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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro 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 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On motion of Representative Ann K. Hofer, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Hofer, the session was suspended at 4:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:03 p.m.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On further motion of Rep. Hofer, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4534, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTE REFORMS IN THE
SUBDIVISION AND CONDOMINIUM
BUYERS' PROTECTIVE DECREE”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4535, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE A. VELEZ ST.
IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY TO
MACASANDIG – INDAHAG – BUKID-
NON ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4536, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE A. VELEZ ST.
TO MACASANDIG – INDAHAG –
TAGUANA ROAD, CAGAYAN DE ORO
CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4537, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE OSMENA EX-
TENSION STREET TO THE CDO PORT
ROAD IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO
A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4538, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE JCT. BUKID-
NON CAGAYAN DE ORO ILIGAN ROAD
(BCIR) – AGUSAN – BALUBAL – SAYRE
HIGHWAY IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4539, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING FOR THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 4540, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE A. VELEZ ST. TO CARMEN ROAD (PELAEZ BRIDGE), CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4541, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM ESTATE TAX THE UNPAID BALANCE OF JUST COMPENSATION DUE TO DECEDENT OWNER OR HIS/HER LEGAL HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF AGRICULTURAL LAND ACQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 27, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 228, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 229, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9700 (COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 87 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4542, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRODUCTION, IMPORTATION, SALE, PROVISION, USE, RECOVERY, COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF PLASTIC BAGS”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4543, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND CRISIS ASSISTANCE CENTERS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY OF THE COUNTRY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8505, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'RAPE VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION ACT OF 1998' ”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 4544, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SECURITY OF TENURE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHOSE NATURE OF APPOINTMENT IS EITHER TEMPORARY OR CONTRACTUAL AND WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF TEN (10) YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 4545, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FREE AND CULTURE-SENSITIVE SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION CONCERNING THE CIVIL STATUS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 4546, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING QUALITY STANDARDS FOR MINERAL, CARBONATED AND OTHER BOTTLED WATER”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4547, entitled:

“THE INVESTMENTS AND INCENTIVES CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4548, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR PROBATION AND PAROLE WORKERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4549, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE WITNESS PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFIT PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6981, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'WITNESS PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFIT ACT', AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4550, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PREVENTIVE MECHANISM AGAINST TORTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 4551, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE AND MANAGEMENT POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 4552, entitled:

“AN ACT TO UPHOLD THE RIGHTS AND PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF DAY CARE WORKERS BY CONSIDERING THEM PART OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7305 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS MAGNA CARTA OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 4553, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CIVIL SERVICE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 4554, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING CULTURAL SENSITIVITY TO FILIPINO MUSLIMS ESPECIALLY FOR THE TREATMENT OF MUS-

LIM WOMEN BY PROHIBITING RESTRICTIONS IN THE USE OF TRADITIONAL FORMS OF ATTIRE BY MUSLIM WOMEN IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4555, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE LANA DEL NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN ALL THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4556, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4557, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO HOSPITAL FACILITIES OF THE PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1631, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4558, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO HOSPITAL FACILITIES OF THE LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1832, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4559, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO HOSPITAL FACILITIES OF THE PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 673, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4560, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PD 96 PROVIDING THEREFOR THE REGULATION OF SALE OF MODIFICATIONS TO MOTOR VEHICLES EMITTING EXCEPTIONALLY LOUD OR STARTLING SOUND”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4561, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL TRAFFIC CODE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Batocabe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4562, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING RANK-AND-FILE EMPLOYEES’ BENEFITS FROM SERVICE CHARGES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 96 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Laogan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4563, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs) TO PROVIDE CONSUMERS WITH A STANDARDIZED LIST OF THE PRICES OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES BEING SOLD IN THEIR OUTLETS”

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4564, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 365, TITLE XIV OF ACT 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4565, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND MECHANISMS FOR THE CREATION, OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Salo and Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4566, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING MCARTHUR HIGHWAY/MANILA NORTH ROAD TO GENERAL GREGORIO DEL PILAR HIGHWAY”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4567, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SENIOR CITIZENS ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION IN DETERMINING INCOME TAX, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4568, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 393(b[5]), CHAPTER 4, TITLE ONE, BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4569, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF OLDER PERSONS”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4570, entitled:

“AN ACT TERMINATING THE COLLECTION OF TOLL FEES ALONG THE PORTION OF THE BENGUET ROAD (KENNON ROAD) FROM KLONDYKE'S SPRING TO CAMP SIX, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 34, SERIES OF 1954, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Dalog

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTH LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE

House Bill No. 4571, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE BAGUIO – BONTOC HALSEMA HIGHWAY NATIONAL TOLL ROAD AND TERMINATING COLLECTION OF TOLL FEES THERETO”

By Representative Dalog

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTH LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE

House Bill No. 4572, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING COMPUTER SCIENCE AS PART OF THE K-12 PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4573, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION IN THE CURRICULA OF SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION THE LIFE, WORKS, AND IDEALS OF ANDRES BONIFACIO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Elago

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

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 192, 426, 696, 4361 and 4390;

Rep. Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta for House Bills No. 3113, 3234, 3543, 3708, 3709, 4153, 4154 and 4155;

Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho for House Bill No. 1301;

Reps. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, Rogelio J. Espina, M.D., Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III and Ron P. Salo for House Bill No. 3858;

Rep. Tom S. Villarín for House Bills No. 3858, 3943, 4117, 4174 and 4337;

Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada for House Bill No. 1948;

Reps. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III, Deogracias B. Ramos Jr., Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr., Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang, Richard C. Eusebio, Aileen C. Radaza and Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso for House Bill No. 555;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bill No. 4110 and House Resolution No. 392;

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bill No. 338;

Rep. Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao for House Bills No. 515, 516, 517, 1038, 1039, 1378, 1536, 1537, 1836, 1837, 2263, 2264, 2265 and 3435;

Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza for House Bills No. 2263 and 2264;

Reps. Christopher S. Co and Fernando V. Gonzalez for House Resolution No. 606;

Rep. Gerald Anthony V. Gullas for House Bill No. 4100; and

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bill No. 3049.

COMMUNICATION

2015 Annual Report of the Board of Investments.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 36), re H.B. No. 4602, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE INTERSECTION OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS AVENUE (GAPAN – SAN FERNANDO – OLONGAPO ROAD) AND THE GUAGUA – FLORIDABLANCA PROVINCIAL ROAD LOCATED AT THE BORDER OF BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO AND BARANGAY JOSE ABAD SANTOS, BOTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUAGUA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE 'WILLIAM GOLANGCO JUNCTION' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3580

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 37), re H.B. No. 1425, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE ACOP, TUBLAY, KAPANGAN – KIBUNGAN – BAKUN – SINIPSIP, BUGUIAS SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO GOV. BADO DANGWA NATIONAL ROAD”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 38), re H.B. No. 2656, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE DIVERSION ROAD IN SORSOGON CITY, SORSOGON AS

SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III DIVERSION ROAD”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Ramos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 39), re H.B. No. 2708, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE GUREL – BOKOD – KABAYAN – ABATAN ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO CONG. ANDRES ACOP COSALAN ROAD”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Dalog

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

On motion of Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members of the Minority to the Congressional Oversight Committees specified hereunder:

Automated Election System

(as Members)

1. Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr.
2. Rep. Delphine Gan Lee
3. Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera

Official Development Assistance Law

(as Members)

1. Rep. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III
2. Rep. Orestes T. Salon

Anti-Money Laundering Act

(as Members)

1. Rep. Danilo E. Suarez
2. Rep. Luis Jose Angel N. Campos Jr.

Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act

(as Members)

1. Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera
2. Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr.

Biofuels Act

Rep. Orestes T. Salon as Member

Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises Development

(as Members)

1. Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D.
2. Rep. Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act

(as Members)

1. Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III
1. Rep. Arlene B. Arcillas

AFP Modernization Act

(as Members)

1. Rep. Danilo E. Suarez
2. Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr.

Human Security Act

(as Members)

1. Rep. Richard C. Eusebio
2. Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D.

Overseas Absentee Voting Act

(as Members)

1. Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III
2. Rep. Abigail Faye C. Ferriol-Pascual
3. Rep. Delphine Gan Lee

Special Purpose Vehicle Act

(as Members)

1. Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr.
2. Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

Labor and Employment

Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III as Member

Reproductive Health Act

Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez as Member

Enhanced Basic Educational Program (K to 12)

(as Members)

1. Rep. Julieta R. Cortuna
2. Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez

National Health Insurance Act

(as Members)

1. Rep. Arlene B. Arcillas
2. Rep. Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez

Philippine Competition Act

Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. as Member

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 64**

On successive motions of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 64 calendared under the Business For the Day, as contained in Committee Report No. 30 and submitted by the Committee on Labor and Employment, strengthening compliance with occupational safety and health standards and providing penalties for violations thereof; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations and speeches against the Bill; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting

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

In accordance with the Rules governing inquiries in aid of legislation, on motion of Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body

referred the following House Resolutions to the Committees specified hereunder:

1. House Resolution No. 573 -- to the Committee on Transportation;
2. House Resolutions No. 574 -- to the Committee on Energy;
3. House Resolutions No. 575 and 576 -- to the Committee on Health;
4. House Resolution No. 578 -- to the Committee on Justice; and
5. House Resolution No. 579 -- to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body suspended the session at 4:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:16 p.m. the session resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body suspended the session anew at 4:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:19 p.m.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro who delivered the following privilege speech:

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASTRO (F.L.)

Mr. Speaker, I rise today on a question of personal and collective privilege as I ask each and everyone, "Hanggang kailan po natin hahayaan ang pagtapak sa mga karapatang pantao ng mga bilangong politikal?"

Allow me to begin with the words of a colleague in the teachers' movement:

Rene Boy Abiva Case

"Isa akong social worker, Lunes hanggang Biyernes sa Baggao, probinsya ng Cagayan, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office 02. Sabado't Linggo'y ginugol ko sa pag-aaral sa Graduate School ng Cagayan State University. Dahil batid ko na kailangan ang paglahok ng sektor-guro sa panlipunang pagbabago, tumutulong ako sa pagmumulat, pag-oorganisa, at pagmomobilisa ng pampublikong guro sa ilalim ng Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT). Isang makabayan, militante, at progresibong organisasyon ng mga guro para sa katuparan ng kanilang nasa na maging ahente ng kamulatan. Ang karanasan nila sa araw-araw ay karanasan din ng mga pesante at manggagawa -- mga karanasang nagpapatibay sa kung anong klaseng lipunan mayroon ang Pilipinas. Mapanupil, mapang-api, at komersyalisado ang sistema ng edukasyong kanilang kinikilusan..."

"Disyembre 28, 2013, araw ng pag-igkas ng lahat -- araw ng pag-aresto sa akin..."

"Isa akong bilanggo ngayon, suot ang kami-setang dilaw... Ngayon, sa probinsya ng Ifugao, dito sa piitang ginawang garison, kasama'y tatlo pang detenidong pulitikal na miyembro ng kilusang pesante, isinasailalim sa nakapanlulumong kalagayan..."

"Ito ba ang sukli sa pagsisilbi sa sambayanan? Ang kapalit sa ating kolektibong paghahanap ng tunay at batayang kabuluhan ng pagiging tao? O ganti sa paglalahad sa katotohanan na sa likod ng mga slogang "daang matuwid," "demokrasya," "kalayaan," at "kawalan ng korapsyon" ay eksklusibong kagandahan, karangyaan, kapangyarihan, gara, at luho para sa iilan na pinaghaharian ang bansa?"

"Ako si Rene Boy Abiva...kasalukuyang nakapiit sa Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP)-Cordillera Administrative Region. Isa ako sa daan-daang detenidong pulitikal sa buong kapuluan na pinagdurusahan ng matagal ang mga gawa-gawang kaso."

Ginoong Speaker, si Rene Boy ay isang social worker ng DSWD, organisador ng mga guro at pesanteng komunidad at aktibista, pero ayon sa military, isa siya sa responsable sa isang ambush sa mga sundalo at isang rebelde.

Amidst the ongoing peace negotiations between the government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP), around 400 political prisoners are still suffering behind bars on the basis of malicious, fabricated charges.

This Representation maintains that they have suffered long enough behind bars. In fact, they should not have suffered in the first place--they are only activists from marginalized sectors who, in their struggle with the masses for their economic, social, and political rights, are branded as rebels by past administrations, the military and the police, and the "Oplan Bayanihan." We demand their immediate release so that justice is realized, so that they can return to the communities they serve.

Political Prisoners from the Education Sector: Zara Alvarez, Rhea Pareja, Dominiciano Muyo, and Amelia Pond

Si Rene Boy ay isa lamang sa mga detenidong pulitikal mula sa sektor na aking kinabibilangan. Tiyak na hindi pinaligtas ng karahasan ng "Oplan Bayanihan" ang sektor ng edukasyon, dahil kabilang sa mga biktima nito ay mga guro at organisador ng militanteng kilusang guro na ang tanging layunin ay lumaban kasama ang mamamayan, para sa isang lipunang kinikilala ang kanilang karapatan at kagalingan. Itinuring na kriminal ang kanilang pulitikal na paniniwala at aktibidad sa pamamagitan ng pagsasampa ng mga gawa-gawa at malisyosong kaso. Dahil dito, sa tortyur sa ilalim ng kustodiya ng pulis at military at di makataong kalagayan sa piitan, marami sa kanila ay nagkasakit o lumala ang mga dati nang sakit. Gaya ng tinuran ni Rene Boy, ito po ba ang isusukli sa kanila ng pamahalaan kapalit ng paglilingkod sa kapwa-Pilipino?

One of them is Rhea Pareja, a volunteer teacher for peasants in Quezon, now in jail under false charges of illegal possession of firearms and explosives. She was participating in the Adult Literacy Program of the ACT when she was arrested in March 2010 in Mulanay. When the military arrested Teacher Rhea, they took ₱70,000.00, a laptop, fruits, toiletries, pencils, paper, and notebooks -- all for the children and barangays in her care -- and, of course, her freedom. What did the military give her instead? Planted evidence, coined aliases, and to pin her with charges, a red tag: she is allegedly a member of the New People's Army (NPA). She developed tuberculosis after physical and psychological torture, and six years of difficult and unsanitary jail conditions.

Lumad educators Dominiciano "Dioning" Muya and Amelia Pond are also ailing political prisoners. Ka Dioning was a school agriculturist and Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) teacher in the Salugpungan Ta 'Tanu Igkanugon Community Learning Center, Inc. (STTICLCI) in Talaingod, Davao del Norte. The military arrested him in October 2014 in Tagum City, presented the teacher as a top-ranking leader of the NPA, then collected a ₱4.8- million bounty. He now suffers

from pneumonia and bronchitis in an isolated prison facility in Malaybalay, Bukidnon. He was reinfected with tuberculosis due to prison conditions.

Teacher Amy was a volunteer teacher, researcher, and curriculum developer for the lumad schools when she was illegally arrested in August 2016 under a defective warrant in the name of one Adelfa Toledo, an alleged NPA official in Davao. Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) agents planted fake IDs at the very scene of her arrest, then charged her with murder and frustrated murder. This illegal arrest occurred a few months before the first round of the Oslo talks, while the government was supposedly preparing for the resumption of the peace talks. Now 64 years old, she is under hospital arrest at the Southern Philippines Medical Hospital, after an operation on her lumbar spine. She also has chronic renal infection, osteoporosis, and hyperlipidemia.

A former political prisoner, recently released on bail but still slapped with fabricated charges, is Zara Alvarez, a teacher, political activist, and human rights defender in Negros. Writing about her arrest on October 30, 2012 by the military in her hometown of Cadiz, she said:

"Around 30 fully armed men surrounded me and pointed their guns at me. Cases of human rights violations where we documented extrajudicial killings or enforced disappearances came to my mind. I thought, maybe this is the moment. This time, it's me. At the police station, I learned that I was arrested for the murder of a first lieutenant in the Philippine Army. I did not get any other information, they just handed me the warrant. My name was written incorrectly, and also, my address was wrong."

Mr. Speaker, we demand the immediate and unconditional release of teachers Rhea, Dioning, and Amy, and the dismissal of the fabricated charges against them, teacher Zara, and the rest of political prisoners this government has baselessly detained. Their health conditions prove the urgency of their release. This government should not wait for another detainee to die before fulfilling its commitment under the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL). This is not a matter of charity, Mr. Speaker, this is a matter of life and death, and one of honest compliance with commitments already agreed with and yet to be agreed with. Free them now, in time for the coming International Human Rights Day. Do not let them spend another Christmas behind bars.

Paninigil sa Gobyernong Duterte

Mr. Speaker, I would like to underscore the government's failure to release political prisoners since President Rodrigo Roa Duterte dangled the possibility of the general amnesty in May. I reiterate the demand of ACT Teachers Party-List for the government to release around 400 political prisoners, including 130 who are ailing and elderly, some of whom are teachers.

Hindi maaaring gawing bargaining chip ng Pangulo ang mga nakakulong na political prisoners para masunod ang kanyang agenda sa negotiating table na magkaroon agad ng bilateral ceasefire habang wala pang mga substantial na repormang sosyal-ekonomiko na napagkakasunduan. Ang pagpapalaya sa mga bilanggong politikal ay pagtupad sa mga pinirmahang kasunduan sa pagitan ng gobyerno at ng NDFP. The release of the political prisoners is a matter of justice and protection of human rights. It is also in compliance with the signed CARHRIHL.

Their detention has no place under an administration that brands itself as one for change. It shows that, far from discontinuing the heinous "Oplan Bayanihan," the government still implements it as if it were legal and democratic. It proves political repression still remains under the Duterte administration.

Patuloy na "Oplan Bayanihan"

Mula nang maipatupad ang "Oplan Bayanihan" sa ilalim ni Pangulong Aquino, lumobo ang bilang ng mga progresibo, aktibista, at mga rebolusyonaryong sinampahan ng gawa-gawang kasong kriminal, sa layuning sila ay patahimikin at pigilan sa pagtindig para sa mga mahihirap na mamamayan.

Kinakailangang patunayan ng Pangulong Duterte ang kanyang sinseridad sa peace talks sa pamamagitan ng pagtigil ng "Oplan Bayanihan" at ang ibinubunsod nitong red-baiting at vilification, mga walang batayang kriminal na pagpapatang sa mga aktibista at tagapagtaguyod ng karapatang pantao, at pagtukoy sa kanila bilang mga target ng mga vigilante, paramilitary, at mismo ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Violations by the Government of its Own Unilateral Ceasefire, Harassment of Schools

Aming ipinapanawagan ang paggalang ng mga sundalo at pulis sa magkahiwalay na dineklarang tigil-putukan. Ang pananatili ng mga bata-batalyong mga sundalo ng AFP sa mga komunidad ng mga magsasaka at katutubo ay nagdudulot ng maraming paglabag sa karapatang

pantao at nagbibigay daan para sa ibayong pananalasa ng malalaking dayuhang minahan at plantasyon at pagpigil sa makatarungang pamamahagi ng lupa ng mga magsasaka. Ang nangyaring panghahas sa mga guro, estudyante, at administrador ng Palimbang Lumad School ng mga elemento ng gobyerno ay mariin din naming kinokondena.

Reiterate Plea for Release of Political Prisoners (PPs), Invite Participation for December 3 to 10 Human Rights Campaign

From December 3, political prisoners in detention facilities nationwide as well as human rights advocates are staging a hunger strike that will culminate in the International Human Rights Day on December 10. The hunger strike demands the immediate release of 400 political prisoners, especially the sick, elderly, and those who have been long detained.

Yesterday, Rep. Antonio L. Tinio and I joined the nationwide hunger strike for all political prisoners. We fasted yesterday in protest of the injustice of a government that considers service to the poor, militancy, and dissent as rebellious and criminal. We call on President Duterte to free them now.

We urge the government to protect the human rights of every Filipino.

The ongoing peace negotiations between the Government of the Philippines and NDFP will be pointless if the previously signed agreements like the CARHRIHL and the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) are ignored. The government's disregard of its duties under these agreements is what caused the criminalization of the activism of our political prisoners and the illegal arrest and detention of peace consultants.

Hinihikayat ang lahat na makiisa sa solidarity fast na isinasagawa ngayon ng mga bilanggong pulitikal, ang kanilang mga kaanak, at mga nagsusulong ng karapatang pantao. Palayain na ang lahat ng bilanggong pulitikal at lansagin ang "Oplan Bayanihan" tungo sa pagsulong ng usapang pangkapayapaan.

Maraming salamat at magandang hapon po sa ating lahat.

REFERRAL OF REP. CASTRO'S (F.L.) PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Castro's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Primicias-Agabas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of her guests and those of Reps. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D., Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, and Amado T. Espino Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 35 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4144

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4144 as embodied in Committee Report No. 35 and reported out by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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

REMARKS OF REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

Rep. Primicias-Agabas stated that the parliamentary status of the Bill was that it was in the period of interpellations; and upon her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, to resume sponsorship of the measure and Rep. Ramon V. A. "Rav" Rocamora to interpellate thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROCAMORA

To Rep. Rocamora's query on whether the Sponsor was open to a unitary tax of ₱40 per pack of cigarettes which he will propose at the proper time, Rep. Cua stated that he was open to consider the same but had to look at the effects of the unitary tax system on local tobacco farmers. On whether he was willing to accept an amendment to allocate 20% of incremental revenues from cigarette taxes for health programs and facilities in all districts, the Sponsor subscribed to the objective but underscored that 80% of sin taxes were already being remitted to the PhilHealth program nationwide.

On motion of Rep. Primicias-Agabas, the Chair next recognized Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. RODRIGUEZ (M.)

Rep. Rodriguez asked how the return to the two-tier tax system will benefit tobacco farmers. He disagreed with Rep. Cua when the latter explained that the unitary tax system will put a bias for premium cigarettes as against lower tier-priced cigarettes, thus shrinking the market for locally-produced tobacco; and will reduce the hectareage devoted to tobacco production. He stressed that the Committee should revisit House Bill No. 4144 because a two-tier system will adversely affect the tobacco farmers and the tobacco industry and will be difficult to implement, and was not supported by the Department of Finance (DOF) and Department of Health (DOH).

At the end of their discussion, Rep. Cua clarified that the intent of the Bill was to balance the interest of all stakeholders.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. then acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Deputy Speaker Frederick "Erick" F. Abueg, and Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Belaro, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER CAYETANO

Speaking as a principal sponsor of the Sin Tax Reform Act, Rep. Cayetano opined that a two-tier system of taxation will have a negative impact on the income of tobacco farmers and the health of the public, thus resulting in higher health costs compared to projected revenues. She pointed out that Congress had already passed laws providing for funds from tax collections, for tobacco-producing regions.

She also questioned the view that the unitary system will adversely affect tobacco farmers, majority of whom were producing filler-tobacco. She suggested that the Committee instead consider the previously-mentioned bill proposing a higher tax rate under a unitary system. She also stressed that every health program should include responsive taxation.

For his part, Rep. Cua said that the two-tier system will actually discourage and reduce smoking because it will tax the value cigarettes at a much higher rate than in a unitary system. He pointed out that Members

representing tobacco farmers were actually advocating the measure because a unitary system will put a bias against value cigarettes produced by local farmers. He remarked that although the Committee supported the government drive to curb smoking, such was an executive function.

In ending her interpellation, Rep. Cayetano said that she will vote against the measure because it will be difficult to implement and will burden public health.

On motion of Rep. Belaro, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Lagman initially acknowledged receipt of data he had previously requested but remarked that he had not yet received some other documents. To his initial questions, Rep. Cua affirmed that the following invitees to the Committee hearings on House Bill No. 4144 opposed the instant measure: all executive agencies except the National Tobacco Administration (NTA), all non-government organizations, and all tobacco manufacturers except Mighty Corporation and an Anglo-American one. The Sponsor also promised to submit the position paper of the latter tobacco company on said bill.

Rep. Lagman then enumerated the laudable objectives of the Sin Tax Reform Act to which House Bill No. 4144 ran counter; and read into the records a portion of the DOH's position paper which contained reasons for objecting to the measure and to the two-tier tax system as well as the beneficial effects of a unitary tax system -- which had already been adopted by many other countries -- on tax collection, on public health, and on tobacco farmers and the tobacco industry. He debated with Rep. Cua on the Committee Report's inclusion of discussions on the instant Bill, in accordance with the Rules of the House.

Subsequently saying that he did not see how the Bill will concretely support or assist tobacco farmers, Rep. Lagman asked whether the enactment of the measure will be a bias in favor of a particular cigarette manufacturer which solely manufactures value cigarettes. Rep. Cua said that such an assertion was irresponsible in a sense because many, if not all, of the players in the premium cigarettes industry also had products in the value cigarette industry; and that he resented insinuations that the Committee was favoring anyone in the industry.

At this point, Rep. Lagman objected to Rep. Cua's labeling of his statements as "irresponsible". He said that he had never been impolite in his questions and moved that the word "irresponsible" be stricken from the records.

REP. CUA'S REMARKS STRICKEN FROM THE RECORDS

As adopted by Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body approved to strike the word "irresponsible" from the records.

REMARKS OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Lagman then stated that he will suspend his interpellation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Belaro, the Chair suspended the session at 6:23 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:25 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4144

On motion of Rep. Belaro, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4144.

ROLL CALL

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

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| Bravo (A.) | Kho |
| Bravo (M.V.) | Labadlabad |
| Brosas | Lagman |
| Calixto-Rubiano | Lanete |
| Caminero | Laogan |
| Campos | Lazatin |
| Casilao | Limkaichong |
| Castelo | Lobregat |
| Castro (F.H.) | Lopez (B.) |
| Catamco | Lopez (M.L.) |
| Cayetano | Maceda |
| Cerilles | Malapitan |
| Chavez | Manalo |
| Chipeco | Mangaoang |
| Cosalan | Martinez |
| Crisologo | Mending |
| Cua | Mirasol |
| Cuaresma | Montoro |
| Cueva | Nava |
| Dalipe | Nieto |
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| Daza | Nolasco |
| De Venecia | Nuñez-Malanyaon |
| De Vera | Ong (E.) |
| Defensor | Ortega (P.) |
| Del Mar | Ortega (V.N.) |
| Deloso-Montalla | Pacquiao |
| Dimaporo (M.K) | Palma |
| Duavit | Panganiban |
| Durano | Papandayan |
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| Elago | Pimentel |
| Eriguel | Plaza |
| Ermita-Buhain | Primicias-Agabas |
| Escudero | Quimbo |
| Espina | Ramos |
| Espino | Roa-Puno |
| Eusebio | Robes |
| Fariñas | Rocamora |
| Fortun | Rodriguez (M.) |
| Fortuno | Romero |
| Fuentebella | Romualdez |
| Garbin | Roque (H.) |
| Garcia (J.E.) | Sacdalan |
| Garin (R.) | Sahali |
| Garin (S.) | Salon |
| Geron | Sambar |
| Go (A.C.) | Sandoval |
| Go (M.) | Sarmiento (E.M.) |
| Gonzaga | Savellano |

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With 157 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4144

On motion of Rep. Belaro, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4144.

Rep. Belaro stated that the parliamentary status of the measure was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate and on his motion, the Chair recognized Reps. Cua and Rep. Lagman for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN (Continuation)

At the outset, Rep. Lagman informed the Body that the PhilTobacco Growers Association and the

Philippine Aromatic Tobacco Development Association, which are potent groups of tobacco farmers in the country, were opposed to House Bill No. 4144 as they were not given the opportunity to present their position on the measure. To his query on the annual income of tobacco farmers per hectare before and after the implementation of the Sin Tax Reform Act, Rep. Cua replied that the data was not available at the moment.

The Members then delved on the percentage of local tobacco production which was exported as unmanufactured tobacco, with Rep. Lagman stating that a unitary tax would not be a factor in the drop in local tobacco production; the provisions of the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2002; and the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) which the Philippines ratified in 2005. Rep. Cua stated that an oversight committee could be formed in order to study his colleague's proposals.

Rep. Lagman thereafter stressed that class legislation and favoring a particular individual or corporate entity which produced lower-priced cigarettes are prohibited under the law; and enjoined Congress not to engage in such a discriminatory legislation. For his part, Rep. Cua stressed that the sponsoring committee did not engage in class legislation to favor any corporation.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no further interpellations and no speeches *en contra*, on motion of Rep. Belaro, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee and individual amendments, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4144

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 4144 through *viva voce* voting.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

On motion of Rep. Belaro, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following measures:

1. House Bills No. 658, 659, and 906 – from the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Higher and Technical Education to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
2. House Bill No. 2886 – from the Committee on Health to the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples;
3. House Bills No. 3101 and 3334 – from the Committee on Health to the Committee on Local Government;
4. House Bill No. 2973 – from the Committee on Health to the Committee on Science and Technology;
5. House Bills No. 245, 2315, and 2539 – from the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Basic Education and Culture; and
6. House Bill No. 3104 – from the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following Committee Reports which were referred to the Committee on Rules:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 40), re H.B. No. 4631, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO GMA NETWORK,

INC. (FORMERLY REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC.) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7252 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES' [FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT]”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3946

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Energa, Revilla, Caminero, Maceda, Romualdo, Marcoleta, Madrona, Belmonte (R.), Quimbo, Cortes, Atienza, Chipeco, Chavez, Gullas, Abu, Vargas-Alfonso, Alvarez (M.), Violago, Durano, Pancho, Acosta, Pimentel, Villafruerte, Savellano, Abayon, Tugna, Gonzales (A.D.), Aggabao, Martinez, Bravo (M.), Gatchalian, Fariñas, Velarde and Rodriguez (I.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization (Committee Report No. 41), re H.J.R. No. 10, entitled:

“JONT RESOLUTION INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM PENSIONERS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Bills Numbered 18, 71, 208, 405, 414, 475, 481, 1036, 1323, 1552, 1836, 1853, 1856, 1947, 2277, 3120, 3257, 3904, 4008, 4049, 4128 and 4157

Sponsors: Representatives Sacdalan, Biazon, Vargas, Violago, Abellanosa, Tiangco, Zarate, Tinio, Tan (A.), Pimentel, Abayon, Herrera-Dy, Go (M.), Aragonese, Santos-Recto, Tambunting, Fortunato, Aglipay-Villar, Velasco, Castelo, Panganiban, Batocabe, Garbin and Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 42), re H.B. No. 4636, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE ILOILO BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4110

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Treñas, Tugna, Bertiz, Aggabao and Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 43), re H.B. No. 4637, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (FORMERLY SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.) AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7294 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SMART) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ COMPUTER/ELECTRONIC SERVICES AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DO-

MESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2930

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Umali (R.), Bertiz, Aggabao and Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Belaro, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 52, dated December 6, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Belaro, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, December 12, 2016.

It was 6:58 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on December 12, 2016.

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

Date: December 07, 2016

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 RODRIGUEZ (M.)
 * ROMAN
 ROMERO
 ROMUALDEZ
 ***** ROMUALDO
 ROQUE (H.)
 ***** ROQUE (R.)
 SACDALAN
 * SAGARBARRIA
 SAHALI
 ** SALCEDA
 *** SALIMBANGON
 ** SALO
 SALON
 SAMBAR
 SANDOVAL
 ** SANTOS-RECTO
 * SARMIENTO (C.)
 SARMIENTO (E.M.)
 SAVELLANO
 ***** SEMA
 SIAO
 SILVERIO

SINGSON
 SUANSING (E.)
 SUANSING (H.)
 SUAREZ
 SY-ALVARADO
 * TAMBUNTING
 * TAN (A.)
 * TAN (M.)
 ***** TAN (S.)
 * TEJADA
 TEVES
 * TIANGCO
 * TING
 TINIO
 *** TOLENTINO
 *** TREÑAS
 TUGNA
 ***** TUPAS
 TURABIN-HATAMAN
 TY
 ***** UMALI
 UNABIA
 UNGAB
 UNICO
 UY (J.)
 UY (R.)
 * UYBARRETA
 VARGAS
 VARGAS-ALFONSO
 ** VELARDE
 VELASCO
 VELASCO-CATERA
 * VELOSO
 VERGARA
 * VILLAFUERTE
 * VILLANUEVA
 VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
 VILLARICA
 VILLARIN
 VIOLAGO
 * YAP (A.)
 * YAP (M.)
 ** YAP (V.)
 YU
 ***** ZAMORA (M.C.)
 *** ZAMORA (R.)
 ZARATE
 ZUBIRI

* Appeared before/after Roll Call

** On official mission

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

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

***** Absent without notice

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