangin noong taong 1897 sa Cavite, nabura rin ang mga aral ng Katipunan, ang mga simbolismo nito at simulain. Hindi na rin binabanggit ang kanyang pangalan sa mga okasyon, talumpati, at pagpaparangal noong administrasyong Aguinaldo. Napaulat pa na ipinasunog ang bahay ni Jacinto sa Tondo upang maabo nang tuluyan ang mga dokumento ng Katipunan, bagay na agad na natunugan kaya’t naibaon sa ilalim ng lupa ang bangang pinagtaguan ng mga dokumento ng Katipunan na di bababa sa 10 piraso. Hanggang sa isang araw, matapos ang Digmaang Pilipino-Amerikano, natagpuan ang mga dokumentong ito na nakatago sa lukuban ng manok sa Bataan. Ang Bonifacio at Katipunan na pilit binura sa alaala ng mga Pilipino ay nabuhay lamang matapos mawala sa kapangyarihan ang mga taong nasa likod ng pagpatay sa kanya. Taontaon mula noon, nagtitipon na ang mga tao sa Balintawak at inaalala ang November 30 bilang, una, “Araw ng mga Bayani,” bago pa man ito gawing pista opisyal.

Isang siglo ang nakalipas, ang sasampung dokumento ng Katipunan na alam noon ng mga Pilipino tungkol sa Katipunan, ay nadagdagan nang nadagdagan ng napakarami pang pahina ng magkaloob ng kopya ang mga bansa kung saan may rekord ng ating mga bayani.

Tunay ngang walang sikretong maitatago sa kasaysayan. Matakot tayo. May hustisya sa kasaysayan. May hustisya sa hatol ng sambayanan.

Si Bonifacio ay namuno sa pakikibaka ng mamamayang Pilipino laban sa kolonyalismo ng Espanya at naging katawan din siya ng laban ng masang anakpawis. Ating gunitain ang kanyang anibersaryo ng kapanganakan sa diwa ng pagpapatuloy ng kanyang laban at sa diwa ng pagpapatibay ng ating pagkakaisa para sa KKK -- karapatan, katarungan at kapayapaan. Ipakita natin na tayo ay handang humarap sa hamon ng ating panahon.

Bilang pangwakas, sa hirap at salimuot ng laban para sa karapatan, katarungan at kapayapaan, tayo ay sasalalay sa ating sama-sama at organisadong pagkilos. At sa dinami-dami ng ating kailangan na gawin ang mga katungkulan sa ating mga pang-araw-araw na pakikibaka, alalahanin na sa dinami-dami ng mga salitang maaaring piliin para makilala si Bonifacio sa loob ng Katipunan, “May Pag-asa” ang kanyang piniling pangalan sa pakikibaka. May Pag-asa, May Pag-asa, May Pag-asa! Dakilang paalala sa pagsambit ng kanyang pangalan, “May Pag-asa,” na nasa ating tuluy-tuloy na paglaban para sa magandang bukas para sa ating henerasyon at sa mga susunod pa, may bukas na napakaganda. May Pag-asa!

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

## **REFERRAL OF REP. ELAGO’S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Elago to the Committee on Rules.

## **TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

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

## **APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 48, dated November 23, 2016.

## **CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following House Bills to the Committees specified hereunder:

1. House Bill Nos. 61 and 256 – from the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Special Committee on Food Security to the Committee on Human Rights;



2. House Bill No. 1645 – from the Committee on Health to the Committee on Human Rights;
3. House Bill No. 3938 – from the Special Committee on Food Security to the Committee on Human Rights;
4. House Bill Nos. 342, 1415, and 2593 – from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Health;
5. House Bill No. 3049 – from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Health;
6. House Bill Nos. 386 and 607 – from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Health;
7. House Bill No. 1279 – from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Health;
8. House Bill No. 630 – from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Health;
9. House Bill Nos. 3033 and 3336 – from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Health;
10. House Bill No. 609 – from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Health;
11. House Bill No. 210 – from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Health;
12. House Bill No. 4468 – from the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation to the Committee on Economic Affairs;
13. House Bill Nos. 1721 and 3375 – from the Committee on Housing and Urban Development to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Housing and Urban Development;
14. House Bill No. 83 – from the Committee on Revision of Laws to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development; and

15. House Bill No. 3591 – from the Committee on Housing and Urban Development to the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Housing and Urban Development.

**OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS NO. 4402 AND 937**

On an omnibus motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House measures calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday as contained in various Committee Reports submitted by the Committee on Local Government; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations and speeches against the Bills; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 4402 as contained in Committee Report No. 19, dividing Barangay Tanza in the City of Navotas into two (2) distinct and independent barangays to be known as Barangay Tanza 1 and Barangay Tanza 2; and
2. House Bill No. 937 as contained in Committee Report No. 20, dividing Barangay North Bay Boulevard South in the City of Navotas into three (3) distinct and independent barangays to be known as Barangay NBBS Proper, Barangay NBBS Kaunlaran and Barangay NBBS Dagat-Dagatan.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Subsequently, 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 29, 2016.

It was 6:34 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 29, 2016

Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Philippines

**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE****Date: November 28, 2016**

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ABAYA	BENITEZ	DEL MAR
ABAYON	BERNOS	DEL ROSARIO
ABELLANOSA	**** BERTIZ	DELOSO-MONTALLA
ABU	**** BIAZON	DIMAPORO (A.)
ABUEG	BILLONES	DIMAPORO (M.K.)
ACHARON	** BIRON	***** DUAVIT
ACOP	BOLILIA	**** DURANO
** ACOSTA	BONDOC	***** DY
ACOSTA-ALBA	BORDADO	ELAGO
* ADIONG	BRAVO (A.)	ENVERGA
ADVINCULA	BRAVO (M.V.)	ERICE
AGARAO	BROSAS	ERIGUEL
AGGABAO	BULUT-BEGTANG	ERMITA-BUHAIN
AGLIPAY-VILLAR	* CAGAS	ESCUDERO
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***** ALCALA	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	ESPINO
ALEJANO	** CAMINERO	ESTRELLA
ALMARIO	CAMPOS	* EUSEBIO
ALMONTE	**** CANAMA	** EVARDONE
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ALVAREZ (F.)	CASILAO	** FERNANDO
**** ALVAREZ (M.)	CASTELO	FERRER (J.)
ALVAREZ (P.)	CASTRO (F.L.)	FERRER (L.)
AMANTE	CASTRO (F.H.)	* FERRIOL-PASCUAL
***** AMATONG	** CATAMCO	* FLOIRENDO
** ANDAYA	** CAYETANO	FLORES
ANGARA-CASTILLO	CELESTE	FORTUN
**** ANTONINO	CERAFICA	FORTUNO
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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
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BANAL	CUA	**** GO (A.C.)
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BATAOIL	DALIPE	**** GONZAGA
BATOCABE	DALOG	***** GONZALES (A.P.)
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
BELARO	***** DE JESUS	GONZALEZ
BELMONTE (F.)	DE VENECIA	**** GORRICETA
BELMONTE (J.C.)	DE VERA	GULLAS

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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
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* MANGUDADATU (Z.)	ROMAN	VARGAS-ALFONSO
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***** OAMINAL	SIAO	
***** OCAMPO	***** SILVERIO	

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\*\* 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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