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CALL TO ORDER

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

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

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Antonino
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bondoc

Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Cayetano
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Elago
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Floirendo
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno

Fuentebella
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lazatin
Leachon
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Macapagal-Arroyo
Madrona
Manalo
Marcoleta
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mending
Mendoza
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Noel
Nogales (J.J.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Ocampo
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Papandayan
Pimentel
Pineda
Plaza
Primicias-Agabas
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Roman
Romero
Romualdo
Sacdalan
Sahali
Salimbangon
Salo
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Tolentino
Treñas
Umali
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas-Alfonso
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva

Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zubiri

With 211 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 56, dated January 30, 2018.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7034, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SERVING FOOD TO THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE ONE-HALF CUP OF RICE SERVING AS A MENU OPTION, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SUCH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 7035, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GIVING OF GRADUATED CASH GRANTS TO SENIOR CITIZENS”

By Representative Villarica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 7036, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING CONSTANCIO PADILLA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN JOSE CITY, NUEVA ECIJA TO SAN JOSE CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

By Representative Violago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7038, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE AUTHORIZATION OF ALTERATIONS AND/OR ERASURES IN CHECKS THROUGH COUNTER-SIGNATURE OR COUNTER-INITIAL, THEREBY OVERTURNING THE PERTINENT ITEM GUIDELINES OF MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 15-460 OF THE PHILIPPINE CLEARING HOUSE CORPORATION (PCHC) WHICH DECLARED CHECKS AND POST-DATED CHECKS WITH ERASURES AND ALTERATIONS AS INELIGIBLE AND UNACCEPTABLE FOR CLEARING”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7039, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF CLASSES FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN ALL LEVELS IN CASE OF NATION-WIDE STRIKE OF PUBLIC UTILITY JEEPNEYS AND/OR PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES”

By Representative Olivarez

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

House Bill No. 7040, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVITY OF REGISTRATION OF BRAND NEW

PRIVATE VEHICLES FROM THREE YEARS TO FIVE YEARS”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7041, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7042, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO REGIONAL TRIAL COURT JUDGES DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7043, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING SABLAYAN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7045, entitled:

“AN ACT GOVERNING THE ROUNDING OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CASH TRANSACTIONS”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7046, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE TERM 'UNIFORMED PERSONNEL' ”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7047, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PANGLAO – BOHOL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE PANGLAO – BOHOL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7048, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING ACT NO. 4120 KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PROMOTION OF RESEARCH WORK ALONG SCIENTIFIC LINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1617, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO LOOK INTO THE FULFILLMENT BY THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND OFFICERS OF THEIR LEGALLY MANDATED ROLES AND DUTIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR LAWS ON OFWs, TO PROTECT OUR OFWs, PARTICULARLY ON THEIR DEPLOYMENT TO NON- OR PARTIALLY COMPLYING COUNTRIES TO THEIR DETRIMENT AND TO URGE THE SAME TO COME

UP WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE WILL BE AFFECTED WORKERS, ON THE ERADICATION OF FEARS OF RESORT TO ILLEGAL RECRUITERS BY THE OFWs WHEN A BAN ON DEPLOYMENT IS NECESSARILY BEING CONSIDERED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, IN AID OF LEGISLATION”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1618, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI), SEC. RAMON M. LOPEZ, TO DEVISE A DETAILED MECHANISM TO EFFECTUATE A SYSTEMATIZED COORDINATION AMONG ALL THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH LUZON, AS WELL AS, AN EFFECTIVE INFORMATION DISSEMINATION WITH RESPECT TO DTI'S ENVISIONED 'ROLL-IT-PROGRAM' AND SUCH OTHER PROGRAMS/PROJECTS THAT WILL BOOST THE GROWTH OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN INVESTMENTS”

By Representatives Savellano, Ortega (P.), De Venecia, Vargas-Alfonso, Celeste, Nolasco, Cua, Go (M.), Cosalan, Ting, Mangaoang, Eriguel, Go (A.C.), Ortega (V.N.), Aggabao, Bulut-Begtang, Bataoil, Bernos, Cuaresma, Arenas, Baguilat, Primicias-Agabas, Chavez and Singson

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTH LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE

House Resolution No. 1619, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EARNESTLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) LEADERSHIP TO PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION REGARDING ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (PRDPs) TO THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH LUZON TO ENSURE COHESIVE TEAM EFFORT OF ALL THOSE CONCERN IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION”

By Representatives Savellano, Ortega (P.), De Venecia, Vargas-Alfonso, Celeste, Nolasco, Cua, Go (M.), Cosalan, Ting, Mangaoang, Eriguel, Go (A.C.), Ortega (V.N.), Aggabao, Bulut-Begtang, Bataoil, Bernos, Cuaresma, Arenas, Baguilat, Primicias-Agabas, Chavez and Singson

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTH LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE

House Resolution No. 1620, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF) TO CONTINUE THEIR USUAL RE-CLASSIFICATION OF PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES EXCEPT QUEZON CITY AND MANILA WHICH SHALL REMAIN AS SPECIAL CLASS CITIES”

By Representatives Savellano, Ortega (P.), De Venecia, Vargas-Alfonso, Celeste, Nolasco, Go (M.), Cosalan, Ting, Mangaoang, Eriguel, Go (A.C.), Ortega (V.N.), Aggabao, Bulut-Begtang, Bataoil, Bernos, Cuaresma, Arenas, Baguilat, Primicias-Agabas, Chavez and Singson

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTH LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE

House Resolution No. 1621, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT) TO INCLUDE THE PROVINCES OF PANGASINAN AND NUEVA VIZCAYA IN THE LUZON CLUSTER 1 FIELD OPERATIONS OFFICE (NORTH LUZON CLUSTER OF REGIONS COMPOSED OF REGIONS 1, 2 AND CAR) IN THE IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND REPORTING OF DICT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES”

By Representatives Savellano, Ortega (P.), De Venecia, Vargas-Alfonso, Celeste, Nolasco, Cua, Go (M.), Cosalan, Ting, Mangaoang, Eriguel, Go (A.C.), Ortega (V.N.), Aggabao, Bulut-Begtang, Bataoil, Bernos, Cuaresma, Arenas, Baguilat, Primicias-Agabas, Chavez and Singson

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTH LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE

House Resolution No. 1622, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE MASSIVE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION ON THE RESPIRATORY HEALTH CRISIS IN ALBAY FOLLOWING THE ERUPTION OF MAYON VOLCANO”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 1623, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' APPROVAL OF CHINA'S MARINE STUDY OF PHILIPPINE (BENHAM) RISE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1624, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CURRENT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT PLASTIC WASTE FROM GOING INTO THE OCEAN, SEAS AND OTHER BODIES OF WATER WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IMPROVING THE COUNTRY'S SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1625, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING DR. RICARDO F. ORGE FOR WINNING THE MANILA WATER FOUNDATION PRIZE FOR 2017 ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD”

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1626, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THRU THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE DISCOVERY OF A SEPTIC SEEPAGE AT THE BASEMENT FLOOR OF THE NEW CENTRAL BLOCK BUILDING OF THE NEGROS ORIENTAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL (NOPH). FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS DEMANDED TO REASSESS THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE BUILDING BY A TEAM OF STRUCTURAL EXPERTS, AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CERTIFY IF THE CENTRAL BLOCK BUILDING IS STILL VIABLE FOR HOSPITAL USE”

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated January 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed without amendment House Bill No. 477, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE DECLARATION OF THE FIRST PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated January 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 454, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE REGISTRATION, LICENSURE, AND PRACTICE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Message dated January 30, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on January 29, 2018, designated Senators Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Richard J. Gordon and Francis N. Pangilinan as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the conflicting provisions of Senate Bill No. 1533, entitled:

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

and House Bill No. 5792, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BALIK SCIENTIST PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 586), re H.B. No. 2553, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TEODORO N. PEPITO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Roque (R.) and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 587), re H.B. No. 7061, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES MEDICAL CENTER IN DAVAO CITY, FROM ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5324

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Nograles (K.A.) and Nograles (J.J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 588), re H.B. No. 7062, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINDANAO CENTRAL SANITARIUM IN PASOBOLONG, ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE SERVICES TO THREE HUNDRED (300), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3426

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Dalipe and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 589), re H.B. No. 7063, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY FOR TERTIARY GENERAL HEALTH CARE OF THE DR. JOSE N. RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND SANITARIUM IN TALA, CALOOCAN CITY FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9420, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CONVERTING TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS OF THE 2,000-BED DR. JOSE N. RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND SANITARIUM FOR TERTIARY GENERAL HEALTH CARE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4434

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Malapitan and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 590), re H.B. No. 7064, 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 THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4624

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Aumentado and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 591), re H.B. No. 7065, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE AMANG RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF MARIKINA, FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5637

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Fernando, Roa-Puno and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 592), re H.R. No. 1630, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTU) TO ESTABLISH A CAMPUS AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAMBAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY-BALAMBAN CAMPUS”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1006

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Garcia (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 593), re H.B. No. 7070, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BALANGAY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BUTUAN BOAT, AS THE NATIONAL BOAT OF THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 986

Sponsors: Representatives Durano and Fortun

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 572
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6973**

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6973 as embodied in Committee Report No. 572 and reported out by the Committee on Metro Manila Development.

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

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

Representative Pimentel stated that the parliamentary status of the Bill was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Bayani F. Fernando, main author of the measure, to sponsor the same and Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr., for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza discussed with Representative Fernando the absence of a development plan of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and how the proposed measure would strengthen and make more effective the MMDA Law. This, as the former referred to his interpellation two weeks ago when he expressed his observation that giving more power to an experimental agency has failed to solve the problems of urban living because of the lack of a development plan. He also opined that the materials sent to him by the sponsoring Committee do not qualify as a development plan as what is contained therein should have been implemented some 25 years ago. He added that local government units (LGUs) have their own development plan and in the same manner, the MMDA should have a bible of how it will develop the metropolis.

Representative Fernando clarified that since 2012, the Metropolitan Manila Council (MMC) always had a development plan, copies of which were given to the LGUs; and stressed that while he accepted the fact that the MMDA may have been part of a great experiment, all enterprises undergo experimentation. He added that the thrust of the instant Bill is simple – to cure the limitations of the MMDA Law.

After the Sponsor explained that the Bill provides that the decisions of the MMDA would still be submitted to the LGUs for approval or adoption, Representative Atienza observed that the MMDA has been competing with the LGUs and has been acting in a capricious and whimsical manner in view of the absence of a development plan to address the basic needs of the metropolis. He pointed out that adding more powers to the MMDA is not going to be a step forward and that the latter should instead be restructured and its officials should be elected instead of appointed. He also suggested that the rationalization of the MMDA be suspended until federalism, which the Duterte Administration has been espousing, shall have been put in place.

Representative Fernando stressed that the powers of the MMDA were restricted by the local autonomy of the LGUs and several government agencies. He explained that through House Bill No. 6973, the consultation and involvement of LGUs in policy and decision-making, will be institutionalized.

Interjecting his serious objection to the instant Bill for being out of tune, out of character, and unnecessary, Representative Atienza explained that

the enhancement of the MMDA could contradict the spirit of federalism because it will have appointed officers while the regional governments will have elected officials. He also expressed apprehension over the fact that the Bill gives additional power to an agency that has not formulated a development plan for flood control, mass transportation system including a subway system, water treatment facilities, information and communication, traffic management, and public safety. He appealed to his colleague to review the measure as he opined that it would not answer but instead aggravate the problems of the metropolis.

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Chair next recognized Rep. Tobias "Toby" M. Tiangco to interpellate the Sponsor.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TIANGCO

At the outset, Representative Fernando apologized for the inclusion of Representative Tiangco as a co-sponsor of House Bill No. 5057. While the latter reaffirmed his support for measures that would strengthen and alleviate the delivery of services to Metro Manila residents, he explained that he did not sign the measure because he doubted the constitutionality of giving the MMDA certain powers as provided for in the measure.

Representative Tiangco then read into the records the constitutional provisions on the local autonomy of territorial and political subdivisions; contended that the MMDA is a special development and administrative region; and cited pertinent jurisprudence. He and Representative Fernando exchanged views thereon.

Representative Fernando thereupon clarified that the Bill does not ask for ordinance-making powers for the MMDA and requires the approval of the LGUs' legislative councils for any ordinance that is approved by the MMC before the same is promulgated.

Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, whom the Chair also recognized to sponsor the measure, stressed that the measure is not unconstitutional because it will respect and will not interfere with the LGUs' constitutional power of legislation. He added that House Bill No. 6973 is necessary in view of the absence of a comprehensive approach to the problems that the MMDA is mandated to address.

REMINDER OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

At this point, Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr. reminded the Members to address the Chair as Madam Speaker.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

After concurring with Representative Defensor, the Chair asked whether Representative Tiangco was adverting to the proposed amendment in Section 3 of the proposed Bill which speaks about the power and function of the MMDA to implement ordinances.

Representative Tiangco held that there are other sections in the measure which authorize the MMDA to enact, adopt, implement, formulate, and issue ordinances.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TIANGCO
(Continuation)

At this point, Representative Castelo stressed that the MMC shall only propose ordinances for the approval of the local legislative bodies and no resolution shall have an effect of a law unless it is sanctioned by the latter as he adverted to Section 5(h) of the Bill.

After saying that he was not satisfied with the Sponsors' answers, Representative Tiangco turned to another subject matter. He asked the Sponsor whether the policy of local autonomy is contradicted when an ordinance is implemented in all of the LGUs in Metro Manila even if some did not approve of it. Stressing that the Body should uphold the Constitution and pass laws that are in accordance with the Constitution, he said that the MMDA's alternative was to propose pertinent bills in Congress including those on the creation of a special metropolitan political subdivision.

For his part, Representative Fernando pointed out that Congress has passed on to the MMDA what it should have legislated; and that while Republic Act No. 7924 or the MMDA Law is a good law, it has infirmities that House Bill No. 6973 sought to address.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TIANGCO

At this point, Representative Tiangco said that the Sponsor has not proven the constitutionality of the Bill's provision on giving ordinance-making powers to the MMDA. He moved for the recommitment of the measure to the Committee on Metro Manila Development.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, the session was suspended at 6:04 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:07 p.m.

WITHDRAWAL OF REPRESENTATIVE TIANGCO'S MOTION

Representative Tiangco withdrew his motion to recommit House Bill No. 6973; and the Chair took note of the same.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6973

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body suspended further consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6973.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the session was suspended at 6:08 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:10 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 532 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6775

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6775, as contained in Committee Report No. 532 and reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Housing and Urban Development, and Appropriations.

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

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

Representative Defensor stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of amendments and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, one of the authors of the Bill, to sponsor the measure.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

In the absence of Committee amendments, on further motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of individual amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO

On motion of Rep. Ron P. Salo, and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the former's amendments on pages 1 and 2 of House Bill No. 6775.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other individual amendments, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6775, AS AMENDED

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 6775, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 6:15 p.m., upon motion of Representative Defensor.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:15 p.m.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1522

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 1522, entitled: "A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO HASTEN THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING THE TARGETING OF BENEFICIARIES SO AS TO LESSEN PROGRAM LEAKAGE; TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION/WELFARE SERVICES TO 4Ps BENEFICIARIES; AND TO IMMEDIATELY LIFT THE SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION OF NEW BENEFICIARIES OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps)"; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

1. House Resolution No. 1265, on the violent dispersal by the Philippine National Police (PNP) of the residents of Barangay Manggahan, Pasig City, and the plight of the residents in the area – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
2. House Resolution No. 1275, on the illegal dismissal of workers under the Samahan ng Manggagawa ng Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative (SMSIDC-Liga Batangas) and the continuing practice of contractualization of labor of the SIDC-Feedmill Plant in Sorosoro Karsada, Batangas City – to the Committee on Labor and Employment;
3. House Resolution No. 1276, on the lack of action by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on the petition of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Cyprus to initiate the forging of a bilateral social security agreement between the governments of the Philippines and Cyprus – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
4. House Resolution No. 1277, on the reported irresponsible dumping of wastewater by some establishments in Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan with the end in view of enacting regulations that will ensure the sustainability of tourism activities in the island and the preservation of its charm and beauty – to the Committee on Tourism;
5. House Resolution No. 1582, on Ms. Sandra Cam's allegations of lavish expenditure for the 2017 Christmas party of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability; and
6. House Resolution No. 1583, on the implementation of the public utility vehi-

cle modernization program of the government – to the Committee on Transportation.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Thereupon, Representative Defensor moved for the adjournment of session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:18 p.m.

WITHDRAWAL OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR'S MOTION

Thereupon, Representative Defensor withdrew his previous motion.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Upon Representative Defensor's motion, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 594), re H.R. No. 1636, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON THE AREA EAST OF LUZON KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE RISE, INCLUDING THE MARINE EXPLORATION FOR MINERAL DEPOSITS AND OTHER RESOURCES THEREIN WHICH MAY BE USED AS ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 45

Sponsor: Representative Go (A.C.)

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, February 5, 2018.

It was 6:19 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on February 5, 3018

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

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

1. House Bill No. 6710, entitled: “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS TO AND INCREASING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8484, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ACCESS DEVICES REGULATION ACT OF 1998”
2. House Bill No. 6772, entitled: “AN ACT ENSURING THE PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 1992”
3. House Bill No. 6907, entitled: “AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CREATION, PERFECTION, DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY RIGHTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL PROPERTY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NOTICE REGISTRY”

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