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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, Representative Aileen C. Radaza delivered the invocation.

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

On motion of Rep. Len B. Alonte-Naguiat, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Alonte-Naguiat, 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, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4603, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND FILIPINOS RESIDING OVERSEAS TO INVEST AND ESTABLISH BUSINESSES IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4604, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE SPECIAL FUND COMPOSED OF THE GOVERNMENT SHARE FROM THE EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLOITATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 910 ENTITLED 'CREATING AN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' AND SPECIFYING THE USE OF THE SPECIAL FUND FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 4605, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY TO THE PENAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10606, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE LAW, THE AMENDATORY LAW TO REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 7875 AND 9241, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE”

By Representative Leachon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4606, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TAMARAW AS THE NATIONAL LAND ANIMAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Leachon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4607, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SECURITY OF TENURE FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7883 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS BENEFITS & INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995”

By Representative Leachon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4608, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION TO WORKERS TERMINATED DUE TO AUTHORIZED CAUSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 283 AND 284 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Leachon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4609, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL OR PGH BY DECLARING IT AS THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Leachon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4610, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE 'DAY OF RISING' – A DAY TO PLANT TREES, TO MEANINGFULLY REMEMBER ARBOR DAY, AND TO REKINDLE THE BAYANIHAN SPIRIT-VENERATING YEARS OF SURVIVAL AFTER TYPHOON YOLANDA”

By Representative Leachon

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 4611, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ARELLANO TO CALANGUIGAN ROAD PORTION ALONG THE MALALAO NATIONAL ROAD (TABUK-QUEZON ROAD) STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY ARELLANO TO BARANGAY CALANGUIGA, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4612, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 4613, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY STA. MARIA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABRA DE ILOG, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4614, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1185, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4615, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AND LICENSED ARCHITECTS OR CIVIL ENGINEERS OTHER THAN CITY/MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS (CME) AS LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 477 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991', APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4616, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER FIFTEEN OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO TO COMMEMORATE ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4617, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING WATERSHED RESERVATIONS CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND SITUATED IN ABRA DE ILOG,

CALINTAAN, MAGSAYSAY, MAMBU-RAO, PALUAN, RIZAL, SABLAYAN, STA. CRUZ AND SAN JOSE IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, AND BULALACAO, MANSALAY, PUERTO GALERA, AND SAN TEODORO IN ORIENTAL MINDORO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4618, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM FIFTY (50)-BED CAPACITY TO TWO HUNDRED (200)-BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cortes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4619, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM HOSPITAL TO EVERSLEY CHILDS SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL”

By Representative Cortes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4620, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7653 OR THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4621, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL FOR OVERSEAS CONTRACT WORKERS (OCWS) AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4622, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE METRO CAGAYAN DE MISAMIS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDING THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4623, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SPACE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION POLICY AND CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SPACE AGENCY (PSA) AND DEFINE THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF ITS ACTIVITIES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4624, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF DON EMILIO DEL VALLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DEDVMH) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL FROM FIFTY (50) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4625, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) CENTERS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4626, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR THE PACKAGING OF CONSUMER GOODS”

By Representative Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4627, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”

By Representative Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4628, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BALIK SCIENTIST PROGRAM APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4629, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS IN THE BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING (BPO) INDUSTRY”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4630, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING PHILIPPINE eHEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICES IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES WITH THE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4632, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT FARMERS WELFARE AND COCONUT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, UTILIZATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bravo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4633, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY INTO DAVAO DE ORO PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PORTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8470”

By Representatives Zamora (M.) and Gonzaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4634, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY BY GENERATION TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES AND ELECTRICITY COOPERATIVES FROM VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, SECTIONS 108 (A) AND 109 (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4635, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 5 (F) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010' ”

By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4638, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GIVING OF GRADUATED CASH GRANTS TO INDIGENTS FILIPINO SENIOR CITIZENS EVERY DECADE BEGINNING WITH THEIR SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY”

By Representative Chipeco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4639, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10627 OR THE ANTI-BULLYING ACT OF 2013 TO INCLUDE BULLYING COMMITTED BY STUDENTS AGAINST TEACHERS OR SCHOOL PERSONNEL”

By Representative Panotes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4640, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT WORKERS”

By Representative Panotes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 4641, entitled:

“AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS OLD AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997”

By Representative Panotes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4642, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) ADDITIONAL POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7924”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4643, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TULLAHAN ROAD (TANDANG SORA EXTENSION) IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CALOOCAN CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Malapitan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4644, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FOUR ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CALOOCAN, METRO MANILA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Malapitan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4645, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A PASSPORT PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE CENTER FOR EVERY PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239 OR THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996”

By Representative Go (A.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4646, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL USERS OF PRE-PAID SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE CARDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4647, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1169, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 2 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1157, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES, HORSE RACES, AND LOTTERIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative De Vera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 4648, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NDRRMC) AS 'PUBLIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT' OR PERSD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Leachon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4649, 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 Representatives Brosas, De Jesus and Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 4650, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE PAMPANGA STATE UNIVERSITY (PamSU), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9832, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA COLLEGE OF

ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVTSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4651, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES ON PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED MINIMUM WAGE RATES OR OTHER BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO, 5487 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW' ”

By Representative Cueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 608, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE AUTHORIZING THE CONFERMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II COLLECTIVELY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II”

By Representative Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE

House Resolution No. 609, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEC. 16 (D &

D.2) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022, AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995, DIRECTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ESTABLISH OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKER HELP DESK OR KIOSK IN THEIR LOCALITIES”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 610, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED ILLEGAL ONLINE GAMING ACTIVITIES AT FONTANA LEISURE PARK AND CASINOS”

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 611, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING RICHARD CABUAY MACAPULAY AND MARK PENULIAR CASTILLO OF TARLAC STATE UNIVERSITY FOR TOPPING THE SEPTEMBER 2016 LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS IN THE SECONDARY AND ELEMENTARY LEVELS, RESPECTIVELY”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 612, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE PURPORTED ILLEGAL ONLINE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVING ILLEGAL ALIENS INSIDE THE CLARK FREEPORT ZONE IN PAMPANGA”

By Representative Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bills No. 1427, 1428, 1429, 2738, 2902 and 3115;

Rep. Greg G. Gasataya for House Bills No. 1427, 1428, 1429, 2738 and 3115;

Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr. for House Bills No. 1427 and 2738;

Reps. Antonio L. Tinio, France L. Castro, Sarah Jane I. Elago and Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao for House Bill No. 4649;

Rep. Emmanuel A. Billones for House Bill No. 4521;

Reps. Melecio J. Yap Jr. and Michelle M. Antonio for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Wes Gatchalian for House Bills No. 3640 and 3699;

Rep. Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta for House Bill No. 4107;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 1553 and 3610;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bill No. 584;

Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for House Bill No. 3254;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 4416, 4418, 4421, 4422, 4424, 4430, 4433, 4482 and 4494;

Reps. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, Ruby M. Sahali, Gus S. Tambunting, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso and Manuel F. Zubiri for House Resolution No. 393;

Rep. Carlito S. Marquez for House Bills No. 1615, 2862, 2864, 3852, 3943, 4087, 4088, 4089, 4090, 4107 and 4337;

Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for House Bills No. 4418 and 4424;

Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for House Bills No. 4113, 4631 and 4637 and House Joint Resolution No. 10;

Rep. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D. for House Bill No. 64; and

Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes for House Bills No. 4631 and 4637 and House Joint Resolution No. 10.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Alonte-Naguiat, the Chair suspended the session at 4:11 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:12 p.m.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Rep. Alonte-Naguiat, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. France L. Castro who delivered the following privilege speech:

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

Madam Speaker, I rise today on a question of personal and collective privilege as I speak of the problem caused by loan sharks victimizing low and middle-income earners, most of whom are public school teachers, with usurious loans.

Madam Speaker, ano po ba iyong kalagayan ng ating mga kaguruan? Ang mga guro po ay nasasandal sa pader at napipilitang mangutang.

Napakaliit po ng ₱19,007.00 per month na sahod ng Teacher I at hindi po ito sumasapat sa kanilang pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan sa isang buwan. Kung kakaltasan pa po ito ng mga paghuhulog sa Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Pag-IBIG Fund, Philhealth, withholding tax, at iba pa pong mga deductions, talagang kulang po, Madam Speaker, ang sweldo ng ating teachers.

Marami din pong mga out-of-pocket expenses dahil sa kakulangan ng budget sa education. Iyong mga ginagamit po ng ating mga guro para sa kanilang mga visual aids para po sa kanilang pang-araw-araw na pagtuturo, ay kinukuha po sa kanilang sweldo.

Ang take-home pay ng ating mga guro, kadalasan ay nag-a-average na lamang ng ₱6,000.00 to ₱10,000.00 kada buwan. Hindi sasapat ito kung

ikukumpara po natin sa ₱30,000.00 na cost of living dito sa National Capital Region o kung ito po iyong pagbabatayan natin na cost of living.

Ang mga benepisyo nila ay delayed o kulang, katulad ngayon, Madam Speaker, sa inasahan ng ating mga kaguruan mula pa noong October: iyong performance-based bonus na kakarampot mula ₱5,000.00 nga lamang, na hanggang ngayon ay delayed pa, na hanggang ngayon ay kailangan pa silang magmukhang namamalimos sa Department of Education (DepEd) at sa Department of Budget and Management (DBM) para lang matanggap itong kakarampot at natitirang benepisyong ito para sa taon na ito.

Itong abang kalagayan ng public school teachers ang nagtutulak sa kanila na mahulog sa modus operandi ng mga tinatawag natin na mga loan sharks. Ano po ba, Madam Speaker, ang mga loan sharks? These are the money lenders who charge extremely high rates of interest, typically under illegal conditions. In general, Madam Speaker, umaabot na ng double penalty ang utang ng mga guro; mula 12 % hanggang 36 % per month kasi ang interes na ipinapataw ng mga loan sharks na ito sa kanilang mga utang. The schemes of these loan sharks are to charge high interests such as 38 % per annum, which doubles the penalty for delayed payment. There are also hidden and unclear terms and other unexplained surcharges to trap the teachers in loans. They will force the teachers to buy their Post Exchange (PX) goods, jewelry, and other commodities aside from the loan. They will also get their ATM and unified multi-purpose ID (UMID) cards as so-called collateral, which allows the lending institutions to withdraw the salaries and other monetary benefits of the teachers. They will offer the restructuring of loans by stopping the interest and running interest, but in reality this is more expensive for the teachers. Eventually, the lending institutions will harass the teachers with the actual filing of civil, criminal, and administrative charges, or worse, issue threats through their collectors. We have also received complaints from teachers who were made to issue and sign post-dated or blank checks during the mediation of their cases particularly in the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

These loan sharks exist due to the depressed economic conditions of most of our countrymen, including the public school teachers. The teachers' insufficient income and delayed benefits leave them vulnerable to the scheme of these loan sharks who have no intention to help out, but rather, make profit as their main goal.

Madam Speaker, if we can recall, last 2014, four teachers were killed by the collector of a private lending institution and three other teachers were wounded, inside the Pangasinan National

High School, because of the failure to pay debts owed to loan sharks. Last September, a teacher from the Lingayen Central School was declared dead on arrival at the hospital when a hitman shot her inside her home together with her daughter and uncle. Recently, a teacher of the Panghulo Elementary School in Malabon City was arrested due to unpaid obligations to a lending company; and in Nueva Ecija, a teacher was arrested by the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) as ordered by the same lending company, and other teachers are being harassed.

Also punishable are fraud, falsification, and harassment committed by the loan sharks. Teachers report the common practice of lenders opening loans which appear to be simple loans but later turn out to be payable through the purchase of jewelry, appliances, or groceries.

The PRC and DepEd are being used as tools by loan sharks to perpetuate injustice among teachers.

Hanggang ang pang-ekonomiyang kalagayan ng nakararami sa ating mga kababayan ay nananatili, magpapatuloy ang ganitong operasyon at pamamayani ng mga loan shark.

Ano po ba ang dapat baguhin at kung paano?

Pangunahin pa rin sa kampanya ng Representasyong ito, Madam Speaker, ay iyong sapat at nakabubuhay na sweldo para sa ating mga guro at mga empleyado.

Another thing, Madam Speaker, is to study and make amendments to laws governing loans. The prevailing Usury Law or Presidential Decree (PD) No. 116 mandates the Monetary Board to create a ceiling on the rates of interest. However, through Central Bank of the Philippines (CBP) Circular No. 905, series of 2016, the general rule is 12% interest per annum unless there is a stipulation then that this rate is being prevailed upon. In said PD, the rate of interest on a loan or forbearance of any money, goods, or credits and the rate allowed in judgments, in the absence of express contract as to such rate of interest, shall be fixed per annum at such rate as may be prescribed by the Monetary Board of the CBP for that purpose in accordance with the authority hereby granted.

Naging abusado naman ang mga lending institutions dahil hindi lang 12% per annum ang kinakaltas sa utang ng mga teachers kundi nagiging monthly basis na ang interes such as 36% per month. In case of default in paying, ang mga lenders po ay nagpapataw ng doble-doble sa mga inutang.

Kailangan po nating kumilos. Mismong ang Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte po ang nananawagang dapat wakasan ang five-six at mga katulad nitong iskema ng pangungutang at pang-aabusong.

Kailangang kumilos ang mga ahensiya ng gobyerno laban sa mga usurero o mapang-abusong pagpapautang. Hindi totooong wala tayong mga batas laban dito.

Mayroon po tayong mga batas katulad ng Truth in Lending Act (TILA) or Republic Act (RA) No. 3765 na naglalayong protektahan ang mga mamamayan sa "uninformed use of credit." Sinasabi sa RA No. 3765 na dapat, sa simula pa lang ng utang, mayroong full disclosure of the true cost of credit. Sa ibang salita, ay dapat ipagbigay-alam ng nagpapautang o creditor sa kanyang mangungutang o debtor ang buong halaga ng utang, kabilang ang principal, interest, anumang financial charges, mga kondisyong magpapabigat sa utang, at iba pa.

Mayroon din po tayong Consumer Act of 1992 o RA No. 7934 sa kaso ng mga credit sales or credit transactions. Pinapalakas ang proteksiyong layon ng TILA sa pamamagitan ng pagdedeklara ng polisiya ng gobyerno na proteksyunan ang mga nangungutang o mamimili laban sa deceptive, unfair, and unconscionable sales acts and practices at pagmamamandato sa mga creditor-seller na magbigay ng periodic statement of charges.

Ang pangatlo pong batas ay iyong Lending Company Regulation Act of 2007 o RA No. 9474. Una, ipinagbabawal ng batas na ito iyong illegitimate lenders. Ang may awtoridad lamang na magpautang ay mga korporasyong lisensyado ng Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) -- hindi puwedeng indibidwal o single proprietorship -- na may primary license, kumpletong financial records at iba pang mga dokumento ukol sa kita nito, at iba pang impormasyon. Ayon din po, Madam Speaker, sa batas na ito, "a lending company may grant loans in such amount and reasonable interest rates and charges as may be agreed upon between the lending company and the debtor: Provided, That the agreement shall be in compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 3765 otherwise known as the Truth in Lending Act, and Republic Act No. 7394, otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines."

Madam Speaker, ang mga batas na ito po ay nakasaad sa mga desisyon. May mga desisyon po ang Korte Suprema na nagdeklarang kontra sa public policy ang usurious contracts at unconscionable interests at gayo'y dapat isawalang-bisa.

Pero bagaman in place na ang mga nasabing batas na ito, kailangan pa rin nating alamin sa Kongreso kung anu-ano iyong mga butas sa mga batas na ito, at kung anu-ano ang mga salik sa kahirapan ng mga ahensya ng gobyerno sa implementasyon ng batas. Kailangan nating marinig ang Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), ang Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), at ang SEC na may mandatong ipatupad ang mga nasabing batas. At higit sa lahat, kailangan nating marinig dito sa Kongreso ang boses ng mga madalas mabiktima ng mga usurero.

Napapanahon ding pag-aralan natin ang kasalukuyang Usury Law o PD No. 116. Dapat pag-aralan natin ang posibilidad ng pagbabalik ng ceiling ng interes at pagkakaroon ng uniformity sa interes na ipinapataw.

We urge the SEC, BSP, and concerned government agencies to tighten regulations on lending firms. We call on the SEC to see to it that only reputable and legitimate companies are in the lending business. It should complete as soon as possible its crackdown on illegitimate lenders and those who victimize their lenders with fraud, falsification, and harassment. We also urge SEC and BSP to strictly implement the TILA, Consumer Act, and Lending Company Regulation Act, among other laws.

We call on the PRC and DepEd to take measures to prevent the agency and its officials from being used by loan sharks for their unconscionable lending practices.

We call on the government to tighten regulations over lending institutions. These agencies should stop these usurious lenders that victimize those who have little choice but to take out loans because of their meager salaries.

And lastly, Madam Speaker, but definitely not the least, we reiterate our call for the Duterte Administration to stick to its campaign promise and grant salary increase to teachers and employees and to increase the minimum wage.

A decent living wage for all!

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Alonte-Naguiat, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Castro to the Committee on Rules.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Alonte-Naguiat acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of members and supporters of the Kabayan Party-List, coaches and players of the Philippines Sepak Takraw team, as well as her guests.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Alonte-Naguiat, the Chair recognized Rep. Ron P. Salo who delivered the following privilege speech:

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SALO

Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

My esteemed colleagues in this august chamber, I stand before you with a heavy heart and a deep sense of mortification. The recent schism within our Party-List that concerns me and another Representative has reached this revered hall. We were not able to control a rabid dog on the loose, for which I sincerely apologize. I do so because I am the Kabayan Party-List Chairman, and I owe this Body an explanation founded on truth and nothing but the truth.

Yesterday, my name was besmirched with a disparaging reference to my being in the House of Representatives in the 17th Congress as a "meteoric rise." And in the midst of this were direct allegations of corruption against me. Sadly, the manner, the content, and the language by which such accusations were delivered in a privilege speech yesterday by my party-mate were unworthy of the honor that this Chamber deserves.

He questioned my membership in this Chamber, belittling my being once a staff member in this institution. He did not realize that this is the beauty of our democracy and the mobility that our society offers to those who have dreams in life and are willing to pursue them. And I am mighty proud of being once a congressional staff member. I was able to work with honest, decent, and patriotic men and women who tirelessly work in the background, sometimes unacknowledged and unappreciated. I will always be one of them because of their remarkable dedicated service to our people and to our nation.

And this I know by heart: my life story is not entirely different from many Members of this Chamber. Yes, I am of humble beginnings, and far from being ashamed of it, I wear my roots like a badge of honor.

I was a working student when I took up law at the University of the Philippines (UP) where he

became one of my professors. Despite my difficulties, I managed to graduate at the top 10% of my class. Modesty aside, I graduated valedictorian in elementary and high school in the rural areas of Pangasinan. I also graduated cum laude in my bachelor's degree in Psychology in UP.

After taking up law, I took up my master's degree at the University College London (UCL), which is consistently in the top five of world university rankings, as a British Chevening scholar. Please take note that the person who has made it a mission to demean me applied for the same scholarship, but unfortunately, was denied. At the UCL, I graduated with honors. At the moment, I am working on my executive doctorate in education leadership at the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP).

Further, I was once one of the youngest undersecretaries in the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. I also taught at the UP College of Law for a while -- where the person in question became my co-faculty -- until I became a Member of this Chamber; and am currently teaching at the DLSU College of Law. And yes, I am a preacher. I preach on Sundays in our local church and in various churches nationwide to share God's good news of love, forgiveness, and redemption. And I credit all my achievements to God, the source of all these blessings and grace in my life.

My dear colleagues, Madam Speaker, pardon me in mentioning all of these, and I hope I did not come across as boastful and a braggart. I am simply compelled to mention them if only to show that the person who is out to get me is suffering from delusions of grandeur, a personality disorder, being highly convinced that he alone has the monopoly of wisdom, righteousness, talent and fame, or perhaps, infamy.

He claims to be a legal expert, when in truth, he is simply a myth, an exaggerated hype. I reiterate, he is just a myth. He wallows in the wrong belief that his loquaciousness can be equated to intellect; that his arrogance equates to authority; that his intimidation tactics and boisterousness are equivalent to power; that his pomposity and an irritating high-pitched voice make him sound knowledgeable; and that his media appearances and handling of sensational cases translate to stardom. In truth, his claim of legal expertise is nothing but a product of perception, true only to the uninitiated. But to the perceptive--lawyers, and non-lawyers alike--he is just a rattling can, a clanging cymbal--full of noise but no content whatsoever.

At this point, Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. sought recognition on a point of order.

POINT OF ORDER OF REP. ROQUE (H.)

Upon query from Rep. Defensor as to what Rule was violated, Rep. Roque said that he was delivering a privilege speech the previous day but did not finish it because a House Rule was invoked and a point of order was raised about casting aspersion on a Member of Congress. He said that he would invoke the same House Rule because there was no doubt that he was the one being referred to in Rep. Salo's privilege speech. He stressed that in the name of equality, he could raise a point of order in the same way that his colleague did.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:36 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Defensor.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:41 p.m.

REMARKS OF REP. BONDOC

Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc then cited Section 93 of the Provisional Rules of the House regarding decorum -- which states that a Member who has the floor shall speak only on the question under debate, avoid personalities in all cases, and refrain from indecorous words or acts.

REP. SALO'S REMARKS STRICKEN FROM THE RECORDS

Thereafter, upon Rep. Bondoc's motion, there being no objection, the Body approved to strike out from the records any unparliamentary remarks in Rep. Salo's privilege speech.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

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

On further motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba

Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almonte
Alonte-Naguiat
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Dalog
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gorriceta
Gullas
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho

Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lazatin
Leachon
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Madrona
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mellana
Mending
Mendoza
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogales (J.J.)
Nogales (K.A.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Plaza
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Roman
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque (H.)
Roque (R.)
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salceda
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Santos-Recto
Savellano
Siao
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco
Tinio
Tugna
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Velarde
Velasco-Catera
Vergara
Villafuerte
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yu

Zarate
Zubiri

With 235 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

MOTION OF REP. BONDOC

Rep. Bondoc thereafter moved for the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 4144.

OBJECTION OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Edcel C. Lagman objected to the motion, saying that he wanted the House leadership to first address his concern.

REP. LAGMAN'S POINT OF INQUIRY

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Lagman said that Rep. Bondoc's earlier motion for the deletion of the unparliamentary remarks in Rep. Salo's privilege speech was an omnibus motion because said remarks were not identified. He opined that in a motion to delete unparliamentary remarks, an identification thereof should first be made to determine which remarks should be deleted or retained.

After the Chair stated that no Member objected to said motion, Rep. Lagman maintained that the processing thereof was so quick that the Members did not have the opportunity to stand up and object to it. He asked to be clarified on the proper mode in presenting a motion to declare certain remarks as unparliamentary.

With the permission of the Chair, Rep. Bondoc explained that Reps. Salo and Roque (H.) agreed to let the Chamber continue with its business while the leadership hoped to find a peaceful resolution of their differences.

Rep. Lagman remarked that the motion to delete some remarks from the records was premature and was aggravated by the fact that there was no identification of what remarks should be deleted. He also asked who will decide on which remarks will be deleted.

Rep. Bondoc clarified that he made such motion to bring the aforementioned Members to a discussion to set-

tle their differences after which the Body will deliberate on the actual remarks being adverted to.

Rep. Lagman said that the House had to have some guidelines on motions to delete some "unparliamentary remarks," that are presented, and on the prior identification of such remarks.

After the Chair read *in toto* the provision of Section 93 of the Provisional House Rules, Rep. Lagman pointed out that he was not questioning the House Rules but only their implementation. He proposed that when such motions are filed, the remarks to be deleted should be identified and the Members should be encouraged to freely debate thereon and pose their objections, if any, instead of speedily ruling thereon.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Explaining the processing of the aforementioned motion, the Chair stressed that no Member had objected to it and was thus carried.

REMARKS OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Lagman reiterated his previous proposals to the House Rules of the 17th Congress which, he said, the House was still in the process of formulating. He added that when motions are made and the Chair asks if there are any objections thereto, the Members should be given sufficient opportunity to make objections especially if they concern questions of overriding importance for the House.

RULING OF THE CHAIR

Stating anew that there was no objection to Rep. Bondoc's previous motion, the Chair stressed that the ruling thereon was in order.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House measures, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on December 8, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the amended Provisional Rules of the House:

1. House Bill No. 4144, entitled: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 145 (C) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED";

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

**RESERVATIONS OF REPS.
ROCAMORA AND VILLARIN**

In the course of the nominal voting, Reps. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora and Tom S. Villarín reserved their right to explain their votes after the voting, which reservations the Chair noted.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Almonte
Alonte-Naguiat
Alvarez (F.)
Angara-Castillo
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Baguilat
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)

Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Collantes
Cortes
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Dalog
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Estrella
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Geron

Go (A.C.)
 Go (M.)
 Gonzaga
 Gonzales (A.P.)
 Gonzales (A.D.)
 Gonzalez
 Gorriceta
 Gullas
 Hernandez
 Herrera-Dy
 Hofer
 Javier
 Labadlabad
 Lacson
 Lanete
 Laogan
 Lazatin
 Lobregat
 Lopez (B.)
 Maceda
 Madrona
 Malapitan
 Manalo
 Mangaoang
 Marcoleta
 Mariño
 Marquez
 Martinez
 Matugas
 Mending
 Mercado
 Mirasol
 Montoro
 Nava
 Nieto
 Noel
 Nograles (J.J.)
 Nolasco
 Nuñez-Malanyaon
 Ong (E.)
 Ortega (P.)
 Ortega (V.N.)
 Pacquiao
 Paduano
 Pancho
 Panganiban
 Panotes
 Papandayan
 Pichay
 Pimentel
 Plaza
 Primicias-Agabas
 Quimbo
 Ramos
 Relampagos
 Revilla

Roa-Puno
 Rodriguez (I.)
 Romero
 Romualdez
 Romualdo
 Roque (H.)
 Sacdalan
 Sagarbarria
 Salo
 Salon
 Sambar
 Savellano
 Singson
 Suansing (E.)
 Suansing (H.)
 Suarez
 Sy-Alvarado
 Tambunting
 Tiangco
 Tugna
 Ty
 Umali
 Unabia
 Unico
 Uy (R.)
 Velasco
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Violago
 Yap (M.)
 Yu

Negative:

Acosta-Alba
 Alejano
 Amante
 Amatong
 Bag-ao
 Billones
 Brosas
 Casilao
 Castro (F.L.)
 Catamco
 Cayetano
 Daza
 De Jesus
 Dimaporo (M.K.)
 Elago
 Fortun
 Lagman
 Limkaichong
 Mellana

Palma
 Rocamora
 Roque (R.)
 Sema
 Teves
 Tinio
 Ungab
 Uy (J.)
 Villarin
 Zarate

Abstention:

Bagatsing
 Garcia (J.E.)
 Lee

With 176 affirmative votes, 30 negative votes, and three abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 4144.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LAGMAN

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Lagman manifested his right to explain his vote. The Chair stated that Rep. Rocamora had made a previous reservation to explain his vote and that those Members who wished to explain their votes would be recognized in the order of their reservation.

Although he said that he would defer to those who made reservations, Rep. Lagman said that no reservations for the explanation of vote had to be made because the voting could not be interrupted. The Chair clarified that she had only taken note of the reservations, which was why the voting continued without any interruption.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

The following Members explained their votes:

1. Rep. Rocamora voted against House Bill No. 4144 for the following reasons: the President's campaign against smoking must be supported; health advocates support the unitary excise tax system; the unitary system on cigarettes is practiced in 69 countries; the Sin Tax Law laid down gains on health, revenues, and farmers' benefits; and the instant Bill was not studied thoroughly.
2. In explaining his negative vote, Rep. Villarin said that although the Bill is a tax measure, it primarily affects the health of

Filipinos. He opined that it should have been consolidated with measures amending the Sin Tax Reform Law or Republic Act (RA) No. 10351 and asked why it was hastily made when there was a measure proposing a unitary tax of ₱40 that would generate more revenues and increase support for tobacco farmers. He underscored that the Sin Tax Reform Law which was passed in 2012 and would still be implemented in 2017, should stand alone.

3. Rep. Lagman voted against House Bill No. 4144 for the following reasons: 1) if enacted, all debates in the enactment of RA No. 10351 would be put to naught considering that the efficacy of the unitary system scheduled in 2017 had yet to be tested; 2) all government agencies invited during the public hearings on the instant Bill, except the National Tobacco Administration, opposed it; 3) the Sin Tax Reform Law was hailed as a health measure such that any amendment thereto should prioritize health concerns; 4) the two-tier tax system was more difficult to administer and was more conducive to tax evasion and tax collection irregularities; 5) the unitary system was considered the best practice globally; 6) all principal players in the cigarette manufacturing industry, except Mighty Corporation, were against the measure; and 7) the latter was a grossly discriminatory tax measure because it principally favored Mighty Corporation that produced low-grade and low-priced cigarettes.

4. Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano said that House Bill No. 4144 intended to derail RA No. 10351 by institutionalizing a two-tier tax system for cigarettes. She said that she was voting against it because it was not the best revenue measure for the country and because it was totally against the advice of the Department of Health (DOH) as a health measure as well as the Department of Finance (DOF) which wanted to give RA No. 10351 a chance to be implemented. She explained that a unitary system will make revenue collection easier and there was no reason to go into a two-tier system that would

make cigarettes cheaper and more accessible to the youth. As she said that she will submit a written explanation of her vote, she added that tobacco farmers will not be adversely affected by the law that provided for a unitary tax system.

5. Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri said that he voted in the negative because he heeded the advice of the DOF, being the experts in taxation.
6. Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr., in explaining his negative vote, said that while the measure would be helping some brands of cigarettes, it would not be the same for other brands. Likewise, he said that it would not be good for health since people would opt for cheaper brands of cigarettes.
7. Voting in the negative, Rep. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong explained that the Bill undermined the health gains of the Sin Tax Reform Law which was still to be implemented by 2017. She said that any effort to change said law would have an impact on its original configuration to address health. She stressed that in maintaining the unitary tax system, the government would achieve a simple balance with regard to health, taxes, and the protection of tobacco farmers.

RATIFICATION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3408

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 3408, entitled: “AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS (Continuation)

2. House Bill No. 64, entitled: “AN ACT STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”;

3. House Bill No. 400, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PASONG TAMO, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS EMILIO JACINTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado, Lagman, Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr., Raul A. Daza, Villarín, Edgar R. Erice, Emmanuel A. Billones, and Gary C. Alejano.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS (Continuation)

4. House Bill No. 938, entitled: “AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY TANGOS IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAYS TANGOS NORTH AND TANGOS SOUTH”;
5. House Bill No. 4469, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE TUBLAY SCHOOL OF HOME INDUSTRIES EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TUBLAY CENTRAL, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBLAY, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE TUBLAY SCHOOL OF HOME INDUSTRIES MAIN, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TUBLAY NATIONAL TRADE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

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Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
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Cerilles
Chavez
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Collantes
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Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Dalog
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De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
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Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
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Garin (S.)
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Gonzales (A.D.)

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Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
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Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
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Malapitan
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Mangudadatu (Z.)
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Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
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Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
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Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
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Roque (H.)
Roque (R.)
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Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (E.M.)
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Uy (R.)

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NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

8. House Bill No. 4598, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NASISI, CITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY TO BE KNOWN AS LIGAO CITY NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and
9. House Bill No. 4599, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF PAGADIAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PAGADIAN CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 247 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
 OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**
 (Continuation)

6. House Bill No. 4524, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO A NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN RAFAEL TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
7. House Bill No. 4597, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CONCEPCION DOS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF MARIKINA TO BE KNOWN AS SSS

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

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Bataoil	Erice
Batocabe	Eriguel
Bautista-Bandigan	Ermita-Buhain
Belaro	Escudero
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Belmonte (J.C.)	Estrella
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Bertiz	Ferrer (J.)
Billones	Ferrer (L.)
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Bondoc	Fortun
Bordado	Fortuno
Bravo (A.)	Fuentebella
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Caminero	Garin (S.)
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Canama	Geron
Casilao	Go (A.C.)
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Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.P.)
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Cerilles	Gorriceta
Chavez	Gullas
Chipeco	Hernandez
Co	Herrera-Dy
Cojuangco	Hofer
Collantes	Jalosjos
Cortes	Javier
Cosalan	Kho
Crisologo	Labadlabad
Cua	Lacson
Cuaresma	Lagman
Cueva	Lanete
Dalipe	Laogan
Dalog	Lazatin
Daza	Leachon
De Jesus	Lee
De Venecia	Limkaichong
De Vera	Lobregat
Defensor	Lopez (B.)
Del Mar	Lopez (C.)
Del Rosario	Lopez (M.L.)
Deloso-Montalla	Macapagal-Arroyo

Maceda	Sacdalan
Madrona	Sagarbarria
Malapitan	Sahali
Manalo	Salceda
Mangaoang	Salo
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Salon
Marcoleta	Sambar
Mariño	Sandoval
Marquez	Santos-Recto
Martinez	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Matugas	Savellano
Mellana	Sema
Mending	Siao
Mendoza	Singson
Mercado	Suansing (E.)
Mirasol	Suansing (H.)
Montoro	Suarez
Nava	Sy-Alvarado
Nieto	Tambunting
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Nuñez-Malanyaon	Teves
Olivarez	Tiangco
Ong (E.)	Tinio
Ortega (P.)	Tugna
Ortega (V.N.)	Ty
Pacquiao	Umali
Paduano	Unabia
Palma	Ungab
Pancho	Unico
Panganiban	Uy (J.)
Panotes	Uy (R.)
Papandayan	Uybarreta
Pichay	Vargas
Pimentel	Velarde
Pineda	Velasco
Plaza	Velasco-Catera
Primicias-Agabas	Veloso
Quimbo	Vergara
Radaza	Villafuerte
Ramos	Villanueva
Relampagos	Villaraza-Suarez
Revilla	Villarica
Roa-Puno	Villarin
Robes	Violago
Rocamora	Yap (A.)
Rodriguez (I.)	Yap (M.)
Rodriguez (M.)	Yu
Roman	Zarate
Romero	Zubiri
Romualdez	
Romualdo	
Roque (H.)	
Roque (R.)	

With 248 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

**SENATE TRANSMITTAL
OF HOUSE MEASURES**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretariat to immediately transmit to the Senate the recently-approved House Bills on Third Reading.

**OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND
READING OF MEASURES CALENDARED
UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY**

On an omnibus motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills/Joint Resolution calendared under the Business for the Day, as contained in various Committee Reports and submitted by the Committees hereunder indicated; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures with the consent of the respective authors; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the amendments as contained in the Committee Reports or as manifested on the floor, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

Submitted by the Committee
on Legislative Franchises:

1. House Bill No. 4637, as contained in Committee Report No. 43, extending for twenty-five (25) years the franchise granted to Smart Communications, Inc., amending for the purpose Republic Act (RA) No. 7294;
2. House Bill No. 4631, as contained in Committee Report No. 40, renewing for another twenty-five (25) years the franchise granted to GMA Network, Inc. under RA No. 7252;

(Rep. Michael John R. Duavit did not participate in the voting on House Bill No. 4631 due to possible conflict of interest.)

3. House Bill No. 4636, as contained in Committee Report No. 42, granting the Iloilo Baptist Church, Inc. a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate, and maintain radio and television broadcasting stations in the Philippines;

Submitted by the Committee on
Government Enterprises and Privatization

4. House Bill No. 2158, as contained in Committee Report No. 16, rationalizing and expanding the powers and duties of the Social Security Commission and the Social Security System, further amending for the purpose RA No. 1161, as amended by RA No. 8282, otherwise known as the "Social Security Act of 1997"; and
5. House Joint Resolution No. 10, as contained in Committee Report No. 41, increasing the monthly pension of the Social Security System pensioners under the Social Security Act of 1997.

**OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF BILLS CALENDARED UNDER THE
BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

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

1. House Bill No. 4602, as contained in Committee Report No. 36, 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 Guagua, Pampanga as the "William Golangco Junction";
2. House Bill No. 1425, as contained in Committee Report No. 37, renaming the Acop-Tublay, Kapangan-Kibungan-Bakun-Sinipsip, Buguias Secondary National Road in Benguet to Gov. Bado Dangwa National Road;

3. House Bill No. 2656, as contained in Committee Report No. 38, naming the diversion road in Sorsogon City, Sorsogon as Salvador H. Escudero III Diversion Road;
4. House Bill No. 2708, as contained in Committee Report No. 39, renaming the Gurel-Bokod-Kabayan-Abatan Road in Benguet to Cong. Andres Acop Cosalan Road;
5. House Bill No. 2785, as contained in Committee Report No. 44, renaming the Wawa Road at Barangay San Rafael, Rodriguez, Rizal, as General Licerio I. Geronimo Highway; and
6. House Bill No. 4660, as contained in Committee Report No. 45, naming the Laoag by-pass road stretching from Barangay Bengcag, City of Laoag to Barangay Buyon, Municipality of Bacarra, Province of Ilocos Norte as the Rodolfo G. Fariñas, Jr. By-Pass Road.
4. House Resolution No. 586, on creating an inventory of all police officers and personnel on the matter of administrative, civil or criminal cases filed against them – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
5. House Resolution No. 587, on the real current status of stem cell therapy in the Philippines – to the Committee on Health;
6. House Resolution No. 588, on the suicide of Atty. Francisco Villa, Jr., chairman of the Biddings and Awards Committee of the Energy Regulatory Commission on November 9, 2016 in Parañaque, Metro Manila – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Energy;
7. House Resolution No. 591, on the alleged suicide of Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Director Francisco “Jun” Villa Jr. – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Energy;
8. House Resolution No. 592, on the implementation of the Civil Registry System Information Technology Project (Phase 2) deal between the Philippine Statistics Authority and US-based Unisys Corporation – to the Committee on Population and Family Relations;
9. House Resolution No. 596, on the delay in the implementation of RA No. 10173, otherwise known as the “Data Privacy Act Of 2012” – to the Committee on Government Reorganization; and
10. House Resolution No. 597, on the reported escape of some Chinese nationals who were arrested while illegally working at an unlicensed online gaming business in a hotel and leisure park located at Clark Freeport – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 54, dated December 12, 2016.

REFERRAL OF RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

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

1. House Resolution No. 582, on the persistent and prevalent anomalies and scams concerning the Land Registration Authority (LRA) – to the Committee on Justice;
2. House Resolution No. 583, on the status and distribution of the regular mandatory contributions of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) – to the Committee on Games and Amusements;
3. House Resolution No. 584, on the reported human rights violations and intensified militarization in several towns in Masbate, in the guise of “Oplan Tokhang,” in violation of the Unilateral Ceasefire Declaration of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) – to the Committee on Human Rights;

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 530

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to change the referral of

House Bill No. 530 from the Committee on Social Services to the Committee on Rural Development.

MOTION TO INSERT REP. BORDADO'S SPEECH INTO THE RECORDS

Whereupon, Rep. Bondoc moved to insert Rep. Bordado's corrected speech into the records.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval of Journal No. 54 in view of the aforesaid insertion of speech.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL, AS AMENDED

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 54, dated December 12, 2016, so as to include the corrected speech of Rep. Bordado.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHOR

With the permission of the Body, Rep. Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr. was made coauthor of House Bill No. 4144.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4652, entitled:

"AN ACT DEFINING 'UNPROGRAMMED FUNDS' AND PROHIBITING LEGISLATORS FROM APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 4653, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING OIL, LPG AND OTHER BASIC NECESSITIES, FROM THE IMPOSITION OF THE VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109(1) OF REPUBLIC ACT 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4654, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS FROM IMPOSING AN EXPIRATION PERIOD ON THE VALIDITY OF PREPAID CALL AND TEXT CARDS AND THE FORFEITURE OF LOAD CREDITS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

By Representative Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4655, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING THE AUTOMATIC APPROVAL OF BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATIONS NOT ACTED UPON WITHIN THIRTY DAYS"

By Representative Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4656, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO MAYLEEN TING"

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo and Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4657, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE GOLDEN NATION NETWORK INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Lobregat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4658, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ERMITA ELECTRONICS INCORPORATED (PRESENTLY KNOWN AS G. TELECOMS INC.) AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8196, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE ERMITA ELECTRONICS, INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representative Lobregat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4659, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF AUTHORIZED DRUG TESTING AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 36, ARTICLE III OF REPUBLIC ACT 9165 OR KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002”

By Representative Velarde

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 4661, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, THE PRINCIPAL PATRONESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4662, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 613, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND AGRICULTURE, TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES OF EASTERN VISAYAS REGION, AFTER THE ONSLAUGHT OF TYPHOONS YOLANDA, GLENDA, RUBY AND SENIANG AND REHABILITATION OF THE REGION'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Resolution No. 614, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF ANTI-DRUG OPERATION 'OPLAN TOKHANG' AGAINST FARMERS OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY, BULACAN WHO ARE RESISTING LAND GRABBING INVOLVING THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP)”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 615, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE THREAT OF LAND GRABBING AND DISPLACEMENT OF FARMERS SINCE 2006 TO 2016, AS CONSEQUENCE BY THE PLANNED LAND-USE CONVERSION IN HACIENDA YULO AT SITIO BUNTOG, BARANGAY CANLUBANG, CALAMBA CITY IN LAGUNA”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 616, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SPATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HACIENDA DOLORES LOCATED IN PORAC, PAMPANGA FROM 2011 TO 2014, IN RELATION TO THE AYALA LAND, INC. ALVIERA PROJECT”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 617, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. ILUMINADA PEREZ VARGAS, MOTHER OF REPRESENTATIVE BABY ALINE VARGAS-ALFONSO OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN, AND WIFE OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE FLORENCIO L. VARGAS”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Suarez, Ting and Nolasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 618, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FILMMAKER BRILLANTE MENDOZA FOR WINNING BEST DIRECTOR FOR HIS FILM 'MA' ROSA' AT THE 54TH GIJON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 619, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (UP) PEP SQUAD AND THE UP FILIPINIANA DANCE GROUP FOR EARNING FOR THE PHILIPPINES SIX MEDALS IN THE 2ND ASIAN CHEERLEADING AND DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA ON NOVEMBER 26, 2016”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 620, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR THE MAJOR AWARDS 'FELIX MANALO' - THE BIOGRAPHICAL MOVIE IT PRODUCED – WON AT THE 64TH FAMAS AWARDS CEREMONY AT THE CENTURY PARK HOTEL IN PASAY CITY ON DECEMBER 4, 2016”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 621, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MIGUEL SOTTO AND JAZ REYES FOR WINNING FOR THE

PHILIPPINES SECOND PLACE IN THE SINGAPORE TELECOMMUNICATIONS' THE 5-MIN VIDEO CHALLENGE FOR THEIR ENTRY 'PAGNANAKAW' ”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 622, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE AND THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RATIFY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTION 151 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR RELATIONS (PUBLIC SERVICE) CONVENTION”

By Representative Mendoza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Resolution No. 623, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO TERMINATE THE VISITING FORCES AGREEMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE CASES OF ABUSES COMMITTED BY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MILITARY PERSONNEL AGAINST WOMEN, CHILDREN AND LGBT COMMUNITY ON PHILIPPINE SOIL”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

INSERTION OF REP. SALO’S PRIVILEGE SPEECH INTO THE RECORD OF THE HOUSE

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved to insert Rep. Salo’s privilege speech into the Record of the House with the caveat that any and all unparliamentary remarks therein will be removed.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o’clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

It was 7:00 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on December 14, 2016.

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

Date: December 13, 2016

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

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	**** TURABIN-HATAMAN
LOPEZ (M.L.)	*** RAMIREZ-SATO	TY
** LOYOLA	RAMOS	UMALI
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	RELAMPAGOS	UNABIA
* MACEDA	REVILLA	UNGAB
MADRONA	ROA-PUNO	UNICO
MALAPITAN	* ROBES	* UY (J.)
MANALO	ROCAMORA	UY (R.)
MANGAOANG	RODRIGUEZ (I.)	UYBARRETA
* MANGUDADATU (S.)	RODRIGUEZ (M.)	* VARGAS
MANGUDADATU (Z.)	ROMAN	**** VARGAS-ALFONSO
MARCOLETA	ROMERO	VELARDE
* MARCOS	ROMUALDEZ	* VELASCO
MARIÑO	ROMUALDO	VELASCO-CATERA
MARQUEZ	ROQUE (H.)	* VELOSO
MARTINEZ	ROQUE (R.)	VERGARA
MATUGAS	SACDALAN	VILLAFUERTE
MELLANA	SAGARBARRIA	VILLANUEVA
MENDING	SAHALI	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
MENDOZA	SALCEDA	VILLARICA
MERCADO	*** SALIMBANGON	VILLARIN
MIRASOL	SALO	VIOLAGO
MONTORO	SALON	YAP (A.)
NAVA	SAMBAR	YAP (M.)
NIETO	SANDOVAL	**** YAP (V.)
NOEL	SANTOS-RECTO	YU
NOGRALES (J.J.)	** SARMIENTO (C.)	**** ZAMORA (M.C.)
NOGRALES (K.A.)	* SARMIENTO (E.M.)	*** ZAMORA (R.)
NOLASCO	SAVELLANO	ZARATE
NUÑEZ-MALANYAON	* SEMA	ZUBIRI
***** OAMINAL	SIAO	
** OCAMPO	***** SILVERIO	

* 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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