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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

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

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

On motion of Representative Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas, Jr., there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On further motion of Rep. Gullas, 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 Communications, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4718, entitled:

“AN ACT PLACING THE PROVINCIAL, SUB-PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT JAILS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING SECTIONS 61, 62 AND 63 OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4719, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY LOCATED IN CALBAYOG CITY, PROVINCE OF SAMAR INTO AN EXTENSION OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4720, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9645”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4721, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING EMPLOYEES THE RIGHT TO DISCONNECT FROM WORK-RELATED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AFTER WORK HOURS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4722, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING TELECOMMUTING AND OTHER ICT-BASED SOLUTIONS TO BOOST GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS OF THE FILIPINO WORKFORCE”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 672, 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 Representatives Batocabe and Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 673, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE KILLINGS THAT OCCURRED RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF EIGHT FISHERMEN OFF THE COAST OF SIROMON ISLAND IN ZAMBOANGA CITY”

By Representative Lee

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 674, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILY AFFECTED BY THE ARBITRARY KILLINGS OF THE FISHERMEN IN LAUD SIROMON, ZAMBOANGA CITY”

By Representative Lee

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 675, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION ON THE CONDUCT OF ANIMAL CRUELTY DURING THE PRODUCTION AND FILMING OF THE METRO MANILA FILM FESTIVAL OFFICIAL ENTRY MOVIE 'ORO' ”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 676, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S (NBI) TASK FORCE AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL OPERATION THAT RESULTED TO THE BIGGEST DRUG SEIZURE IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Resolution No. 677, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT JAILBREAK INCIDENT IN NORTH COTABATO DISTRICT JAIL IN ORDER TO RECOMMEND REMEDIAL LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS SECURITY AND SAFETY IN OUR PRISON FACILITIES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 678, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CASE OF THE FIFTY-

TWO (52) MINDANAO SAKADAS AS VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES AND SLAVE-LIKE TREATMENT OF THE GREENHAND LABOR SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE, AGRIKULTO, INC. AND CENTRAL AZUCARERA DE TARLAC IN TARLAC PROVINCE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 679, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DECEMBER 24, 2016 EXTRA JUDICIAL-KILLING OF JIMMY SOTTO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE AGUMAN DARENG MAGLALAUTANG CAPAMPANGAN (AMC) IN BRGY. SAN JOSE, FLORIDABLANCA, PAMPANGA”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 680, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PLIGHT OF FARMERS, HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND MILITARIZATION IN HACIENDA MATIAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, QUEZON PROVINCE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Resolution No. 681, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF

LEGISLATION, ON THE ABUSES AGAINST FARMERS IN HACIENDA UY, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ANDRES, QUEZON PROVINCE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Resolution No. 682, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMENDING ABS-CBN CORPORATION FOR ITS ADVOCACY AND COMMITMENT IN PRESERVING THE LOCAL FILM HERITAGE THROUGH ITS FILM RESTORATION PROJECT”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 683, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEPARTURE OF FORMER MAYOR GEMILIANO "MEL" CAMPOS LOPEZ JR, FATHER OF THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL LUIS LOPEZ OF THE 1ST DISTRICT OF MANILA”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 684, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO GRANT AND/OR CONVERT TO SUBSIDY THE EMERGENCY CALAMITY LOANS EXTENDED BY THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION TO THOSE AFFECTED BY TYPHOON LAWIN”

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 685, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO GRANT AND/OR CONVERT TO SUBSIDY THE EMERGENCY CALAMITY LOANS EXTENDED BY THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION TO THOSE AFFECTED BY TYPHOON NINA”

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 686, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DECLARING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS JAMES L. GORDON DAY, A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF OLONGAPO, AND JANUARY 17 TO FEBRUARY 20 OF EVERY YEAR AS JAMES L. GORDON MONTH IN THE CITY OF OLONGAPO IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JAMES LEONARD TAGLE GORDON TO SAID CITY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Hernandez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Resolution No. 687, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE VIOLENT SHOOTING OF FARMERS, RESULTING TO NINE INJURED FARMERS BELONGING TO THE MADAUM AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES ASSOCIATION, INC. ('MARBAT') BY THE SECURITY GUARDS AND PERSONNEL OF LAPANDAY FOODS CORPORATION ('LFC') IN BARANGAY MADAUM, TAGUM CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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

Rep. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II for House Bills No. 104 and 118;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 18, 1325, 1350, 1859, 2313, 3823, 3828, 4008 and 4113;

Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara for House Bill No. 4661;

Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan for House Bills No. 4570 and 4571;

Rep. Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II for House Bills No. 696 and 4105;

Reps. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba, Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo, Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, Juliette T. Uy, Divina Grace C. Yu, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Marisol C. Panotes, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. and Glona G. Labadlabad for House Bill No. 4105;

Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil for House Bill No. 1855;

Reps. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo and Manuel F. Zubiri for House Bill No. 1858;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bill No. 3407;

Rep. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas for House Bills No. 2318, 2319, 2474, 2953 and 3782;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 335, 336, 3675, 4136, 4302, 4342, 4343, 4373, 4374, 4435, 4465, 4469, 4521, 4569 and 4576 and House Resolution No. 251;

Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for House Bill No. 3887;

Reps. Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro, Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto and Roger G. Mercado for House Bill No. 3254;

Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for House Bill No. 545;

Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bills No. 144 and 146;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bill No. 144;

Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba for House Bills No. 56, 85, 123, 475, 516, 580, 1859, 2061, 2798 and 6286 and House Resolutions No. 17 and 2425;

Rep. Edwin C. Ong for House Bills No. 4136, 4302, 4342 and 4343;

Reps. Reynaldo V. Umali and Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III for House Resolution No. 558;

Rep. Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu for House Bills No. 193, 194, 1301 and 1302;

Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica for House Bills No. 104, 335, 338, 1344, 1530, 1890, 2055 and 4174; and

Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr. for House Bills No. 4637 and 4660.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated December 14, 2016 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives copies of the 2015 Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies, to wit:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs; and
2. Philippine Sports Commission.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated December 19, 2016 of Maria Gleda E. Lim, State Auditor V, Supervising Auditor, Office of the Supervising Auditor, Audit Groups CGS I and II-Water Districts and Other CGS Stand Alone Agencies, Regional Office No. VI, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives the Annual Audit Report on the Tobias Fornier Water District, Tobias Fornier, Antique for the years ended December 31, 2014 to 2015.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated December 23, 2016 of Pelilia C. Veloso, Director IV, Regional Director, Regional Office No. II, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives the Annual Audit Reports on the following Water Districts for CY 2015:

A. Province of Cagayan

1. Aparri Water District
2. Claveria Water District
3. Gattaran Water District
4. Gonzaga Water District
5. Lal-lo Water District
6. Peñablanca Water District
7. Sanchez Mira Water District
8. Metropolitan Tuguegarao Water District
9. Abulug Water District
10. Amulung Water District

B. Province of Isabela

11. Alicia Water District
12. Angadanan Water District
13. Roxas Water District
14. San Manuel Water District
15. Gamu Water District
16. Tumauni Water District
17. Naguilian Water District
18. City of Ilagan Water District
19. Cabagan Water District
20. Cordon Water District
21. Ramon Water District
22. Aurora Water District
23. Reina Mercedes Water District
24. Cauayan City Water District
25. Santiago Water District
26. San Guillermo Water District
27. Benito Soliven Water District

C. Province of Nueva Vizcaya

28. Diadi Water District

D. Province of Quirino

29. Aglipay Water District

30. Diffun Water District

31. Maddela Water District.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and recognized Rep. Antonio L. Tinio for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TINIO

Rep. Tinio opined that the 2017 General Appropriations Act (GAA) contained no fundamental change as had been promised by the Duterte Administration. The latter, he pointed out, aimed to continue current macroeconomic policies that will perpetuate the pattern of highly unequal economic growth in the country.

Speaking on behalf of the Makabayan bloc, Rep. Tinio praised several provisions in the GAA including those restoring cuts in the budgets of State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) as well as public hospitals, increasing the chalk allowance of public school teachers, mandating the regularization of contractual teachers, and providing free irrigation services and free tuition fees.

However, he criticized the absence of provisions to fund urgent concerns such as unemployment; support for small industries; job security, contractualization, and salary increases for government rank-and-file; classroom repair and building; and education, health and housing services. He also questioned the inclusion of provisions for the privatization and commercialization of education, limitation of free tuition availment, “pork barrel” funds, and bigger funds for the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to enable them to continue their repressive activities. He said that it was for these reasons that he had voted against the measure.

**REFERRAL OF REP. TINIO’S
PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Tinio’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Gullas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla.

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BERTIZ

Rep. Bertiz rose to relay the apprehension of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) about the Land Bank of the Philippines’ (LBP’s) plan to buy out the cash-strapped and heavily-indebted Philippine Postal Savings Bank, Inc. (PPSBI) and turn it into a subsidiary bank to be known as the OFW Bank. He asked on the rationale for said purchase instead of creating an OFW Bank through legislation and with the OFWs’ direct participation; the services that the OFW Bank would provide especially to distressed and Muslim OFWs; consultation meetings; and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration’s (OWWA’s) role therein. He suggested that the LBP wait for the special audit on the alleged anomalous programs of the PPSBI and replace the latter’s officials with those who understand the dynamics of the transactions of OFWs, as he pointed out that LBP funds should be used to help farmer-beneficiaries.

Rep. Bertiz then appealed for support for a resolution that he would file on the matter.

Upon motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. BRAVO (A.)

Reps. Bravo and Bertiz discussed the viability of buying out the PPSBI and converting it to an OFW Bank; the scheme’s effectiveness in serving the needs and interests of OFWs; and the rationale for the Land Bank’s involvement in such a plan whereas it should be focusing on the agricultural sector. The latter proposed to use OWWA funds to study a plan for OFWs to use their own money to set up their own bank as well as to study the operations of Amanah Bank to ensure that Muslim OFWs will not be left out. The former expressed support for the position of his colleague who reiterated that he had filed a resolution calling for an inquiry on the matter.

**REFERRAL OF REP. BERTIZ’
PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Bertiz and the interpellation thereon, to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

ROLL CALL

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

Abad
Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte-Naguiat
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)

Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Bertiz
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerafica
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Dalog
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Estrella
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas

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

Tugna
 Tupas
 Unabia
 Ungab
 Unico
 Uy (R.)
 Uybarreta
 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velarde
 Velasco
 Velasco-Catera
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Villarica
 Villarin
 Violago
 Yap (A.)
 Yu
 Zamora (M.C.)
 Zamora (R.)
 Zubiri

With 228 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 1)

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour to another hour.

Thereafter, on further motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ATIENZA

Rep. Atienza paid tribute to former Manila Mayor and Congressman Gemiliano “Mel” Lopez Jr. who passed away on January 1, 2017 and called him a hero. He recalled the Mayor’s humble beginnings, political career, and social life as a public servant and Christian leader; and stressed that he was truly an ally who rose to become one of the brightest stars in the regular Batasang Pambansa where he stood for freedom, democracy, rightness, and justice.

Citing Mayor Lopez’ fight for justice over the death of former Senator Ninoy Aquino, Rep. Atienza then stressed that the freedom that Filipinos currently enjoy was a fruit of the efforts of men such as the late mayor. He asked his colleagues not to allow martial law to rule anew and to be inspired by Mayor Lopez’ life.

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez to deliver a question of privilege.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LOPEZ (M.L.)

Rep. Lopez, in behalf of his family and constituents, commended and thanked Rep. Atienza for speaking about the life and sacrifices of his father, Mayor Lopez. He also thanked all those who condoled with them on the latter’s death.

REMARKS OF REP. ATIENZA

Rep. Atienza stated that it was an honor to speak freely about a hero like Mayor Lopez, and that it was he who should be thanked for giving his life not only to the City of Manila but to the entire nation.

REFERRAL OF REP. ATIENZA’S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Atienza’s speech and manifestation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

On further motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Rep. Suarez initially stated that Republic Act (RA) No. 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act (GPRRA) was enacted to eliminate corruption in the public procurement system and stipulate how public bidding should proceed. He however lamented the fact that allegations of corruption still persisted due to stringent bureaucratic processes and system loopholes. He cited Commission on Audit reports on stalled infrastructure projects, delayed delivery of social services during calamities, and low absorptive capacities of implementing agencies.

Thereupon, Rep. Suarez emphasized the need to review and amend the GPRA to reflect reality as well as lessons learned in the last 10 years of its implementation.

REFERRAL OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

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

Thereafter, Rep. Gullas moved for the recognition of Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BORDADO

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Bordado thanked people from the government and private sectors for their assistance when Typhoon "Nina" struck the Bicol Region on Christmas Day. In particular, he acknowledged the following: President Duterte who was there at "ground zero"; Vice President Leni G. Robredo who organized "Tindog Bicol" for the systematic and efficient provision of relief goods to the typhoon victims and who personally visited affected areas; and Reps. Jose Christopher "Kit" Y. Belmonte of Quezon City and Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento of Samar who went out of their way to make life bearable for his constituents. He also cited the quick restoration of electricity through the efforts of electric cooperatives from Camarines Norte, Benguet, and Samar.

Rep. Bordado then stressed that the recent calamity underscored the need to empower local governments, especially the barangays, in disaster risk reduction management.

REFERRAL OF REP. BORDADO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Bordado's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

ADOPTION OF CERTAIN HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body then considered the following House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the texts thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. 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";
2. 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," in consolidation with House Resolution No. 648; and
3. 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," in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 653 and 683.

REFERRAL OF RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

In accordance with the Rules governing inquiries in aid of legislation, on motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the

following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

1. House Resolution No. 598, on the proliferation of online “sabong” - to the Committee on Games and Amusements;
2. House Resolution No. 599, on the perceived snail-paced implementation of housing relocation and resettlement projects for those affected by Typhoon Yolanda and for those living in dangerous zones - to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
3. House Resolution No. 601, on the inability of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to curb the proliferation of multiple franchises granted to bus companies - to the Committee on Transportation;
4. House Resolution No. 604, on the current state of forcibly-evicted families and the condition of their relocation sites - to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
5. House Resolution No. 609, on the implementation of Sec. 16 (d) and (d)(2) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10022 or “An Act Amending RA No. 8042, Otherwise Known as ‘Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act Of 1995,’ Directing Local Government Units to Establish Overseas Filipino Workers Help Desks or Kiosks in Their Localities” - to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
6. House Resolution No. 610, on the reported illegal online gaming activities at Fontana Leisure Park and Casinos - to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
7. House Resolution No. 612, on the purported illicit online gambling activities involving illegal aliens inside the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga - to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
8. House Resolution No. 614, on the use of the anti-drug operation “Oplan Tokhang” against farmers of San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan who are resisting land grabbing involving the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) - to the Committee on Human Rights;
9. House Resolution No. 615, on the threat of land grabbing and displacement of farmers since 2006 to 2016, as a consequence of a land-use conversion plan in Hacienda Yulo, Sitio Buntog, Barangay Canlubang, Calamba City, Laguna - to the Committee on Human Rights;
10. House Resolution No. 616, on the spate of human rights violations in Hacienda Dolores in Porac, Pampanga from 2011 to 2014, in relation to the Ayala Land, Inc. Alvierra project - to the Committee on Human Rights;
11. House Resolution No. 625, on the efforts of the Philippine government to respond to the needs of OFWs affected by the crisis in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
12. House Resolution No. 627, on the lifting of quantitative restrictions on rice and assessing its impact on local rice production - to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
13. House Resolution No. 628, on the lack of proper accounting of different government agencies concerned relating to the proceeds derived from the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement fund created under RA No. 8187 - to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
14. House Resolution No. 630, on the planned conversion of the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex into a commercial center - to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;
15. House Resolution No. 634, on the shooting of agricultural workers of the Madaam Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association, Inc. (MARBAL) in Tagum City, Davao del Norte on December 12, 2016 - to the Committee on Human Rights;
16. House Resolution No. 636, on the reported sale of Rizal Memorial Coliseum - to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;
17. House Resolution No. 644, on the possibility of transforming Camp Aguinaldo and Camp Crame into a mixed-use urban housing and economic zone - to the Special Committee on Bases Conversion;

18. House Resolution No. 645, on the status and quality of implementation of RA No. 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 - to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
19. House Resolution No. 646, on the persistent delays in the issuance of passports to Filipino applicants and the utilization of the Passport Revolving Fund - to the Committee on Foreign Affairs;
20. House Resolution No. 649, on the deprivation of farmers in the Cotabato Foundation College for Science and Technology in Barangay DoroLuman, Arakan, North Cotabato of their agricultural land - to the Committee on Human Rights;
21. House Resolution No. 654, on the circumstances surrounding the sale of Paskuhan Village in Pampanga by the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority to SM Development Corporation reportedly under the former's Asset Privatization Program - to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability; and
22. House Resolution No. 656, on the review of Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Rule 29(a) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) - to the Committee on Energy.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

It was 5:48 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on January 18, 2017.

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Date: January 17, 2017**

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

***** Absent without notice

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