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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:00 p.m., Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez 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 Ann K. Hofer delivered the invocation.

**DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL**

On motion of Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll.

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On further motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 56, dated December 14, 2016.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 4:03 p.m., upon motion of Majority Leader Fariñas.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:39 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Thereafter, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abad  
Abaya  
Abayon  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acharon

Acop  
Acosta  
Acosta-Alba  
Advincula  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Alejano  
Almario  
Almonte  
Alonte-Naguiat  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amante  
Amatong  
Angara-Castillo  
Antonio  
Aragones  
Arcillas  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Aumentado  
Bag-ao  
Bagatsing  
Banal  
Barzaga  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Bertiz  
Billones  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bulut-Begtang  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Campos  
Cari  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco  
Cayetano  
Cerafica

Chavez  
Chipeco  
Co  
Collantes  
Cortuna  
Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cua  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Daza  
De Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (M.K.)  
Durano  
Dy  
Elago  
Enverga  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Estrella  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Fernando  
Ferrer (L.)  
Ferriol-Pascual  
Floirendo  
Flores  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Garcia-Albano  
Garin (S.)  
Gasataya  
Geron  
Go (M.)  
Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Gullas  
Hernandez  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Jalosjos  
Kho  
Labadlabad  
Lacson  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Laogan  
Lazatin  
Lee  
Limkaichong  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Loyola  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Madrona  
Malapitan  
Manalo  
Mangaoang  
Marcoleta  
Marcos  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Matugas  
Mending  
Mercado  
Mirasol  
Montoro  
Nieto  
Noel  
Nograles (J.J.)  
Nograles (K.A.)  
Nolasco  
Ocampo  
Olivarez  
Ong (E.)  
Ong (H.)  
Ortega (P.)  
Ortega (V.N.)  
Pacquiao  
Paduano  
Palma  
Pancho  
Panganiban  
Panotes  
Papandayan  
Pichay  
Pineda  
Plaza  
Primicias-Agabas  
Quimbo  
Radaza  
Ramirez-Sato  
Ramos  
Relampagos  
Revilla  
Roa-Puno  
Rocamora  
Rodriguez (I.)  
Rodriguez (M.)  
Romualdez

Romualdo  
 Roque (R.)  
 Sacdalan  
 Salimbangon  
 Salo  
 Salon  
 Sambar  
 Sandoval  
 Santos-Recto  
 Sarmiento (C.)  
 Sarmiento (E.M.)  
 Savellano  
 Sema  
 Siao  
 Silverio  
 Singson  
 Suansing (E.)  
 Suansing (H.)  
 Suarez  
 Sy-Alvarado  
 Tambunting  
 Tan (A.)  
 Tejada  
 Teves  
 Tiangco  
 Ting  
 Tolentino  
 Treñas  
 Tugna  
 Tupas  
 Turabin-Hataman  
 Unabia  
 Ungab  
 Unico  
 Uy (R.)  
 Uybarreta  
 Vargas-Alfonso  
 Velarde  
 Velasco  
 Veloso  
 Vergara  
 Villanueva  
 Villaraza-Suarez  
 Villarica  
 Villarin  
 Violago  
 Yap (A.)  
 Yu  
 Zamora (R.)  
 Zarate  
 Zubiri

With 220 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

### **REQUEST OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS**

At this juncture, Rep. Fariñas requested the Members to listen to the message of Speaker Alvarez (P.) for the New Year.

### **MESSAGE OF THE SPEAKER**

Speaker Alvarez greeted the Members a Happy New Year and welcomed them back to the first day of session for 2017. He then enumerated some of the accomplishments of the 17th Congress in the previous year such as passing the national budget in record time, enacting a law suspending barangay elections, and conducting investigations on the illegal drug trade. He also encouraged the Body to continue what it was doing as he stressed that it still had to tackle important and controversial measures to impose the death penalty, lower the age of criminal responsibility, reform the National Internal Revenue Code, and draft a new Constitution.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, the Chair suspended the session at 4:54 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:02 p.m., with Deputy Speaker Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema presiding.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr. acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Abigail Faye C. Ferriol-Pascual.

### **APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS/HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills/House Joint Resolution, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on the dates mentioned herein, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the amended Provisional Rules of the House:

#### Distributed on January 9, 2017:

1. House Bill No. 4631, entitled: "AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS GMA NETWORK, INC.,

AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RE-PUBLIC ACT NO. 7252, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES'';

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:

Abad	Belmonte (R.)
Abaya	Bertiz
Abayon	Billones
Abu	Biron
Abueg	Bolilia
Acharon	Bondoc
Acop	Bordado
Acosta	Bravo (A.)
Acosta-Alba	Brosas
Advincula	Bulut-Begtang
Agarao	Calderon
Aggabao	Calixto-Rubiano
Aglipay-Villar	Caminero
Alejano	Campos
Almario	Canama
Almonte	Cari
Alonte-Naguiat	Casilao
Alvarez (F.)	Castelo
Alvarez (P.)	Castro (F.L.)
Amante	Castro (F.H.)
Amatong	Catamco
Angara-Castillo	Cayetano
Antonio	Cerafica
Aragones	Chavez
Arcillas	Chipeco
Arenas	Co
Atienza	Collantes
Aumentado	Cortuna
Bag-ao	Cosalan
Bagatsing	Crisologo
Baguilat	Cua
Banal	Cuaresma
Barzaga	Cueva
Bataoil	Dalipe
Batocabe	Daza
Belaro	De Jesus
Belmonte (F.)	De Venecia
Belmonte (J.C.)	De Vera
	Defensor
	Del Mar
	Del Rosario
	Deloso-Montalla
	Dimaporo (M.K)
	Durano
	Dy
	Elago
	Enverga
	Erice
	Eriguel
	Ermita-Buhain
	Escudero
	Estrella
	Evardone
	Fariñas
	Fernando
	Ferrer (L.)

Ferriol-Pascual  
Floirendo  
Flores  
Fortun  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Garcia-Albano  
Garin (S.)  
Gasataya  
Geron  
Go (M.)  
Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Gullas  
Hernandez  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Jalosjos  
Kho  
Labadlabad  
Lacson  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Laogan  
Lazatin  
Lee  
Limkaichong  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Loyola  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Madrona  
Malapitan  
Manalo  
Mangaoang  
Marcoleta  
Marcos  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Matugas  
Mending  
Mercado  
Mirasol  
Montoro  
Nieto  
Noel  
Nogralas (J.J.)  
Nogralas (K.A.)  
Nolasco  
Oaminal  
Ocampo  
Olivarez  
Ong (E.)  
Ong (H.)  
Ortega (P.)  
Ortega (V.N.)  
Pacquiao  
Paduano  
Palma  
Pancho  
Panganiban  
Panotes  
Papandayan  
Pichay  
Pineda  
Plaza  
Primicias-Agabas  
Quimbo  
Radaza  
Ramirez-Sato  
Ramos  
Relampagos  
Revilla  
Roa-Puno  
Rocamora  
Rodriguez (I.)  
Rodriguez (M.)  
Romualdez  
Romualdo  
Roque (R.)  
Sacdalan  
Salimbangon  
Salo  
Salon  
Sambar  
Sandoval  
Santos-Recto  
Sarmiento (C.)  
Sarmiento (E.M.)  
Savellano  
Sema  
Siao  
Silverio  
Singson  
Suansing (E.)  
Suansing (H.)  
Suarez  
Sy-Alvarado  
Tambunting  
Tan (A.)  
Tejada  
Teves  
Tiangco  
Ting  
Tinio  
Tolentino  
Treñas  
Tugna

Tupas  
 Turabin-Hataman  
 Umali  
 Unabia  
 Ungab  
 Unico  
 Uy (R.)  
 Uybarreta  
 Vargas-Alfonso  
 Velarde  
 Velasco  
 Veloso  
 Vergara  
 Villanueva  
 Villaraza-Suarez  
 Villarica  
 Villarín  
 Violago  
 Yap (A.)  
 Yu  
 Zamora (R.)  
 Zarate  
 Zubiri

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

None

With 229 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, the Body approved House Bill No. 4631 on Third Reading.

2. House Bill No. 4637, entitled: "AN ACT EXTENDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (FORMERLY SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7294, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SMART) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS/COMPUTER/ELECTRONIC SERVICES, AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES'";

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:

Abad  
 Abaya  
 Abayon  
 Abellanosa  
 Abu  
 Abueg  
 Acharon  
 Acop  
 Acosta  
 Acosta-Alba  
 Advincola  
 Agarao  
 Aggabao  
 Aglipay-Villar  
 Alejano  
 Almario  
 Almonte  
 Alonte-Naguiat  
 Alvarez (F.)  
 Alvarez (P.)  
 Amante  
 Amatong  
 Angara-Castillo  
 Antonio  
 Aragones  
 Arcillas  
 Arenas  
 Atienza  
 Aumentado  
 Bag-ao  
 Bagatsing  
 Baguilat  
 Banal  
 Barzaga  
 Bataoil  
 Batocabe  
 Belaro  
 Belmonte (F.)  
 Belmonte (J.C.)  
 Belmonte (R.)  
 Bertiz  
 Billones  
 Biron  
 Bolilia  
 Bondoc  
 Bordado  
 Bravo (A.)

Bulut-Begtang	Gonzales (A.P.)
Calderon	Gonzales (A.D.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Gonzalez
Caminero	Gullas
Campos	Hernandez
Canama	Herrera-Dy
Cari	Hofer
Castelo	Jalosjos
Castro (F.H.)	Kho
Catamco	Labadlabad
Cayetano	Lacson
Ceramica	Lagman
Chavez	Lanete
Chipeco	Laogan
Co	Lazatin
Collantes	Leachon
Cortuna	Lee
Cosalan	Limkaichong
Crisologo	Lobregat
Cua	Lopez (B.)
Cuaresma	Loyola
Cueva	Macapagal-Arroyo
Dalipe	Madrona
Daza	Malapitan
De Venecia	Manalo
De Vera	Mangaoang
Defensor	Marcoleta
Del Mar	Marcos
Del Rosario	Marquez
Deloso-Montalla	Martinez
Dimaporo (M.K)	Matugas
Durano	Mending
Dy	Mercado
Enverga	Mirasol
Erice	Montoro
Eriguel	Nieto
Ermita-Buhain	Noel
Escudero	Nograles (J.J.)
Estrella	Nograles (K.A.)
Evardone	Nolasco
Fariñas	Oaminal
Fernando	Ocampo
Ferrer (L.)	Olivarez
Ferriol-Pascual	Ong (E.)
Floirendo	Ong (H.)
Flores	Ortega (P.)
Fortun	Ortega (V.N.)
Fortuno	Pacquiao
Fuentebella	Paduano
Garbin	Palma
Garcia (J.E.)	Pancho
Garcia-Albano	Panganiban
Garin (S.)	Panotes
Gasataya	Papandayan
Geron	Pichay
Go (M.)	Plaza



Primicias-Agabas  
 Quimbo  
 Radaza  
 Ramirez-Sato  
 Ramos  
 Relampagos  
 Revilla  
 Roa-Puno  
 Rocamora  
 Rodriguez (I.)  
 Rodriguez (M.)  
 Romualdez  
 Romualdo  
 Roque (R.)  
 Sacdalan  
 Salimbangon  
 Salo  
 Salon  
 Sambar  
 Sandoval  
 Santos-Recto  
 Sarmiento (C.)  
 Sarmiento (E.M.)  
 Savellano  
 Sema  
 Siao  
 Silverio  
 Singson  
 Suansing (E.)  
 Suansing (H.)  
 Suarez  
 Sy-Alvarado  
 Tambunting  
 Tan (A.)  
 Tejada  
 Tiangco  
 Ting  
 Tolentino  
 Treñas  
 Tugna  
 Tupas  
 Turabin-Hataman  
 Umali  
 Unabia  
 Ungab  
 Unico  
 Uy (R.)  
 Uybarreta  
 Vargas-Alfonso  
 Velarde  
 Velasco  
 Veloso  
 Vergara  
 Villanueva  
 Villaraza-Suarez  
 Villarica

Villarin  
 Violago  
 Yap (A.)  
 Yu  
 Zamora (R.)  
 Zubiri

*Negative:*

Brosas  
 Casilao  
 Castro (F.L.)  
 De Jesus  
 Elago  
 Lopez (M.L.)  
 Pineda  
 Teves  
 Tinio  
 Zarate

*Abstention:*

None

With 221 affirmative votes, 10 negative votes, and no abstention, the Body approved House Bill No. 4637 on Third Reading.

#### **EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE**

The following Members explained their votes:

1. Rep. Antonio L. Tinio voted “No” to House Bill No. 4637 due to the widespread dissatisfaction on the quality of service of the two major telecommunication companies (telcos) in terms of calls, texts, and internet services, and to the equality clause therein enabling Smart to enjoy competitive incentives that the government may grant to new industry players.
2. Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr. stated that he voted “No” because the flaws of the telcos should be first remedied and corrected, such as lost load, dropped calls, unlimited promos with data caps, and oversubscription. This will redound, he emphasized, to the interest of the public especially the poor sector.
3. Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez voted against House Bill No. 4637 as he felt that the public was being shortchanged by the giant telcos

through oversubscription. He added that the Bill's provisions on equality and tax waiver would further strengthen the duopoly and create a cartel in the industry.

4. Voting in the negative, Rep. Enrico A. Pineda stated that he was against the renewal of the franchises of both Globe Communications, Inc. and Smart Communications, Inc. because they have not satisfactorily addressed the problems of the telecommunications industry.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Rep. Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Sitti Djalía A. Turabin-Hataman.

#### APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN MEASURES

(Continuation)

3. House Joint Resolution No. 10, entitled: "JOINT RESOLUTION INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM PENSIONERS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997";

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:

Abad  
Abaya  
Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta  
Acosta-Alba  
Advincula  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Alejano  
Almario  
Almonte

Alonte-Naguiat  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amante  
Amatong  
Angara-Castillo  
Antonio  
Aragones  
Arcillas  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Aumentado  
Bag-ao  
Bagatsing  
Baguilat  
Banal  
Barzaga  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Bertiz  
Billones  
Biron  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Brosas  
Bulut-Begtang  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Campos  
Canama  
Cari  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco  
Cayetano  
Cerafica  
Chavez  
Chipeco  
Co  
Collantes  
Cortuna  
Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cua  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe

Daza  
De Jesus  
De Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (M.K)  
Durano  
Dy  
Elago  
Enverga  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Estrella  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Fernando  
Ferrer (L.)  
Ferriol-Pascual  
Floirendo  
Flores  
Fortun  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Garcia-Albano  
Garin (S.)  
Gasataya  
Geron  
Go (A.C.)  
Go (M.)  
Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Gullas  
Hernandez  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Jalosjos  
Kho  
Labadlabad  
Lacson  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Laogan  
Lazatin  
Leachon  
Lee  
Limkaichong  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Loyola  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Madrona  
Malapitan  
Manalo  
Mangaoang  
Marcoleta  
Marcos  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Matugas  
Mending  
Mendoza  
Mercado  
Mirasol  
Montoro  
Nieto  
Noel  
Nograles (J.J.)  
Nograles (K.A.)  
Nolasco  
Oaminal  
Ocampo  
Olivarez  
Ong (E.)  
Ong (H.)  
Ortega (P.)  
Ortega (V.N.)  
Pacquiao  
Paduano  
Palma  
Pancho  
Panganiban  
Panotes  
Papandayan  
Pichay  
Pineda  
Plaza  
Primicias-Agabas  
Quimbo  
Radaza  
Ramirez-Sato  
Ramos  
Relampagos  
Revilla  
Roa-Puno  
Rocamora  
Rodriguez (I.)  
Rodriguez (M.)  
Romualdez  
Romualdo  
Roque (R.)  
Sacdalan  
Salimbangon  
Salo

Salon  
 Sambar  
 Sandoval  
 Santos-Recto  
 Sarmiento (C.)  
 Sarmiento (E.M.)  
 Savellano  
 Sema  
 Siao  
 Silverio  
 Singson  
 Suansing (E.)  
 Suansing (H.)  
 Suarez  
 Sy-Alvarado  
 Tambunting  
 Tan (A.)  
 Tejada  
 Tiangco  
 Ting  
 Tinio  
 Tolentino  
 Treñas  
 Tugna  
 Tupas  
 Turabin-Hataman  
 Umali  
 Unabia  
 Ungab  
 Unico  
 Uy (J.)  
 Uy (R.)  
 Uybarreta  
 Vargas-Alfonso  
 Velarde  
 Velasco  
 Veloso  
 Vergara  
 Villanueva  
 Villaraza-Suarez  
 Villarica  
 Villarin  
 Violago  
 Yap (A.)  
 Yu  
 Zamora (R.)  
 Zarate  
 Zubiri

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

Teves

With 233 affirmative votes, no negative votes and one abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading House Joint Resolution No. 10.

#### **APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN MEASURES**

(Continuation)

4. House Bill No. 2158, entitled: “AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997’”;

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:

Abad  
 Abaya  
 Abayon  
 Abellanos  
 Abu  
 Abueg  
 Acharon  
 Acop  
 Acosta  
 Acosta-Alba  
 Advincula  
 Agarao  
 Aggabao  
 Aglipay-Villar  
 Alejano  
 Almario  
 Almonte  
 Alonte-Naguiat  
 Alvarez (F.)  
 Alvarez (P.)  
 Amante  
 Amatong  
 Angara-Castillo  
 Antonio  
 Aragon

Arcillas  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Aumentado  
Bag-ao  
Bagatsing  
Baguilat  
Banal  
Barzaga  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Bertiz  
Billones  
Biron  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bulut-Begtang  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Campos  
Canama  
Cari  
Castelo  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco  
Cayetano  
Cerafica  
Chavez  
Chipeco  
Co  
Collantes  
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Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Daza  
De Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (M.K.)  
Durano  
Dy  
Enverga  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Estrella  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Fernando  
Ferrer (L.)  
Ferriol-Pascual  
Floirendo  
Flores  
Fortun  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Garcia-Albano  
Garin (S.)  
Gasataya  
Geron  
Go (A.C.)  
Go (M.)  
Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Gullas  
Hernandez  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Jalosjos  
Kho  
Labadlabad  
Lacson  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Laogan  
Lazatin  
Leachon  
Lee  
Limkaichong  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Loyola  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Madrona  
Malapitan  
Manalo  
Mangaoang  
Marcoleta  
Marcos  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Matugas  
Mending

Mendoza	Suansing (H.)
Mercado	Suarez
Mirasol	Sy-Alvarado
Montoro	Tambunting
Nava	Tan (A.)
Nieto	Tejada
Noel	Tiangco
Nogralles (J.J.)	Ting
Nogralles (K.A.)	Tolentino
Nolasco	Treñas
Oaminal	Tugna
Ocampo	Tupas
Olivarez	Turabin-Hataman
Ong (E.)	Umali
Ong (H.)	Unabia
Ortega (P.)	Ungab
Ortega (V.N.)	Unico
Pacquiao	Uy (J.)
Paduano	Uy (R.)
Palma	Uybarreta
Pancho	Vargas-Alfonso
Panganiban	Velarde
Panotes	Velasco
Papandayan	Veloso
Pichay	Vergara
Pineda	Villanueva
Plaza	Villaraza-Suarez
Primicias-Agabas	Villarica
Quimbo	Villarin
Radaza	Violago
Ramirez-Sato	Yap (A.)
Ramos	Yu
Relampagos	Zamora (R.)
Revilla	Zubiri
Roa-Puno	
Rocamora	
Rodriguez (I.)	<i>Negative:</i>
Rodriguez (M.)	
Romualdez	
Romualdo	Brosas
Roque (R.)	Casilao
Sacdalan	Castro (F.L.)
Salimbangon	De Jesus
Salo	Elago
Salon	Tinio
Sambar	Zarate
Sandoval	
Santos-Recto	
Sarmiento (C.)	<i>Abstention:</i>
Sarmiento (E.M.)	
Savellano	Teves
Sema	
Siao	
Silverio	
Singson	
Suansing (E.)	

With 227 affirmative votes, seven negative votes, and one abstention, the Body approved House Bill No. 2158 on Third Reading.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING  
OF CERTAIN MEASURES**

(Continuation)

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5. House Bill No. 4660, entitled: “AN ACT NAMING THE BY-PASS ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY BENGAG, CITY OF LAOAG, TO BARANGAY BUYON, MUNICIPALITY OF BACARRA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS THE RODOLFO G. FARIÑAS, JR. BY-PASS ROAD”;

**REMARKS OF REP. DIMAPORO (M. K.)**

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo requested, in the spirit of transparency, that the titles of measures being discussed on Second Reading or Third Reading be flashed on the screens.

**REMARKS OF REP. ZUBIRI**

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri seconded the request of Rep. Dimaporo (M. K.).

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING  
OF CERTAIN MEASURES**

(Continuation)

6. House Bill No. 4636, entitled: “AN ACT GRANTING THE ILOILO BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”;
7. House Bill No. 1425, entitled: “AN ACT RENAMING THE ACOP, TUBLAY, KAPANGAN – KIBUNGAN – BAKUN – SINIPSIP, BUGUIAS SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO GOV. BADO DANGWA NATIONAL ROAD”;
8. House Bill No. 2656, entitled: “AN ACT NAMING THE DIVERSION ROAD IN SORSOGON CITY, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AS SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III DIVERSION ROAD”;

9. House Bill No. 2708, entitled: “AN ACT RENAMING THE GUREL-BOKOD-KABAYAN-ABATAN ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO CONG. ANDRES ACOP COSALAN ROAD”;

10. House Bill No. 2785, entitled: “AN ACT RENAMING THE WAWA ROAD AT BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL, MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS GENERAL LICERIO I. GERONIMO HIGHWAY”;

11. House Bill No. 4602, entitled: “AN ACT NAMING THE INTERSECTION OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS AVENUE (GAPAN-SAN FERNANDO-OLONGAPO ROAD) AND THE GUAGUA-FLORIDABLANCA PROVINCIAL ROAD LOCATED AT THE BORDER OF BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO AND BARANGAY JOSE ABAD SANTOS, BOTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUAGUA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE ‘WILLIAM GOLANGCO JUNCTION’.”

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:

Abad  
Abaya  
Abayon  
Abellanos  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta  
Acosta-Alba  
Advincula  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Alejano  
Almario  
Almonte  
Alonte-Naguiat  
Alvarez (F.)

Alvarez (P.)  
Amante  
Amatong  
Angara-Castillo  
Antonio  
Aragones  
Arcillas  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Aumentado  
Bag-ao  
Bagatsing  
Baguilat  
Banal  
Barzaga  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Bertiz  
Billones  
Biron  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Brosas  
Bulut-Begtang  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Campos  
Canama  
Cari  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco  
Cayetano  
Cerafica  
Chavez  
Chipeco  
Co  
Collantes  
Cortuna  
Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cua  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Daza  
De Jesus

De Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (M.K.)  
Durano  
Dy  
Elago  
Enverga  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Estrella  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Fernando  
Ferrer (L.)  
Ferriol-Pascual  
Floirendo  
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Lazatin  
Leachon  
Lee  
Limkaichong  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Loyola



Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar
Madrona	Sandoval
Malapitan	Santos-Recto
Manalo	Sarmiento (C.)
Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Marcoleta	Savellano
Marcos	Sema
Marquez	Siao
Martinez	Silverio
Matugas	Singson
Mending	Suansing (E.)
Mendoza	Suansing (H.)
Mercado	Suarez
Mirasol	Sy-Alvarado
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Palma	Uy (J.)
Pancho	Uy (R.)
Panganiban	Uybarreta
Panotes	Vargas-Alfonso
Papandayan	Velarde
Pichay	Velasco
Pineda	Veloso
Plaza	Vergara
Primicias-Agabas	Villanueva
Quimbo	Villaraza-Suarez
Radaza	Villarica
Ramirez-Sato	Villarin
Ramos	Violago
Relampagos	Yap (A.)
Revilla	Yu
Roa-Puno	Zamora (R.)
Rocamora	Zarate
Rodriguez (I.)	Zubiri
Rodriguez (M.)	
Romualdez	<i>Negative:</i>
Romualdo	
Roque (R.)	None
Sacdalan	
Salimbangon	<i>Abstention:</i>
Salo	
Salon	None

With 235 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. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretariat to immediately transmit to the Senate the recently-approved measures on Third Reading

### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, Message from the President, Message from the Senate, Communications, and Committee Reports which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4680, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Veloso

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE  
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4681, entitled:

“AN ACT SETTING LIMITS ON THE POWER OF THE PRESIDENT TO REAPPOINT BY-PASSED NOMINEES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 4683, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESETTLEMENT, AID AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE INFORMAL SETTLERS AFFECTED BY THE DEMOLITION OF HOUSES/DWELLINGS ALONG DANGER AREAS AS WELL AS THE VICTIMS OF DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES AND THOSE AFFECTED BY GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN URBAN AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4684, entitled:

“AN ACT TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE FILM TOURISM IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS AND INCENTIVES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 4685, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING A ONE (1) MONTH NON-CUMULATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY TO WOMEN WORKERS WHO UNDERGO MAJOR SURGICAL INTERNAL OPERATIONS ON THEIR REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND  
GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 4686, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING MENTAL, HEALTH, PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL MENTAL, HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE MENTAL, HEALTH COUNCIL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4687, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, CLINICS, INFIRMARIES, AND PUERICULTURE CENTERS TO GIVE FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT CHILDREN”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4688, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 22, 24, 31, 32, 34, 35, 79, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 148, AND TITLE VI OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997', AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4689, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CREATION OF A LOCAL POPULATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS”

By Representatives Bag-ao, Aragonés and Aggabao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4690, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPROVING DNA FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Mariño

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4691, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING AND GRANTING AUTONOMY TO SAN ANTONIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNEX AND THEREBY CONVERTING IT TO SILVERIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4692, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE CURRENT FOUR (4) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4693, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ENRIQUE M. OROZCO AND SONS INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3229”

By Representative Madrona

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4694, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4695, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF MOBILE PHONE SUBSCRIBERS THROUGH ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS IN THE QUALITY OF

PHONE SERVICES, REGULATION OF PRICES, TRANSPARENCY IN BILLING AND OTHER SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4696, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997' AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4697, entitled:

“AN ACT INTENSIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY INCREASING THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FROM 40% TO 60% OF ALL NATIONAL TAXES COLLECTED BY THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND AUTHORIZING THE LGUs TO AUTOMATICALLY RETAIN THEIR IRA, AMENDING THE SECTION 284 AND 286 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4698, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MT. ISAROG NATURAL PARK (MINP) IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AS A PROTECTED AREA, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bordado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4699, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE METRO MANILA TRAFFIC CRISIS AS A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES EMERGENCY POWERS FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME, AND ADOPTING SHORT-TERM, MID-TERM, AND LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR AN EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4700, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING COMMUNITY BASED MONITORING SYSTEM IN ALL BARANGAYS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 4701, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FULL TUITION FEE SUBSIDY FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4702, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 8484”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4703, entitled:

“THE MAGNA CARTA FOR FOREST RANGERS”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4704, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS, THEREBY CREATING A CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4705, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4706, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LABOR EMPOWERMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4707, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4708, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE WELFARE OF ELDERLY BY INSTITUTING MECHANISMS AGAINST ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION, ESTABLISHING A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN EVERY REGION, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION THEREOF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4709, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SINGLE RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION BENEFIT SYSTEM FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE ACT OF 1997' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Antonino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4710, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING, AMONG OTHERS, SECTIONS 4, 5 AND 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10752 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ACT' ”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4711, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SIARGAO AND BUCAS GRANDE ISLANDS IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 4712, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL LUNA, SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'SIARGAO TOURISTS' HEALTH SERVICE', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4713, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE BANNING OF ALL FORMS OF TOBACCO ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS IN THE PHILIPPINES, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9211, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003”

By Representative Fortun

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4714, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF TAGUIG-PATEROS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerafica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4715, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING RUJALE ROAD LOCATED IN CALZADA-TIPAS, TAGUIG

CITY FROM A CITY ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Cerafica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4716, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING ELIZCO ROAD LOCATED IN IBAYO-TIPAS, TAGUIG CITY, FROM A CITY ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Cerafica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4717, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING P. ROSALES STREET LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PATEROS, FROM A MUNICIPAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Cerafica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 636, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED SALE OF RIZAL MEMORIAL COLISEUM”

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 642, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COLLECTIVE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRATULATE HIS EXCELLENCY ANTONIO GUTTERES FOR HIS FRESH APPOINTMENT

AS THE NEW UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL WHO ASSUMES OFFICE ON JANUARY 1, 2017”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 643, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR CONDUCTING 'MY COUNTRYMEN, MY BRETHREN' OUTREACH-EVANGELICAL PROGRAM AND AID FOR HUMANITY (LINGAP SA MAMAMAYAN) IN KING WILLIAMS' TOWN IN SOUTH AFRICA RESULTING IN THE DOWNPOUR OF THE EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE AND GOOD WILL AMONG SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVES AND THE EXPRESSION OF THEIR DESIRE TO JOIN THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 644, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFORMING CAMP AGUINALDO AND CAMP CRAME INTO A MIXED-USE URBAN HOUSING AND ECONOMIC ZONE”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 645, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO ASCERTAIN THE STATUS AND QUALITY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10121 OR THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2010”

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 646, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT A PROBE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PERSISTENT DELAYS IN THE ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO FILIPINO APPLICANTS AND THE UTILIZATION OF THE PASSPORT REVOLVING FUND”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 647, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE CONG. ROBERTO 'BOBBY' GUANZON, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CALOOCAN CITY DURING THE 10TH CONGRESS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 18, 2016”

By Representative Malapitan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 648, entitled:

“RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO CALALAY JR.”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 649, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN URGENT INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE DEPRIVATION OF THE FARMERS IN THE COTABATO FOUNDATION COLLEGE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN BARANGAY DOROLUMAN, ARAKAN, NORTH COTABATO OF THEIR AGRICULTURAL LAND, AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS CHARGES OF CORRUP-

TION AND ANOMALIES AND THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION THEREIN”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 650, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING RAFAEL BITANGA, A MIGRANT FROM LAOAG CITY, ILOCOS NORTE, FOR THE RECOGNITION AND AWARD RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES YOUTH PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

By Representative Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 651, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 'WESTMINSTER DECLARATION' AND DIRECTING THE CONCERNED LAND TRANSPORT AGENCIES TO FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENT THE ROAD SAFETY LAWS”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 652, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. KYLIE FAUSTO VERZOSA OF BAGUIO CITY, PHILIPPINES FOR WINNING THE MISS INTERNATIONAL 2016 TITLE”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 653, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER MANILA MAYOR AND

FORMER MEMBER OF THE BATASANG PAMBANSA, GEMILIANO 'MEL' C. LOPEZ, JR.”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 654, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE SALE OF PASKUHAN VILLAGE IN PAMPANGA BY THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA) TO SM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SMDC) REPORTEDLY UNDER THE FORMER'S ASSET PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ASCERTAINING THE REAL OWNERSHIP OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AMIDST CERTAIN ASSERTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, AS WELL AS TO DETERMINE WHETHER CORRECT PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED AND WHETHER THE CONDITION IMPOSED BY ITS FORMER OWNER JESUS LAZATIN HAS LEGAL EFFECT AND TO DETERMINE IF THE SAME WAS COMPLIED WITH OR NOT”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 655, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON 'COLLATERAL VICTIMS' OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S WAR AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS”

By Representative Batocabe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 656, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW SECTIONS 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 OF RULE 29 A OF THE IMPLEMENTING



RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF REPUBLIC ACT 9136 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT (EPIRA) AND OTHER RELATED LAWS”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 657, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ORDER THE RELEASE OF THE SECOND TRANCHE OF PAY INCREASES FOR BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 658, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG), AS WELL AS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, TO GRANT SPECIAL CALAMITY LOAN PACKAGES TO VICTIMS OF TYPHOON NINA IN CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, BICOL AND EASTERN VISAYAS ON DECEMBER 25, 2016”

By Representatives Garbin, Batocabe and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Resolution No. 659, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONVEYING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER MANILA MAYOR, FORMER MANILA CONGRESSMAN, FORMER PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, AND FORMER PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE GEMILIANO CAMPOS LOPEZ, JR”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 660, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO INQUIRE IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 20 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8042 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 10022 MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHARED GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM ON MIGRATION (SGISM)”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 661, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE WARNING MADE BY THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) ON FAKE JOBS BEING OFFERED THROUGH E-MAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA AND OFFER AN ACTION PLAN IN ORDER TO PUT AN END TO THIS NEFARIOUS SCHEME”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 662, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE WARNING MADE BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) ON LEAD-LACED CANDLES BEING SOLD IN THE MARKET”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 663, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE METRO MANILA FILM FESTIVAL BOARD ON THE SUCCESSFUL STAGING OF THE 2016 METRO MANILA FILM FESTIVAL”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 664, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPRESS ITS PROFOUND SENSE OF LOSS FOR THE PASSING OF FORMER MANILA MAYOR MEL LOPEZ”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 665, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MAGGIE WILSON AND PARUL SHAH FOR EMERGING VICTORIOUS AND WINNING THE \$100,000 CASH PRIZE IN THE 5TH SEASON OF 'THE AMAZING RACE ASIA' ”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 666, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE FINDINGS OF THE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP) ON ANNUAL SEVERE BLEACHING (ASB) DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE THAT THREATENS THE WORLD'S CORAL REEFS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND RECOMMEND COUNTERMEASURES IN ORDER TO PUT THE PHENOMENON IN CHECK”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 667, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED CLAIM OF SMMT-TIM 2016, INC. (SMARTMATIC) THAT IT HAS THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE THE "CONSIDERED-SOLD" PROVISION OF ITS TWO (2) LEASE CONTRACTS WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE (OTP), ENTERED INTO WITH THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC) FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MAY 9, 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF 97,366 OPTICAL MARK READER MACHINES (OMRs), IN ADDITION TO THE 83,040 PRECINCT COUNT OPTICAL SYSTEM (PCOS) MACHINES PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED”

By Representative Bravo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 668, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE REVELATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) THAT UP TO TEN (10) FOREIGNERS ARE TRAINING WITH LOCAL TERRORIST GROUPS BEFORE JOINING THE ISLAMIC STATE (IS) EXTREMISTS IN SYRIA”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 669, entitled:

“RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE EXORBITANT BONUSES OF SSS BOARD MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVES”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 670, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY DURING THE SIXTEENTH CONGRESS”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 671, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE GEMILIANO C. LOPEZ, JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE BATASANG PAMBANSA, FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANILA AND FATHER OF REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL LUIS T. LOPEZ OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF MANILA”

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT  
MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

22 December 2016

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Today marks an important milestone for our country as I sign into law the first financial blueprint of my Administration—Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10924, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, 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.”

### I. GENERAL COMMENTS

Four months ago, my Administration submitted to Congress a budget aimed at bringing forth real change for our country and the people.

The swift and timely passage of the FY 2017 National Budget shows the unwavering support of the men and women of Congress to realize our people’s aspirations for a safe and better life. To this, I say thank you to all of you.

This Administration will work tirelessly to ensure that this Budget is faithfully executed, and its intended results significantly felt by its beneficiaries.

However, to ensure that, we have to follow certain policies on fiscal responsibility. Thus, I hereby express the following comments to the changes made in the Budget originally submitted:

### II. DIRECT VETO

In keeping with the powers vested in me by the Constitution, I am compelled to directly veto the new special provisions which allow agencies to directly use their income. Under existing budgeting laws, rules and regulations, all income of agencies shall accrue to the General Fund of the National Government, unless authorized by a separate substantive law.

Consequently, all income constitute an integral and intrinsic part of the revenue and financing sources of the National Government previously submitted to the Congress. Hence, including new special provisions in this Act which authorize agencies to use their income will effectively reduce the financing sources of this year’s GAA and at the same time, unjustifiably increase the appropriations of these agencies.

In view thereof, I hereby veto the use of income referred under Other Executive Offices (OEO)-Energy Regulatory Commission, Special Provision No. 1, “Use of Income”, Volume I-B, page 295, Commission on Elections, Special Provision No. 3, “Use of Income”, Volume I-B, page 497, and Department of Labor and Employment-Professional Regulatory Commission, Special Provision No. 1, “Use of Income”, Volume I-A, page 1319, which will be used by these agencies to augment their operating requirements.

Likewise, there is no separate substantive law for the earmarking of proceeds from tariff on rice importation by the Department of Agriculture (DA) as stated under DA-Office of the Secretary (OSEC), Special Provision No. 13, “Proceeds from Tariff on Rice Importation”, Volume I-A, page 90, and the use of collections from immigration fees by the Bureau of Immigration (BI) under Department of Justice (DOJ)-BI, Special Provision No. 2, “Collection from Immigration Fees”, Volume I-A, page 1252. Allowing these agencies to set aside and earmark said proceeds and collections will, in, effect, result to double programming and increase our expenditure program without the corresponding revenue sources.

I am also constrained to directly veto the use of express lane charges collected by the BI under DOJ-BI, Special Provision No. 3, “Express Lane Charges”, Volume I-A page 1252 for payment of salaries of casual and contractual personnel, confidential agents and job employees, augmentation of salaries of personnel who render services beyond office hours, and payment of health insurance premium. It is important to note that said agency have been provided appropriations for overtime pay for FY 2017 and that, a total of seven hundred (700) positions have been created to address the issue on shortage of personnel of the agency. Without a separate substantive law as legal basis, the collected fees from the express lane charges should now be deposited as income of the General Fund.

### III. CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

As your duly elected President, I must ensure the faithful execution of the provisions of this GAA. Thus,

I subject the implementation of the following provisions to certain conditions in order to ensure consistency with existing laws, policies, and rules and regulations.

#### A. AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS

True to my commitment to provide genuine and meaningful change, I am placing Section 60, General Provisions, "Availability of Appropriations", Volume I-B, pages 646-647 under conditional implementation and hereby direct all agency heads to ensure obligation of all programs, activities and projects funded under this Act not later than December 31, 2017. Failure to do so might have a devastating effect. This promotes not only good fiscal policy but more importantly, guarantees that public services are given to the people the soonest possible time.

#### B. FREE TUITION FEES FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AND TUITION FEE SUBSIDY FOR DOCTOR OF MEDICINE PROGRAM

No less than the Constitution mandates that the Senate shall uphold the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels. For this reason, I welcome the initiative of Congress to provide free tuition fee to all students of State University and Colleges (SUCs) starting the first semester of School Year 2017-2018 under SUCs, Special Provision(s) Applicable to the SUCs, Special Provision No. 1, "Tuition Fees and School Charges", Volume I-A, page 963 and the provision of Eight Billion Pesos (P8,000,000,000) for the Higher Education Support Fund under OEO-Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Special Provision No. 2, "Higher Education Support Fund", Volume I-B, page 272. Likewise laudable is the provision of tuition fee subsidy to medical students enrolled in SUCs offering doctor of medicine program under SUCs, Special Provision(s) Applicable to the SUCs, Special Provision No. 6, "Cash Grants to Medical Students", Volume I-A, page 964.

Yet as with all new programs, there is a need to safeguard the proper implementation of the provision of free tuition fee. It is important to underscore that we must still give priority to financially disadvantaged but academically able students. We must also acknowledge that the Constitution likewise provides that the right to choose a profession or course of study is still "subject to fair and equitable admission and academic requirements".

Accordingly, the CHED and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall issue the necessary guidelines which shall include, among others,

the standards and procedure for entitlement and availment of free tuition by students of SUCs as well as proper mechanism for the SUCs to tap the Higher Education Support Fund.

#### C. RATIONALIZATION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

With the grant of free tuition for all students of undergraduate courses in SUCs and the provision of tuition fee subsidy to medical students of SUCs, there is a need to guarantee the efficient utilization of funds for, and rationalize, the existing scholarship program of the government especially those under OEO-CHED, Special Provision No. 5, "Tulong Dunong Program", Volume I-B, page 272, SUCs, Special Provision(s) Applicable to the SUCs, Special Provision No. 5, "Tulong Dunong Program", Volume I-A, page 964 and SUCs, Special Provision(s) Applicable to the SUCs, Special Provision No. 4, "Expanded Students' Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation", Volume I-A, pages 963-964.

This is consistent with R.A. No. 10687 (*Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education [UniFAST] Act*) which mandates that the existing National Government programs for scholarships, grants-in-aid and student loans shall be unified and harmonized "to ensure that deserving Filipinos are given equitable access to educational opportunities".

In view of the foregoing, I hereby task the CHED and the DBM, in coordination with various stakeholders, to ensure that the existing programs are rationalized with the provision of the aforesaid free tuition fee and tuition fee subsidy, as well as the implementation of the UniFAST.

It is also worthy to mention that consistent with public financial management policies, all unreleased appropriations and unobligated allotments authorized in this Act including those covered by the abovementioned special provisions shall revert to the General Fund at the end of the validity of appropriations, and shall be available for expenditure only upon subsequent legislative enactment.

#### D. SHARED FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Similarly, I hereby place Congress of the Philippines, Special Provisions Applicable to the Congress of the Philippines, Special Provision No. 6, "Availability of Appropriations and Cash Allocations", Volume I-A, page 15 and Commission on Audit (COA),

Special Provision No. 3, “Availability of Appropriations and Cash Allocations”, Volume I-B, page 483 under conditional implementation. This policy of ensuring that at the end of validity of appropriations, all appropriations are reverted to the General Fund is not only based upon prudent fiscal management, but also rooted in no less than the Constitution which provides that “no money shall be paid out of the Treasury except in pursuance of an appropriations made by law.”

I call upon our dear colleagues in Congress and COA to join the Executive to champion shared fiscal responsibility. To reiterate, all unreleased appropriations and unobligated allotments authorized in this Act shall revert back to the General Fund at the end of the validity of appropriations and shall be available for expenditure only upon subsequent legislative enactment.

#### E. RICE SUBSIDY FOR MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL

The provision of rice subsidy under the following special provisions for our military and uniformed personnel is a recognition of their diligent efforts and support to our fight against criminality, illegal drugs and corruption:

1. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Bureau of Fire Protection, Special Provision No. 5, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1198;
2. DILG-Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Special Provision No. 5, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1203;
3. DILG-Philippine National Police, Special Provision No. 8, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1223;
4. Department of National Defense (DND)-Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine Army (Land Forces), Special Provision No. 5, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1340;
5. DND-AFP, Philippine Air Force (Air Forces), Special Provision No. 4, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1345;
6. DND-AFP, Philippine Navy (Naval Forces), Special Provision No. 4, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1349; and
7. DND-AFP, General Headquarters, Special Provision No. 9, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1354.

The DILG and DND are, therefore, directed to ensure that this grant, chargeable against the agency’s

maintenance and other operating expenses, is received by our military and uniformed personnel in a timely and efficient manner.

#### F. CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND EVACUATION CENTERS

I want to commend the initiative of Congress in considering the great distress brought by the wraths of typhoons, earthquakes and other calamities we encountered as a country in establishing health facilities and evacuation centers under Department of Health (DOH)-OSEC, Special Provision No. 6, “Disaster and Climate Change Resilience of Health Facilities”, Volume I-A, page 1132, DILG-OSEC, Special Provision No. 9, “Evacuation Centers”, Volume I-A, page 1189 and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-OSEC, Special Provision No. 17, “Evacuation Centers”, Volume I-A, page 1365.

In support of this directive, the DOH, DILG and DPWH should observe the standards set forth under the National Structure Code of the Philippines pursuant to Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1096 (*The National Building Code of the Philippines*). In addition, the DPWH, in consultation with the Civil Engineering Board and other stakeholders, should ensure that the standards prescribed in the National Structure Code is always up to date by taking into consideration the strength and coverage of possible calamities in the future.

#### G. REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION FUND

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (NDRRMF) established under R.A. No. 10121 (*The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010*) is intended to cover relief and rehabilitation projects in connection with disasters, calamities, epidemics, crises and catastrophes, which occurred in the current year or the two (2) preceding years. The provision of One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000) under NDRRMF, Special Provision No. 3, “Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Fund”, Volume I-B, page 614 for rehabilitation and reconstruction program not covered by the regular NDRRMF fund under Special Provision No. 1 thereof would therefore mean rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in connection with calamities which occurred beyond the two (2) preceding years. Proper planning presupposes that affected agencies already included such projects in their regular budget. For this reason, I hereby place said special provision to the condition

that agencies must first tap available funds from their regular budget before requesting for the use of the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Fund.

#### H. NATIONAL LOSS AND DAMAGE REGISTRY

I find the establishment of the National Loss and Damage Registry under DND-Office of the Civil Defense (OCD), Special Provision No. 1, "Establishment of the National Loss and Damage Registry", Volume I-A, page 1331 consistent with the mandate of the OCD under R.A. No. 10121 to administer "a comprehensive national civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management program by providing leadership in the continuous development of strategic and systematic approaches as well as measures to reduce the vulnerabilities and risks to hazards and manage the consequences of disasters". However, the appropriations provided for the OCD in FY 2017 does not cover budget for the same. For this reason, I direct the OCD to use its available funds to preliminary train and capacitate existing employees with knowledge and skills required to perform the functions of the proposed registry subject to existing budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

#### I. ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Section 36, General Provisions, "Energy Efficiency", Volume I-B, page 641 mandates that ten percent (10%) of the service vehicle fleet of all agencies shall use more energy efficient and environment-friendly alternative fuel vehicles. As I join the promotion of the conservation of energy, agencies would need to be properly equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills on how to implement this provision, I hereby task the Department of Energy to promulgate the necessary rules for the proper implementation of this provision.

#### J. JUDICIOUS USE AND RELEASE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

##### 1. Pension and Gratuity Fund

In due recognition of the patriotic contributions of our war veterans, the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, in coordination with the DND and DBM, shall ensure that the guidelines on the payment of total administrative disability (TAD) benefits under Pension and Gratuity Fund, Special Provision No. 1, "Pension and Gratuity Fund", Volume I-B, page 617 will take into consideration, among others the existing pension package in determining the allocation of TAD benefits among war veterans.

##### 2. Quick Response Fund

To ensure consistency with the intended use and purpose of Quick Response Fund (QRF) under R.A. No. 10121, I hereby place NDRRMF, Special Provision No. 2, "Quick Response Fund", Volume I-B, pages 613-614 under conditional implementation to emphasize that the QRF is a stand-by fund to be used in order that the situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by calamities, epidemics, crises and catastrophes may be normalized as quickly as possible.

##### 3. Assistance to Indigent Patients in Local Government Unit Hospitals

For the immediate release and proper utilization of funds for assistance to indigent patients in local government unit hospitals as espoused under DOH-OSEC, Special Provision No. 15, "Allocation to LGU Hospitals", Volume I-A, page 1133, the DOH is hereby directed to implement this provision in accordance with existing budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

##### 4. Official Trainings

Section 17, General Provisions, "Use of Government Funds", Volume I-B, page 638 provided that government funds may be used for payment of foreign travel expenses of any government official and employee for training, seminar or conference abroad when the foreign mission cannot effectively represent our country or travels necessitated by authorized international commitments, in accordance with Executive Order (E.O.) Nos. 248 and 248-A, s. 1995 as amended by E.O. No. 298, s. 2004 (*Prescribing Rules and Regulations and New Rates of Allowances for Official Local and Foreign Travels of Government Personnel*), and other guidelines issued thereon. To further ensure that government funds are prudently utilized, I hereby direct all agency heads to ensure that government officials or employees who will attend the said foreign trainings, seminars or conferences will utilize the knowledge learned for the benefit of the government and shall not be used as bonuses for those who will soon retire from government service.

##### 5. Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities

The provision for Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities under Allocations to Local Government Units-Local Government Support Fund, Special

Provision No. 2, “Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities” Volume I-B, page 601 seeks to equally assist all municipalities in having access to basic facilities. With this end view in mind, I hereby task the DILG and the DBM, in coordination with duly accredited civil society organizations (CSOs) and people’s organizations, to issue guidelines to ensure proper implementation of the provision.

#### 6. Authority to Hire Consultants

In recognition of the role of the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) as the legal representative of the government and the Constitutional authority of the COA to prevent unnecessary expenses, the implementation of Office of the Ombudsman, Special Provision No. 5, “Authority to Hire Consultants”, Volume I-B, page 505 in the hiring of consultants to assist in the investigation and prosecution of cases shall adhere to the mandates of the OSG and COA and should, therefore, require their written conformity and consent.

### K. PROPER RECORDING OF FUNDS

I wish to emphasize that allowing the Bureau of Quarantine and International Health Surveillance (BQIHS) under DOH-OSEC, Special Provision No. 3, “Fees and Charges of the Bureau of Quarantine and International Health Surveillance”, Volume I-A, page 1132 to deposit the income it generated in an authorized government depository bank as trust fund account will run counter with P.D. No. 1234 (*Instituting A Procedure For The Management Of Special And Fiduciary Funds Earmarked Or Administered by Agencies*) which provides that all income and collections for special and fiduciary funds authorized by law shall be remitted to the National Treasury and treated as Special Account in the General Fund (SAGF). Thus, I hereby place the above special provision under conditional implementation to emphasize that the income generated by BQIHS shall continue to be treated as SAGF consistent with P.D. No. 1234, as well as the policy on Treasury Single Account where collections of agencies shall be maintained with the National Treasury.

## IV. GENERAL OBSERVATION

### A. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

As my administration strives to reform and promote prudent fiscal policies, I want all public servants to be reminded that we are accountable to the public.

Likewise, I bestow the same trust and confidence to the Congress and COA in implementing Congress of the Philippines, Special Provisions Applicable to the Congress of the Philippines, Special Provision No. 2, “Organizational Structure of the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals and the Commission on Appointments”, Volume I-A, page 15 and COA, Special Provision No. 1, “Organizational Structure”, Volume I-B, page 483. The said agencies must be mindful of the mandated salary standardization laws and other rules appurtenant thereto. In addition, the prohibition on payment of additional compensation under Section 8, Article IX-B of the Constitution must be strictly enforced, including the existing rules on the creation of new positions and other modification or adjustments in the Personnel Services in their Organizational and Staffing Structure.

### B. PARTNERSHIP WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

Section 65, General Provisions, “Fund Transfers to Civil Society Organizations”, Volume I-B, pages 647-648 provides that the CSOs should be selected by the government agencies in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. This should be understood to mean that any related procurement of goods, infrastructure projects and consulting services in the engagement of CSOs as implementing partners must comply with the provisions of R.A. No. 9184 (*Government Procurement Reform Act*), its Implementing Rules and Regulations and Government Procurement Policy Board guidelines.

### C. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In the implementation of DOJ-OSG, Special Provision No. 1, “Income from Collections of the Office of the Solicitor General”, Volume I-A, page 1264 and DOJ-OSG, Special Provision No. 2, “Operational Requirements of the Special Committee on Naturalization”, Volume I-A, page 1264, the OSG must observe the submission of quarterly reports on financial and physical accomplishments under Section 97, General Provisions of this Act. May I likewise expressly note that Section 12 of R.A. No. 9417 (*An Act To Strengthen the Office of the Solicitor General by Expanding and Streamlining Its Bureaucracy*) mandated the integration of the special allowance given to the Solicitor General, Assistant Solicitor General, Senior State Solicitor, State Solicitors I and II, and Associate Solicitors I to III with their salaries, upon the full implementation of R.A. No. 6758 (*Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989*), as amended by



Congress Joint Resolution No. 4, s. 2009 (*Joint Resolution Authorizing the President of the Philippines to Modify the Compensation and Position Classification System of Civilian Personnel and the Base Pay Schedule of Military and Uniformed Personnel in the Government*).

## V. INCREASES OF APPROPRIATIONS AND NEW BUDGETARY ITEMS

I likewise noticed that there are increases in appropriations and new budgetary items introduced by Congress. For the prudent observance of responsible fiscal management, these shall be subject to the National Government's cash programming and prudent observance of responsible fiscal management, and to applicable rules and procedures during budget implementation in accordance with the requirements of Section 35, Chapter V, Book VI of E.O. No. 292, s. 1987 (*Administrative Code of 1987*).

Moreover, all increases in appropriations and new budgetary items should carry with them corresponding increases in the respective outputs and improved outcomes of the agencies concerned.

## VI. SEPARATION OF POWERS

To bolster our drive against corruption, we must ensure the continuous separation of powers. It has long been established that it is the Executive branch which is responsible in the enforcement and implementation of laws. Accordingly, I hereby direct all agency heads to exercise political will and avoid any trace of influence from other branches of government in the implementation of programs, activities and projects.

## VII. CLOSING STATEMENTS

This Budget will start to give flesh and bone to my promise of real change. Anchored on my Administration's 10-Point Socio-economic Agenda, it is designed to bring equitable opportunities for inclusive growth.

To lay the foundation for sustainable progress, we are vigorously fighting criminality. Peace and Order will set the foundation for the economic growth of our country.

We have enhanced government policies and processes to improve the business climate to attract more investments and create livelihood opportunities. This

is coupled by heavy investments in infrastructure. We need to make sure that government programs and projects, especially infrastructure projects, are implemented without delay. We have, therefore, simplified procurement processes and made construction work for major public infrastructure projects in urban centers at 24/7.

The era of budget credibility has also started. Unlike in the past where the budget was vulnerable and open to abuse, this 2017 Budget ensures that spending will be kept within the boundaries of the law. What you see in the GAA, is what the government will spend.

As we are poised to implement the 2017 National Budget on the first working day of 2017, I call on my fellow public servants to extend their more than 100 percent commitment in making this Budget a tool for genuine change.

Together, let us bring back peace and prosperity to this nation.

Thank you!

Very truly yours,

**(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 14, 2016, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of 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”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated November 29, 2016 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-092 dated 14 November 2016;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-093 dated 17 November 2016;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-094 dated 22 November 2016;
4. Memorandum No. M-2016-016 dated 18 November 2016;
5. Memorandum No. M-2016-017 dated 16 November 2016;
6. Memorandum No. M-2016-018 dated 25 November 2016; and
7. Circular No. 930 dated 18 November 2016.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated December 1, 2016 of Tomas M. Rodriguez, Assistant Regional Director, and Allan S. Borromeo, OIC-Regional Director, Region XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, submitting to the House of Representatives the Monthly Progress Status Reports for the month of November 2016 of projects implemented by their office.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated December 8, 2016 of Ruth R. Kintanar, OIC-Audit Team Leader, Commission on Audit, Office of the Auditor, furnishing a copy of the 2015 Annual Audit Report of the Cebu Port Authority, Cebu City.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated December 13, 2016 of Adoracion E. Ignacio, State Auditor IV, Commission on Audit, Office of the Audit Team Leader, furnishing a copy of the CY 2015 Annual Audit Report on the J.H. Cerilles State College-System, Mati, San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated December 13, 2016 and January 3, 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-096 dated 1 December 2016;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-097 dated 2 December 2016;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-098 dated 2 December 2016;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-099 dated 8 December 2016;
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-100 dated 8 December 2016;
6. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-101 dated 8 December 2016;
7. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-102 dated 8 December 2016;
8. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-103 dated 14 December 2016;
9. Memorandum No. M-2016-021 dated 15 December 2016; and
10. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-104 dated 15 December 2016.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated December 13 and 16, 2016 and January 3, 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 931 dated 9 December 2016;
2. Circular No. 932 dated 16 December 2016;
3. Memorandum No. M-2016-023 dated 21 December 2016;
4. Circular No. 933 dated 16 December 2016;
5. Circular No. 934 dated 23 December 2016;
6. Circular No. 935 dated 28 December 2016;

7. Circular No. 936 dated 28 December 2016;
8. Circular No. 937 dated 27 December 2016;
9. Memorandum No. M-2016-019 dated 29 November 2016;
10. Memorandum No. M-2016-020 dated 8 December 2016;
11. Memorandum No. M-2016-022 dated 20 December 2016; and
12. Memorandum No. M-2016-024 dated 28 December 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated December 15, 2016 of Amando M. Tetangco Jr., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with the following reports:

1. BSP Report on outstanding Philippine external debt as of 30 September 2016, duly noted by the Monetary Board on 15 December 2016; and
2. BSP Report on Economic and Financial Developments in the Philippines, Third Quarter 2016, pursuant to Section 39(a), Chapter I, Article V of the New Central Bank Act (RA No. 7653).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 46), re H.B. No. 4682, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CUMAWAS IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1321

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 47), re H.B. No. 4727, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES', AND AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED PENAL CODE', AND OTHER SPECIAL PENAL LAWS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1, 16, 513, 3237, 3239, 3240 and 3418

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Veloso, Castro (F.H.), Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Andaya, Duavit, Cojuangco (C.), Kho, Abu, Salimbanon, Suarez, Batocabe, Garcia (G.), Biazon, Barbers, Pacquiao, Oaminal and Leachon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

The day being a Monday, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao for his privilege speech.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO**

Speaking in commemoration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the so-called Mendiola Massacre, Rep. Casilao asked the Members to heed the call for genuine agrarian reform by the farmers sector which comprised 75% of the population. He acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of farmers and leaders of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) and spoke on behalf of the Anakpawis Party-List, as he stressed that genuine agrarian reform thru free land distribution is the fundamental solution to poverty and food security. Continuing to speak in Filipino, he also recalled President Rodrigo Roa Duterte’s pronouncements in support of agriculture.

Thereupon, Rep. Casilao urged the Body to enact House Bill No. 555 or the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill (GARF). He cited the efforts of Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Secretary Rafael Mariano and former Reps. Crispin “Ka Bel” Beltran and Fernando “Ka Pando” Hicap in this regard. He thanked his colleagues who coauthored the Bill and joined roundtable discussions thereon, and asked them to further listen to farmers who will lobby in Congress and conduct nationwide mass action in support of said measure.

As he explained that armed struggle was historically rooted in the clamor for social justice including agrarian reform, he also requested support for the holding of the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) - National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) peace talks where socio-economic reforms will be discussed; implementation of the 1998 Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and the International Humanitarian Law (CAHRIHL), Joint Agreement on Security and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG), and Joint Oslo Statement on the release of political prisoners in the country; and the passage of House Resolution No. 198 for the general amnesty of all political prisoners.

Rep. Casilao then asked the Body to heed the people's call for fundamental reforms, to deviate from the anti-people and anti-peasant programs and policies of the past administrations; and to work for genuine agrarian reform as well as peace, rural development, and national development. He also enumerated the names of the 13 victims of the Mendiola Massacre while showing a short video that was taken right before the Mendiola Massacre took place on January 22, 1987.

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

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

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE**

Rep. Zarate stressed that the discussion of the Comprehensive Agreement on Social and Economic Reforms (CASER) in the third round of the GRP-NDFP peace talks was very vital and critical because peace could be attained if poverty was addressed and said agreement offered an alternative to neoliberal policies.

Speaking in Filipino, he explained the neoliberalist set-up under the previous administrations which brought about the privatization of public services, anti-labor practices including contractualization, land conversion, exploitation of natural resources and exportation of raw materials – all of which have delayed economic development and exacerbated poverty. He also described how neoliberalism led to financial

meltdowns and escalating drug trades in other countries. He further rued the fact that President Duterte will continue the same policies, thus continuing to rob the government of rightful income and the public of efficient basic services and realistic wages.

Rep. Zarate then stated that such negative effects could be addressed by the proposed CASER that included reforms such as agrarian reform, national industrialization, limitations to large-scale foreign and local mining, protection of the rights of citizens in general and workers in particular, promotion of culture, protection of the minority, and the release of political prisoners and militarization, among others. As he then urged the government to use the recently-granted Official Development Assistance (ODA) fund from Japan and China to promote economic development, he enjoined his colleagues to support the aforementioned peace talks.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REP. ZUBIRI**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Zubiri pointed out that all public officials and employees should address the problem of poverty hand-in-hand. He stressed that they should focus on the poorest areas in the country and create a task force for each province in order to accurately address their individual concerns.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. ZARATE'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Zarate to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Teves for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TEVES**

Rep. Teves took the floor to manifest his objection to the implementation of the excise tax on fuel products that would burden the poor rather than improving tax collection. Taking the cudgels for the ordinary public, he asked Congress to invite officials from revenue-generating agencies to discuss how they could improve tax collection as he stressed that the efforts in this regard should be the same as in addressing the drug problem.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe for his interpellation.

### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. BATOCABE**

Reps. Batocabe and Teves delved on how revenue-collecting agencies could improve tax collection efforts. They also discussed the need for the President to identify the names of corrupt government officials who have failed to collect the right amount of taxes as well as of tax evaders. This will result in efficient tax collection and relieve the people from further paying new and additional taxes, they agreed.

### **REFERRAL OF REP. TEVES' PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Teves' privilege speech and the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

On further motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil to deliver his privilege speech.

### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BATAOIL**

Rep. Bataoil invited attention on the great potential of the native and indigenous plant called ylang-ylang that produces essential oil for perfumes and medicines. He disclosed that he and his friend Mr. Fred Reyes, one of the country's top perfume distributors, launched the program of planting ylang-ylang in Bugallon, Pangasinan for local and export use because of the big demand for its oil, and which in turn will address the livelihood needs of his constituents.

At this point, he showed a video presentation on the use of right technology in the propagation of the plant, and stressed that the project was in line with the government's National Greening Program of reducing poverty; promoting food security, environmental stability, and biodiversity conservation; and addressing climate change. As he stressed that more than 300 hectares of public land in Pangasinan have been planted to ylang-ylang trees, he said that the project should not be limited only to his province as he wanted it to become an institution and a fully-supported program.

Rep. Bataoil thereupon thanked Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Gina Lopez for supporting this endeavor, urged all government agencies and the private sector to do the same, and enjoined everyone to allow the rebirth of the ylang-ylang industry that once made the country famous in the production of the finest and best essential oil.

### **REMARKS OF REP. DEFENSOR**

At this point, Rep. Defensor thanked Rep. Bataoil for gifting him with ylang-ylang seedlings.

### **REFERRAL OF REP. BATAOIL'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Bataoil's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

It was 7:37 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on January 17, 2017

Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Philippines

**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**

**Date: to January 16, 2017**

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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