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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Evelina G. Escudero called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

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

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

On successive motions of Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll as well as the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Vergara, 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 Resolutions, including the Communications and a Committee Report, which were referred to the appropriate committees or consigned to the Archives as hereunder indicated:

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2560, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO EXERCISE ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTION AND LOOK INTO THE SUDDEN CANCELLATION AND DELAY OF AIRLINE FLIGHT SCHEDULES, INCLUDING CEBU PACIFIC'S MASS CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS ON APRIL 28 TO MAY 10, 2019”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2561, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FAILURE OF COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND MALL OPERATORS TO PROPERLY EVACUATE THEIR WORKERS DURING THE APRIL 22, 2019 6.1-MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE”

By Representatives Brosas and De Jesus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2562, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE TECHNICAL GLITCHES DURING THE 2019 MID-TERM ELECTIONS”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 20 March 2019 of Sec. Adelino B. Sitoy, LLB, LLM, Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs and Head, PLLO, submitting the Quarterly Physical Report of Operations as of December 31, 2018, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10964 under Section 96.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Letters dated 11 and 22 April 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-027 dated 08 April 2019;

2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-028 dated 05 April 2019;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-029 dated 05 April 2019;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-030 dated 05 April 2019;
5. Memorandum No. M-2019-009 dated 08 April 2019;
6. Memorandum No. M-2019-010 dated 08 April 2019;
7. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-026 dated 02 April 2019; and
8. Circular No. 1037 dated 11 April 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 24 April 2019 of Enrico L. Español, Legal Counsel, Primeworld Digital Systems, Inc., submitting their 2018 Annual Report, in compliance with Republic Act No. 8992.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letter dated 24 April 2019 of Roy Cecil D. Ibay, Legal and Regulatory, Digitel Mobile Phils., Inc. submitting their 2018 Annual Report, in compliance with Republic Act No. 9180.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letter dated 24 April 2019 of Enrico L. Español, Legal Counsel, Smart Broadband, Inc., submitting their 2018 Annual Report, in compliance with Republic Act No. 8337.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letters dated 29 April 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Memorandum No. M-2019-011 dated 15 April 2019;

2. Memorandum No. M-2019-012 dated 23 April 2019;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-031 dated 16 April 2019;
4. Circular No. 1038 dated 22 April 2019; and
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-032 dated 16 April 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Tourism (Committee Report No. 1320), re H.B. No. 9195, entitled:

“AN ACT INCLUDING AREVALO PLAZA IN THE CITY OF ILOILO’S CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10555, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT DECLARING THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX AND PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX, ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, AS CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7975

Sponsors: Representatives Nuñez-Malanyaon and Treñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 3:05 p.m. upon motion of Representative Vergara.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:23 p.m.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and recognized Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Representative Casilao discussed the government's policies and actions that led to the abuse of human rights of people belonging to the marginalized sectors. He mentioned that there were regional coordinators of Anakpawis Party-List who were arrested during the recent campaign period as well as victims of extrajudicial killings, majority of whom were farmers.

Further, he expressed his disappointment over the seemingly lack of interest of the Members to respond to the issue, explaining that relevant House Resolutions which he had filed were not taken up at the committee level. He then asked the Body, particularly the incoming Congress, how it would uphold and protect the human rights of farmers and other marginalized groups in the country. He then ended his speech by saying that the Makabayan bloc will never stop in their advocacy for genuine land reform, ending contractualization, and promoting decent living wages and the basic rights of the people.

REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

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

Thereafter, Representative Ortega (V.N.) moved for the recognition of Rep. Tom S. Villarin to deliver his privilege speech.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:40 p.m., the Chair suspended the session upon motion of Representative Ortega (V.N.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:49 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

1. House Resolution No. 2407, entitled: "RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCLUDE CALAMBA CITY IN THE LIST OF IDENTIFIED CITY OPERATIONS FROM LAGUNA UNDER DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2018-025";
2. House Resolution No. 2510, entitled: "A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MIRIAM COLLEGE AND ITS STUDENTS FOR WINNING NINETY (90) MEDALS AND THREE (3) TROPHIES IN THE PRESTIGIOUS WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP AT THE YALE UNIVERSITY";
3. House Resolution No. 2511, entitled: "A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MR. JOVEN HAYAGAN AND MR. JALAINÉ DIMACALING FOR WINNING IN THE 1ST CHINA INTERNATIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION 2017 (CISC) HELD IN SUZHOU AND SHANGHAI, CHINA, AND COMMENDING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) FOR ITS UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO THE COUNTRY'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND FOR PROVIDING QUALITY RELEVANT INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS EXCELLENCE";
4. House Resolution No. 2512, entitled: "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-DILIMAN, COLLEGE OF LAW FOR EMERGING AS THE NATIONAL CHAMPION IN THE 12TH NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) 2017 HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-BONIFACIO GLOBAL CAMPUS FROM OCTOBER 2 TO 6, 2017 AND FOR ADVANCING TO THE QUARTERFINALS OF THE 16TH RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW MOOT COMPETITION HELD IN HONGKONG FROM MARCH 7 TO 10, 2018";

5. House Resolution No. 2559, entitled: “RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONORABLE RAUL V. DEL MAR, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CEBU CITY, FOR THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RENDERED AND PERFECT ATTENDANCE REGISTERED DURING THE EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH, TWELFTH, THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH, SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSES”; and
6. House Resolution No. 2509, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. OLIVIA P. PARAS, WIFE OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JACINTO V. PARAS OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF NEGROS ORIENTAL DURING THE ELEVENTH, TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH CONGRESSES.”

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:54 p.m., the Chair suspended the session upon Representative Roa-Puno’s motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:58 p.m.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES ON HOUSE BILL NO. 9051 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2063

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members as conferees on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 9051 and Senate Bill No. 2063, on the reorganization of the Cooperative Development Authority: Reps. Rico B. Geron; Anthony M. Bravo, PhD; Sabiniano S. Canama; Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II; Joseph Stephen S. Paduano; and Orestes T. Salon.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF MEASURES

On an omnibus motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of House Bills No. 1672, 2187, 4621, and 9194, from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Health, and Appropriations.

INSERTION INTO THE RECORD AND REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ALMARIO

Thereupon, on Representative Roa-Puno’s successive motions, there being no objection, the Body approved to insert into the Record of the House the privilege speech of Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario and refer the same to the Committee on Natural Resources.

RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3222

On another motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 3222, establishing a National Vision Screening Program for Kindergarten Pupils.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 4:01 p.m., the Chair suspended the session upon Representative Roa-Puno’s motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:12 p.m.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, 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 Report which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Food (Committee Report No. 1321), re H.B. No. 9197, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 9150

Sponsors: Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo and Panganiban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 4:13 p.m., on motion of Representative Roa-Puno.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:14 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1321 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 9197

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 9197 contained in Committee Report No. 1321 as reported out by the Committee on Agriculture and Food.

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

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION.”

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.

Representative Roa-Puno stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee and a principal author of the Bill, to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE PANGANIBAN

On motion of Representative Panganiban, there being no objection, the Body considered the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Recognized by the Chair upon Representative Roa-Puno's motion, Representative Casilao initially sought clarification on whether House Bill No. 9197 was different from the enrolled bill vetoed by the President last February. He also asked whether all Members have copies of the measure already as he expressed concern that there were defects in the vetoed bill which needed cure through a substitute bill. He added that the Body cannot simply pass a measure without furnishing copies thereof to the Members.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE PANGANIBAN

Representative Panganiban asked the Secretariat to give Representative Casilao a copy of the instant Bill.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Majority Leader Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro, the Chair suspended the session at 4:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The Chair resumed the session at 4:19 p.m.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Representative Casilao opined that they cannot discuss a bill without a copy of either a committee report or the substitute bill itself. He stated that he was not against the Bill under consideration as he is the main author of a consolidated measure on coco levy funds that the House previously discussed and approved on Third Reading. However, he said that he had to back out of its sponsorship because some provisions were unacceptable to him and which Bill was subsequently vetoed by the President.

He relayed that the Committee on Agriculture and Food earlier discussed and approved the substitute Bill in an executive committee meeting, but he said that he would insist that each House Member should scrutinize the provisions of the substitute Bill particularly the composition of the governing board of the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) which reduced the representation of farmers. He said that he was questioning the process considering that he has no copy of the substitute bill.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER CASTRO (F.H.)

With the indulgence of Representative Casilao, Majority Leader Castro stressed that they were not in the process of voting on the measure but for the Sponsor to just answer the interpellation of Representative Casilao. He however said that he would furnish Representative Casilao with a copy of the Committee Report and the Bill that was approved by the Committee on Agriculture and Food. He also clarified that they would be discussing an original bill and not a substitute bill.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Majority Leader Castro (F.H.), the Chair suspended the session at 4:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:36 p.m.

On motion of Majority Leader Castro (F.H.), the Chair recognized anew Representative Casilao for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

(Continuation)

After Representative Casilao noted that the provision on the Trust Fund Committee (TFC) of the instant Bill was similar to the version approved by the House, he discussed with Representative Panganiban the changes in the composition of the PCA governing body; the reason the President considered the composition of the past PCA governing board and the present TFC as private-sector dominated; and the confirmation from the Bureau of Treasury that the ₱76-billion coco levy fund is still intact for said purpose.

Representative Casilao stated that he is not delaying the passage of the measure but is merely pushing for additional representation of farmers in the TFC under the PCA. He said that he will not

accept that only three representatives will represent the farmer sector in the TFC and maintained that he is against the privatization of the coco levy assets that will favor the private interest. He then urged Congress to be an instrument in facilitating the need for more farmer representation in the TFC.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:45 p.m. upon motion of Majority Leader Castro (F.H.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:47 p.m.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee amendments, on successive motions of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of Committee amendments, and proceeded to consider individual amendments.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Representative Casilao then proposed to include his amendments on page 7, Chapter IV of the measure. The Sponsor did not accept the same.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other Member who wished to propose amendments to the Bill, 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. 9197

On subsequent motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 9197 through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair suspended the session at 4:49 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:50 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Representative Roa-Puno acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the session was suspended at 4:51 p.m. upon motion of Representative Roa-Puno.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, May 27, 2019.

It was 5:05 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

(Sgd.) **MR. DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING**
Acting Secretary General

Approved on May 27, 2019.