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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

On motion of Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya  
Abayon  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acharon  
Acosta  
Acosta-Alba  
Advincula  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Albano  
Alejano  
Almario  
Almonte  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amatong  
Angara-Castillo  
Antonino  
Antonio  
Aquino-Magsaysay  
Aragones  
Arbison  
Arcillas  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Aumentado  
Bag-ao  
Bagatsing  
Baguilat  
Barbers  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Bautista-Bandigan

Belaro  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Bernos  
Bertiz  
Billones  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Brosas  
Bulut-Begtang  
Calalang  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Campos  
Canama  
Cari  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco  
Celeste  
Cerilles  
Chavez  
Chipeco  
Cojuangco  
Collantes  
Cortes  
Cortuna  
Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cua  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Datol  
Daza  
De Jesus  
de Venecia  
De Vera  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (A.)  
Dimaporo (M.K.)  
Elago  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Espina

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Espino	Nolasco
Estrella	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Evardone	Oaminal
Fariñas	Ocampo
Ferrer (J.)	Olivarez
Flores	Ong (E.)
Fortun	Ong (H.)
Fortuno	Ortega (P.)
Garbin	Ortega (V.N.)
Garcia (G.)	Pacquiao
Garcia (J.E.)	Paduano
Garin (S.)	Palma
Gasataya	Pancho
Gatchalian	Panotes
Go (A.C.)	Papandayan
Go (M.)	Pineda
Gomez	Plaza
Gonzales (A.P.)	Primicias-Agabas
Gonzales (A.D.)	Radaza
Gonzalez	Ramirez-Sato
Gullas	Ramos
Hernandez	Relampagos
Herrera-Dy	Revilla
Hofer	Roa-Puno
Jalosjos	Rocamora
Kho	Rodriguez (I.)
Khonghun	Rodriguez (M.)
Labadlabad	Roman
Lacson	Romero
Lanete	Romualdez
Lazatin	Romualdo
Leachon	Roque
Limkaichong	Sacdalan
Lobregat	Sagarbarria
Lopez (B.)	Salimbangon
Lopez (C.)	Salo
Loyola	Salon
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar
Maceda	Sandoval
Madrona	Sangcopan
Malapitan	Santos-Recto
Manalo	Sarmiento (C.)
Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Savellano
Marcoleta	Sema
Marcos	Siao
Mariño	Silverio
Marquez	Singson
Martinez	Suansing (E.)
Mending	Suansing (H.)
Mendoza	Suarez
Mercado	Tambunting
Mirasol	Tan (A.)
Montoro	Tan (M.)
Noel	Tejada
Nogralles (J.J.)	Teves
Nogralles (K.A.)	Tiangco

Ting  
Tinio  
Tolentino  
Treñas  
Tugna  
Tupas  
Ty  
Umali  
Unabia  
Ungab  
Unico  
Uy (J.)  
Uy (R.)  
Uybarreta  
Vargas-Alfonso  
Velasco  
Villafuerte  
Villanueva  
Villaraza-Suarez  
Villarica  
Villarín  
Violago  
Yap (A.)  
Yap (M.)  
Yap (V.)  
Yu  
Zamora (R.)  
Zubiri

With 229 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)\*

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

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body deferred the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

#### **REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, 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. 6925, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE DRIVING AND ESTABLISH FAIR ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ROAD SAFETY

INCIDENTS AND VIOLATIONS OF TRAFFIC LAWS AND REGULATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6926, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ALBAY DIVERSION ROAD, MINALABAC-BULANABUA SECTION INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6931, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRANCH OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN CALOOCAN CITY-NORTH, TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP)-CALOOCAN CITY-NORTH BRANCH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Malapitan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6933, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LOCAL ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY CAMINGAWAN AND BARANGAY CAROLAN IN THE CITY OF KABANKALAN IN NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND CONNECTING IT WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYASAN, NEGROS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representatives Alvarez (M.) and Limkaichong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

\* See *Journal No. 53* of January 23, 2018 for amendments on this portion of *Journal No. 51*.

House Bill No. 6934, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AUTISM CARE PLAN FOR THE SUPPORT OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6935, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MONTHLY RICE SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR THE TWELVE (12) MILLION EXTREME POVERTY STRICKEN FILIPINOS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 6936, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A MANDATORY CASH TRANSFER PROGRAM FOR THE TWELVE (12) MILLION EXTREME POVERTY STRICKEN FILIPINOS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 6937, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS PENSION PROGRAM AND INCREASING ITS AMOUNT, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6939, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 42 OF BATAAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1981, EXEMPTING AFFECTED MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY AS MAY HEREIN BE QUALIFIED FROM THE CONTINUOUS SERVICE REQUIREMENT”

By Representative Rodríguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6940, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE PROCEEDINGS IN AND RESOLUTION OF ELECTORAL PROTESTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodríguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 6941, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTE A NATIONAL BAKERY INDUSTRY POLICY AND TO CREATE THE NATIONAL BAKERY REGULATORY AGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodríguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 6942, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUMMARY TITLING OF REAL PROPERTIES USED AS SITES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS”

By Representative Rodríguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6943, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING DISOBEDIENCE TO THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND OTHER ACTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6944, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 6945, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NATIONAL EDUCATION TESTING AND RESEARCH CENTER (NETRC) INTO A NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION AUTHORITY (NEAEA), DEFINING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6946, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING FOR AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY WITHIN THREE YEARS”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6947, entitled:

“AN ACT QUALIFYING THE KILLING OF MEMBERS OF BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA IN THE LAWFUL EXERCISE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS AS SUCH, AS A CRIME OF MURDER PUNISHABLE UNDER ARTICLE 248 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6948, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING AND MODERNIZING THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6949, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ACCESSIBILITY TO THE HEARING-IMPAIRED AND SPEECH-IMPAIRED”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6950, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE SUBPOPULATIONS FROM EXPOSURE TO CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6951, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO EARMARK A PORTION OF THEIR INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENTS FOR FREE MEDICINES TO INDIGENT PATIENTS IN THEIR LOCALITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6952, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AVIATION NOISE MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6953, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RAJAH BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6954, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A PROGRESSIVE, VIBRANT AND VIABLE MORINGA OLEIFERA (MALUNGGAY-BASED) INDUSTRIES THROUGH AN INCLUSIVE, VERTICALLY AND HORIZONTALLY INTEGRATED VALUE CHAIN IN THE DOMESTIC AND GLOBAL MARKETS”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6955, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING POSITIVE AND NON-VIOLENT DISCIPLINE OF CHILDREN WHILE PROHIBITING ALL FORMS OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 6956, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY TAGUKON IN THE CITY OF KABANKALAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL”

By Representative Alvarez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6957, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR, OR THE CONSUL GENERAL, TO UPDATE IN THE CIVIL REGISTER THE CIVIL STATUS OF A FILIPINO SPOUSE WHO WAS VALIDLY DIVORCED BY A FOREIGN SPOUSE, WITHOUT THE NEED OF A JUDICIAL ORDER”

By Representative Acosta-Alba

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6958, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE UTILIZATION OF IDLE LANDS TO ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND LIVELIHOOD GENERATION, INSTITUTING FOR THE PURPOSE THE 'LUPANG LINGKOD SA MAMAMAYAN' PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6959, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM, CREATING THE PHILIPPINE RAILWAY AUTHORITY, THE PHILIPPINE RAILWAY CORPORATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANS-  
PORTATION

House Bill No. 6960, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF RE-  
NEWABLE ENERGY IN HOMES BY  
PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND  
CREDIT FACILITIES FOR CONSUM-  
ERS UTILIZING SMALL SOLAR  
POWER SYSTEMS”

By Representative Garcia (J.E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 6961, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ENHANCED PRO-  
TECTION FOR CONSUMERS AND  
PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIO-  
LATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND IN-  
DUSTRY

House Bill No. 6962, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING BARANGAY OFFI-  
CIALS AS CIVIL SERVANTS,  
THEREBY ENJOYING ALL BENEFITS  
OF REGULAR EMPLOYEES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIA-  
TIONS

House Bill No. 6963, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING HATE SPEECH AND  
PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representatives Mending and Sangcopan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RIGHTS

House Bill No. 6964, entitled:

“AN ACT REDEFINING THE ROLE OF LO-  
CAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES,  
PROVIDING FOR THEIR INDEPEND-  
ENT GOVERNANCE AND FOR THEIR  
REGULAR FUNDING”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6965, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE COURSE  
OFFERINGS OF HIGHER EDUCA-  
TIONS IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6966, entitled:

“AN ACT SUPPORTING THE PRODUC-  
TION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENT  
FILMS BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES  
TO FILMMAKERS WHO ARE GIVEN  
HONORS IN NOTABLE INTERNA-  
TIONAL FILM COMPETITIONS”

By Representative Bravo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFOR-  
MATION

House Bill No. 6967, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL  
CENTER IN EVERY ADMINISTRATIVE  
REGION IN THE COUNTRY AND AP-  
PROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCA-  
TION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6968, entitled:

“AN ACT RELOCATING THE SEAT OF  
GOVERNMENT FROM METRO MA-  
NILA TO DAVAO CITY”



By Representatives Salo and Calalang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 6969, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION TO INCREASE THE HEMODIALYSIS TREATMENT COVERAGE OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX (156) SESSIONS PER YEAR”

By Representative Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6970, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR NEW GRADUATES OF COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS OFFERING TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BILL OF RIGHTS FOR NEW GRADUATES' ”

By Representatives Hofer and Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6972, entitled:

“AN ACT SETTING A FIXED, SINGLE TERM LIMIT TO THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1579, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN

AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IRREGULARITIES OF PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) REGARDING THE OPERATION OF SMALL TOWN LOTTERY (STL), AWARDING OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY CORPORATION (AAC), AND SHORTFALL IN THE COLLECTION OF STL REVENUES ACCRUING TO THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Panganiban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1580, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (DBP) AND THE LANDBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (LBP) TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE FAITHFULLY PURSUING THEIR ORIGINAL MANDATE OF PROMOTING COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1581, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JUSTO TORRES, JR.”

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 571), re H.B. No. 6971, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY 184, ZONE 19, MARICABAN, PASAY CITY

TO BE KNOWN AS PRESIDENT CORAZON 'CORY' C. AQUINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2099

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Calixto-Rubiano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Metro Manila Development (Committee Report No. 572), re H.B. No. 6973, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE METROPOLITAN MANILA COUNCIL IN FORMULATING POLICIES, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND IN ENACTING ORDINANCES FOR METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7924, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CREATING THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4642 and 5057

Sponsors: Representatives Castelo, Fernando and Sandoval

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 573), re H.B. No. 6974, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE BAGUIO CITY, LA TRINIDAD, ITOGON, SABLAN, TUBA, AND TUBLAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BLISTTDA), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1554

Sponsors: Representatives Sacdalan, Nograles (K.A.) and Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 509  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6772**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6772, as contained in Committee Report No. 509 and reported out by the Committees on Natural Resources, Appropriations, and Ways and Means.

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

“AN ACT ENSURING THE PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 1992.”

Representative Roa-Puno stated that the parliamentary status of the Bill was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Arnel U. Ty, Chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources, to sponsor the measure and Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. to interpellate thereon.

**REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE TY**

Representative Ty requested that Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato, one of the main authors of the Bill, be recognized to defend the measure.

On motion of Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr., the Chair recognized Representative Ramirez-Sato.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Representative Atienza stated at the outset that he would like to clarify certain issues to ensure the success of the intent of the measure. He then congratulated the Sponsor and all the Members who co-authored the measure for their initiative.

Representative Atienza subsequently agreed that the measure had long been awaiting action but opined that while the measure is both necessary and good, it must learn from Republic Act (RA) No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992. He also said that while he is grateful that the Sponsor recognized his accomplishments as a former Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources (DENR), he admits that protected areas have not been safeguarded

enough. As he concurred that violations in protected areas should be meted with heavier penalties, he asked whether the measure will really stop the destruction of said areas; who will enforce the new law; and what will be the role of local government units (LGUs).

Representative Ramirez-Sato opined that LGUs are frontliners in the defense of the environment. She said that the DENR is mandated to be the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development, and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources; and that if such responsibility is transferred to the LGUs, such is a usurpation of the mandate of the DENR. She however clarified that the Bill provides for the participation of LGUs through their representation in the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) whose duties and functions she discussed.

Representative Atienza reminded the Sponsor that the principle of local autonomy as enshrined in the Constitution provides that all LGUs are given all the power, more than any government agency, to plan and push for the development of their areas as well as protect their territories. He also said that LGUs should be accountable for the protected areas within their jurisdiction.

To Representative Atienza's succeeding concern that the DENR and LGUs, particularly the mayors, should be made equally responsible for protecting the different bodies of water in the country, the Sponsor said that 1) the powers and role of the DENR in implementing the proposed law cannot be usurped by the LGUs and that the latter would be given complementary functions; 2) the proposed management plan would be participated in and strictly followed by the DENR, LGUs and nongovernment organizations (NGOs); 3) a joint congressional oversight committee would ensure the strict implementation of and compliance with the law; 4) the LGUs would play a critical but not primary role in the implementation of the measure which is the mandate of the DENR; and 5) violators of prohibited acts, whether public officials or private individuals, would be fined or imprisoned from one year to six years, or from six years to 12 years, depending on the crimes committed.

Representative Ramirez-Sato also assured Representative Atienza that at the appropriate time, the sponsoring Committee would be willing to accept an amendment making local officials who have failed to observe the law, administratively and/or criminally liable.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Roa-Puno acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Alfredo "Albee" B. Benitez.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his interpellation.

## INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Zarate pointed out the failure of RA No. 7586 in ensuring the preservation of protected areas and in particularly protecting the interest of indigenous peoples (IPs) in terms of land use and commercialization of protected areas, as well as their displacement and symbiotic relationship to their ancestral domain. He asked about the ongoing displacement of the IPs and how together with the upland settlers, they would still be displaced because of the proposed law; the slow issuance of Certificates of Ancestral Domain Title (CADTs) especially for ancestral lands; the number of protected areas that have already been declared by Congress; and the IPs' practice of poaching, which is prohibited under the Bill.

As she clarified that the issuance of CADTs is covered by a different law, Representative Ramirez-Sato said that the measure respects and promotes areas for IPs and indigenous cultural communities (ICCs) and their pre-existing rights to ancestral lands, and seeks to declare 107 protected areas in 53 provinces covering some three million hectares of land. She added that to address the practice of poaching, IPs would be given alternative means of livelihood.

The two Members then exchanged views about the extent of the PAMB's authority to permit or prohibit lumads and IPs from hunting and engaging in wildlife-related activities and the severity of the punishment and penalties for the same; the effectiveness of the NIPAS Act in protecting the environment; and the necessity of expanding the coverage of protected areas.

Whereupon, Representative Zarate said that if the measure allows the establishment of non-renewable energy projects inside the protected areas, it will defeat its purpose. He also expressed concern that protected areas may soon be under external and foreign control and exploration if ever the proposal to amend or revise the present Constitution would push through.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Roa-Puno acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN**

Next recognized by the Chair upon Representative Roa-Puno's motion, Representative Villarín initially asked whether the measure intends to extend protection to marine areas such as reefs and marine breeding grounds. Representative Ramirez-Sato asked her colleague to submit to the Committee his proposed amendment.

The two Members subsequently discussed Representative Villarín's apprehension about the constitutionality of including Senators and Members of the House in an executive body, considering the principle of separation of powers between the Legislative and the Executive branches of government; and his proposal to make IP representation in PAMB as mandatory.

## **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no other interpellations, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

## **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6772**

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6772.

## **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 564 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6923**

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6923 as embodied in Committee Report No. 564 and reported out by the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION (PCIC), REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE

NO. 1467, 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', AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1733 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8175.”

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

On motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan, Chairperson of the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization, to deliver his sponsorship speech.

## **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SACDALAN**

Representative Sacdalan enumerated the objectives of the Bill, as follows: to expand the types of agricultural crops that can be insured by the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), to include life and accident insurance for farmers and fisherfolk and their dependents; to strengthen the financial and organizational capacity of the PCIC; and to encourage private insurance companies to offer crop insurance which will include all other crops being introduced in the country. He expressed hope that the Body will approve the measure.

On motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. to deliver his sponsorship speech.

## **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)**

Representative Bravo stated that the Bill is not only favorable to the Filipino farmers but to the country as a whole considering that crop insurance is a major component in ensuring food security. He stressed the impact of climate change on the agriculture and fishery sectors and the effect of the typhoons, floods, and drought to the production of rice, corn, and high-value crops including vegetables and fruit trees. He said that by strengthening the PCIC, the measure also authorizes it to extend life and accident insurance coverage for farmers and fisherfolk; ensure properties and facilities of the government used in agri-fishery-forestry projects, offer Weather Index Based Insurance; and encourage private commercial banks to sell crop insurance.

He appealed to the Members to pass the measure with dispatch to give farmers a safety net that they deserve, thus ensuring food security and an empowered agricultural sector.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no interpellations, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

The Body then proceeded to the period of amendments.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

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

#### **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6923**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 6923 through *viva voce* voting.

#### **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 532 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6775**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6775 as embodied in Committee Report No. 532 and reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Housing and Urban Development, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

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

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo to deliver his sponsorship speech.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDO**

Representative Romualdo stated that the instant Bill, which seeks to create a separate Department of Housing, has been included in the priorities of the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC). He stressed that the government must be able to face and address the issues and challenges of rapid urbanization, increasing urban poverty, and worsening urban environment. He pointed out that there was no official policy or specific agency of government tasked to resolve the housing problem considering that the number of informal settlers was heavily increasing and further complicating the housing problem.

As he rued the fact that some informal settlers have forcibly occupied housing resettlement units out of extreme desire and necessity to have their own homes, Representative Romualdo stressed the need to establish an integrated and comprehensive housing planning agency through House Bill No. 6775. As he cited several key housing and shelter agencies with their own governing bodies, responsibilities, personnel, systems, and procedures, he explained that the proposed new government entity will provide the necessary focus, impetus, and adequate funding to address the needs and pressing concerns of the housing sector.

Representative Romualdo then concluded that Congress must leave as its legacy, a program that would start hastening the process not only of eradicating or minimizing urban blight but also of helping their poor countrymen live decent and fruitful lives.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Alfredo “Albee” B. Benitez, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, for his sponsorship speech.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BENITEZ**

Representative Benitez initially pointed out that the Committee on Housing and Urban Development of the House and the Senate recently sponsored a national summit on housing and urban development where various stakeholders and relevant agencies and sectors participated. The main recommendation thereof, he said, was the creation of a Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development.

After tracing the challenges faced by bills filed on the same subject matter since the Eighth Congress, Representative Benitez opined that House Bill No. 6775 is the key to the country's shelter quandary. He said it was time not only to provide housing but also to establish and nurture human settlements and manage urban development seriously by reengineering the puny housing coordinating body and elevating it into a full-fledged cabinet-ranked agency as has been done in other countries. He stressed that the proposed department will not only be concerned with providing housing but also with building rural and urban communities; and will deal not only with the physical element of housing but also with various basic community services.

Thereupon, Representative Benitez stressed that the long overdue measure shall reaffirm and reassert the House' political will to introduce change for the better and to serve the greater good.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6775**

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6775.

#### **REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION**

In accordance with the Rules governing inquiries in aid of legislation, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions on inquiries in aid of legislation to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

1. House Resolution No. 1487, on the exclusion of all uniformed personnel under the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police from the Salary Standardization Law – to the Committee on Appropriations;
2. House Resolution No. 1489, on lending companies and individuals imposing excessive interest rates on loans to public school teachers – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
3. House Resolution No. 1492, on the inadequacies of protocols and/or policies to safeguard the confidentiality of status of persons with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) – to the Committee on Health;
4. House Resolution No. 1496, on how the ISIS was able to infiltrate and recruit Filipino-Muslims by the lure of financial gain in Marawi and Mindanao – to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety;
5. House Resolution No. 1497, on the spiraling prices of sugar – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
6. House Resolution No. 1500, on the unlawful and onerous impositions of the Ministry of Health of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) on the pre-employment medical examination of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
7. House Resolution No. 1502, on reinsurance contracts awarded to domestic insurance companies by the Government Service Insurance System – to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
8. House Resolution No. 1505, on the apparent corruption and irregularities in the imposition, collection, and distribution of taxes and fees on the quarrying operations in Nueva Ecija and other provinces in the Philippines – to the Committee on Natural Resources;
9. House Resolution No. 1512, on the continuous drop in the mill gate sugar prices in the country – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
10. House Resolution No. 1519, on the purchase of ₱3.5-billion worth of Dengvaxia Anti-Dengue vaccines by the Department of Health (DOH) under the former administration – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Health;
11. House Resolution No. 1520, on the alleged misappropriation of funds sourced from the Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP) and the illegal and unauthorized use thereof – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
12. House Resolution No. 1546, on the mass evacuation of farmer-residents in Batangas brought about by militarization and aerial

- bombings of rural communities in Batangas City and Lobo Town around Mt. Banoi by the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
13. House Resolution No. 1547, on human rights abuses and illegal arrest of farmers and fisherfolk opposing displacement by Asturias Industries in Calatagan, Batangas – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
  14. House Resolution No. 1548, on the apparent government neglect of abaca farmers of Northern Samar, affected by the abaca bunchy top virus epidemic, and persistent exploitative and unfair trade practices – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
  15. House Resolution No. 1551, on the alleged payments by the Department of Public Works and Highways of road right of way (RROW) claimants in General Santos City using spurious or fabricated land titles– to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
  16. House Resolution No. 1557, on the real reason behind the dislocation of residents in East Bank Manggahan Floodway in Sta. Lucia, Pasig City – to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
  17. House Resolution No. 1558, on the alleged unauthorized bonuses and allowances paid by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office and other government-owned and controlled corporations – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
  18. House Resolution No. 1563, on the obvious and ostentatious display of illegalities and brazen disregard of traffic laws committed in the major thoroughfares and side streets of Metro Manila – to the Committee on Metro Manila Development;
  19. House Resolution No. 1567, on the December 5, 2017 abduction and illegal detention of Jean Baguio Bustamante, Lumad and member of Compostela Farmers Association – Youth, by the elements of the 66<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army in Mambusao, Compostela Town, Compostela Valley – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
  20. House Resolution No. 1570, on the potential security issues with the entry of China Telecom Corporation Ltd. in the Philippine telecommunications industry – to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;
  21. House Resolution No. 1571, on the continuing harassment of and vilification campaign against people’s organizations in La Union – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety; and
  22. House Resolution No. 1572, on the arrest and filing of trumped-up charges against Bayan Muna regional coordinator and environmental activist Sherwin De Vera – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety.

#### **CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES/PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following House Bills/privilege speech to the Committees/Special Committee specified hereunder:

1. House Bill No. 126 – from the Committee on Local Government to the Committee on Transportation;
2. House Bill No. 2332 – from the Committee on Public Order and Safety to the Committee on Welfare of Children;
3. House Bill No. 4223 – from the Special Committee on Food Security to the Committee on Government Reorganization and Special Committee on Food Security;
4. House Bill No. 6472 – from the Committees on Trade and Industry, and Economic Affairs to the Committees on Economic Affairs, and Trade and Industry; and
5. House Resolution No. 1505 and Privilege Speech of Rep. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara delivered on November 27, 2017 – from the Committee on Natural Resources to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability.

#### **CONCURRENCE WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS ON CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**

With the consent of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the respective authors,

on successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body concurred with the Senate amendments on the following measures:

1. House Bill No. 3179, entitled: “AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE OF MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10596, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINDORO STATE UNIVERSITY (MINSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”;
2. House Bill No. 5146, entitled: “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMPOSTELA VALLEY STATE COLLEGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10598, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY TO BE KNOWN AS COMPOSTELA VALLEY STATE COLLEGE, INTEGRATING THEREWITH AS REGULAR BRANCHES THE BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTERNAL STUDIES CENTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MONKAYO, MARAGUSAN, MONTEVISTA AND NEW BATAAN, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”;
3. House Bill No. 2737, entitled: “AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE OF THE NORTHERN ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE

UNIVERSITY, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10597, ENTITLED 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NORTHERN ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO BY INTEGRATING THE NORTHERN ILOILO POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE (NIPSC) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESTANCIA, THE NIPSC-BAROTAC VIEJO CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC VIEJO, THE AJUY POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AJUY, THE BATAD POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATAD, THE CONCEPCION POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, THE LEMERY POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEMERY AND THE VICTORINO SALCEDO POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SARA, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”;

4. House Bill No. 5148, entitled: “AN ACT RENAMING THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY OF FISHERIES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE OF THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10604, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE ILOILO STATE COLLEGE OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WITH CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN ENRIQUE, DINGLE AND DUMANGAS, AND INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE BAROTAC NUEVO POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”;



5. House Bill No. 5150, entitled: “AN ACT EFFECTING THE TRANSITION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY OF SURIGAO STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, SIARGAO NATIONAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND SURIGAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10600, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE BY INTEGRATING THE SURIGAO STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SURIGAO CITY, THE SIARGAO NATIONAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN AND THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAINIT, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”;
6. House Bill No. 5147, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE TALISAY CITY COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO THE TALISAY CITY STATE COLLEGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10594, ENTITLED 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”;
7. House Bill No. 5149, entitled: “AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE OF THE COTABATO CITY STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10585, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE COTABATO CITY STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN

COTABATO CITY INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE COTABATO STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”; and

8. House Bill No. 5151, entitled: “AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE OF THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ITS CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10583, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY, WITH CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TADIAN, BAUKO, PARACELIS AND BARLIG, ALL LOCATED IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.' ”

#### **ADOPTION OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 AS AN AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15**

With the concurrence of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development as well as the author of the measure, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body adopted Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 as an amendment to House Joint Resolution No. 15, which seeks to authorize the National Housing Authority to award to other qualified beneficiaries the unawarded housing units in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and the Bureau of Corrections.

#### **ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS**

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 6775, 6782, and 6913, the names of all the Members contained in the pertinent list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6975, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3720, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9711”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6976, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING TO THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER PROVINCIAL JAILS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Suarez and Daza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6977, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Gonzaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6978, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

### RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1602, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER PASIG CITY MAYOR SOLEDAD C. EUSEBIO, MOTHER OF REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD C. EUSEBIO OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF PASIG CITY”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1603, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. GENEROSA NAVARRO TIU, MOTHER OF REPRESENTATIVE JULIETTE T. UY OF THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

### ADOPTION OF CERTAIN HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions; dispensed

with the reading of the texts thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Resolution No. 1573, entitled: "A RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE CEBU NORMAL UNIVERSITY (CNU) TO ESTABLISH A CAMPUS AT TOLEDO CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU NORMAL UNIVERSITY-TOLEDO CITY CAMPUS";
2. House Resolution No. 1554, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF JOSE V. LORETO, SR., FORMER MAYOR OF BAYBAY CITY, LEYTE, THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF REPRESENTATIVE OSCAR S. GARIN, JR. OF THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND UNCLE OF REPRESENTATIVE JOSE CARLOS L. CARI OF THE FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE";
3. House Resolution No. 1602, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER PASIG CITY MAYOR SOLEDAD C. EUSEBIO, MOTHER OF REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD C. EUSEBIO OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF PASIG CITY"; and
4. House Resolution No. 1603, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. GENEROSA NAVARRO TIU, MOTHER OF REPRESENTATIVE JULIETTE T. UY OF THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL."

## ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, January 22, 2018.

It was 6:28 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on January 22, 2018.  
Reconsidered and approved, as amended,  
on January 23, 2018.

## DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

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

1. House Bill No. 286, entitled:  
"AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARACELIS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
2. House Bill No. 6759, entitled:  
"AN ACT DECLARING THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALSO KNOWN AS THE TAONG PUTIK DAMBANA NI SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, IN BARANGAY BIBICLAT, ALIAGA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA A PILGRIMAGE SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

3. House Bill No. 6780, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 22 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

4. House Bill No. 6781, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 31 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANGALAN, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, TO BE KNOWN AS 'TANGALAN DAY' IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CREATION AS A SEPARATE MUNICIPALITY FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAKATO, AND IN HONOR OF THE BRAVERY OF THE HOMETOWN HEROES OF BARANGAY VIVO WHO REVOLTED AGAINST THE SPANIARDS”

5. House Bill No. 6782, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF LAPULAPU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN HONOR OF THE HEROISM OF LAPULAPU IN DEFENDING MACTAN AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSION DEPICTED ESPECIALLY IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN WHEN HE LED FILIPINOS IN FIGHTING FERDINAND MAGELLAN AND HIS FORCES”

6. House Bill No. 6798, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CANDON CITY ECOTOURISM ZONE LOCATED IN BARANGAY PALACAPAC, BARANGAY SAN ANDRES, BARANGAY CUBCUBBUOT AND BARANGAY AMGUID

IN THE CITY OF CANDON, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

7. House Bill No. 6820, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'BATANGAS CITY FOUNDATION DAY' ”

8. House Bill No. 6915, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRANCH OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP)-SABLAYAN BRANCH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

9. House Bill No. 6920, entitled:

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

10. House Bill No. 6932, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE A TOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

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

\* Appeared after the Roll Call

\*\* On official mission

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

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

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

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