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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Bai Sandra Sin-suat A. Sema 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, Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Abellanos
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Agarao
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)

Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Dy
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain

Escudero	Oaminal
Espina	Ocampo
Eusebio	Olivarez
Evardone	Ong (E.)
Fariñas	Ong (H.)
Fernando	Ortega (P.)
Flores	Ortega (V.N.)
Fortun	Pacquiao
Fortuno	Paduano
Fuentebella	Palma
Garbin	Pancho
Garcia (G.)	Panganiban
Garcia (J.E.)	Papandayan
Garcia-Albano	Pichay
Garin (R.)	Pimentel
Gasataya	Pineda
Gatchalian	Primicias-Agabas
Geron	Quimbo
Go (A.C.)	Ramirez-Sato
Go (M.)	Ramos
Gonzaga	Relampagos
Gonzales (A.D.)	Revilla
Gonzalez	Roa-Puno
Gullas	Robes
Herrera-Dy	Rocamora
Hofer	Rodriguez (I.)
Jalosjos	Rodriguez (M.)
Kho	Romero
Khonghun	Romualdez
Labadlabad	Romualdo
Lacson	Roque
Lagman	Sacdalan
Laogan	Sagarbarria
Lazatin	Sahali
Lee	Salimbangon
Limkaichong	Salo
Lobregat	Salon
Lopez (B.)	Sambar
Loyola	Sandoval
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sangcopan
Madrona	Santos-Recto
Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Marcoleta	Savellano
Marcos	Sema
Marquez	Siao
Martinez	Suansing (E.)
Matugas	Suansing (H.)
Mending	Suarez
Mendoza	Sy-Alvarado
Mercado	Tan (A.)
Mirasol	Tan (S.)
Montoro	Tejada
Nava	Teves
Nieto	Tiangco
Noel	Tinio
Nogralles (J.J.)	Tolentino
Nolasco	Treñas

Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 229 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 57, dated January 31, 2018.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Mercado, 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 Communications and a *Subpoena Duces Tecum*, which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7049, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE AS THE SURFING CAPITAL OF THE BICOL REGION”

By Representative Panotes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7050, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE ESPERANZA – PLACER PROVINCIAL ROAD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7051, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010' ”

By Representative Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 7052, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE DECLARATION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTED GOODS IN COMMERCIAL DOCUMENTS AND PROHIBITING FRAUDULENT ALTERATION OF CARGO MANIFEST, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10863, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT' ”

By Representative Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7053, entitled:

“AN ACT EXCLUDING THE SERVICES PERFORMED BY EMPLOYEES OF RELIGIOUS ENTITIES FROM EMPLOYMENT SERVICES COVERED BY SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM LAW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997' ”

By Representatives Benitez, Nograles (K.A.),
Vergara and Marcoleta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7055, entitled:

“AN ACT STANDARDIZING THE COST OF
LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA) TO SEV-
ENTEEN PERCENT (17%) OF MINI-
MUM WAGE AND EXTENDING THE
SAME TO THE GOVERNMENT SEC-
TOR”

By Representative Erice

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMIT-
TEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7056, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF
REHABILITATED DRUG OFFENDERS,
THROUGH GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT”

By Representative Erice

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7057, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER
TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE
FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RADIO-
WORLD BROADCASTING CORPORA-
TION AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8219 ENTITLED
'AN ACT GRANTING RADIOWORLD
BROADCASTING CORPORATION, A
FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, IN-
STALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND
MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION
BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE
PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7058, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PRO-
VINCIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOL-
OGY CENTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6959,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERE-
FORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marquez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7059, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUC-
TION OF A PERMANENT EVACUA-
TION CENTER IN EVERY NATURAL
DISASTER-PRONE LOCALITY”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7060, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TALIPAPA,
QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO
BE KNOWN AS TALIPAPA SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belmonte (J.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCA-
TION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7066, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING GOLF CLUBS TO
PROVIDE HEALTH, RETIREMENT
AND OTHER BENEFITS TO GOLF
CADDIES AND OTHER SERVICE
WORKERS THROUGH A SHARED
CONTRIBUTION SCHEME”

By Representative Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7067, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVIN-
CIAL ROAD WHICH TRAVERSES
FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN
TANJAY CITY TO BARANGAY NO-
VALLAS PROCEEDING TO BARAN-
GAY PAL-EW AND PASSING

THROUGH BARANGAY STO. NIÑO
UNTIL THE NATIONAL ROAD GOING
TO MABINAY, KALUMBOYAN TO
BAYAWAN CITY, INTO A NATIONAL
ROAD”

By Representative Sagarbarria

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7068, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITI-
ZENS’ GRIEVANCE DESK IN EVERY
BARANGAY”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION
AND FAMILY RELATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1627, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
AND COMMENDING MS. KATARINA
SONJA H. RODRIGUEZ FOR BEING
CROWNED AS FIRST RUNNER-UP IN
THE 48TH MISS INTERCONTINENTAL
2017 BEAUTY PAGEANT HELD IN
HURGHADA, EGYPT ON JANUARY 24,
2018 (WEDNESDAY, MANILA TIME)
AND FOR BEING DECLARED AS MISS
INTERCONTINENTAL-CONTINENTAL
QUEEN OF ASIA AND OCEANIA”

By Representative Billones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1628, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE
JOINT CONGRESSIONAL POWER
COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN IN-
QUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON
PURPORTED IMPROPER AND IRREG-
ULAR AWARDING OF RENEWABLE
ENERGY SERVICE CONTRACTS IN-
VOLVING HYDROELECTRIC POWER
PROJECTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY TO RENEWABLE ENERGY
APPLICANTS”

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1629, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERN-
MENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABIL-
ITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE VARI-
OUS ALLEGED ACTIONS OF THE EN-
ERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
(ERC) ALLEGEDLY AMOUNTING TO
SERIOUS DISHONESTY, GROSS NE-
GLECT OF DUTY, GRAVE MISCON-
DUCT, AMONG OTHERS, TO THE DET-
RIMENT OF THE FILIPINO CONSUM-
ERS”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Herrera-
Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1631, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REP-
PRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PRO-
FOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DE-
MISE OF FILM AND TELEVISION DI-
RECTOR MARIO MARGARITO 'MAR-
YO' JOROLAN DELOS REYES”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1632, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CREATING A CONGRES-
SIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENGI-
NEERING”

By Representatives Aumentado, Jalosjos and
Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1633, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN IN-
QUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO
THE OFFICIAL ACTIONS TAKEN BY
THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSUR-
ANCE CORPORATION (PDIC) IN RE-
LATION TO THE FRAUD INVESTIGA-
TION REPORTS ON THE TRANSAC-
TIONS OF THE DEFUNCT EXPORT

AND INDUSTRY BANK (EIB), ITS SUBSIDIARIES, MAJOR STOCKHOLDERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1634, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF PHILIPPINE VETERAN DIRECTOR MARIO MARGARITO 'MARYO' JOROLAN DE LOS REYES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1635, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE DISGRACEFUL GRENADE EXPLOSION THAT TRANSPIRED IN LA PAZ, ABRA, TO EXTEND ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO WERE KILLED AND INJURED AND TO EXPRESS SUPPORT TO HON. JOSEPH 'STO NINO' B. BERNOS IN HIS EFFORTS TO PROTECT HIS CONSTITUENTS AND SEEK JUSTICE FOR THIS HEINOUS INCIDENT”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1637, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMPLIANCE OF ONLINE GAMING OPERATORS WITH PHILIPPINE TAX LAWS”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1638, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RECENT REPORT OF THE INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-MANILA'S NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (NIH) ON THE RISE OF DRUG-RESISTANT HIV”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1639, entitled:

“RESOLUTION MANDATING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7699, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'PORTABILITY ACT', IN RELATION TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010', FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING RETIREES/PENSIONERS UNDER THE 'PORTABILITY LAW', EQUAL RIGHTS AND BENEFITS AS RETIREES UNDER OTHER LAWS”

By Representative Datol

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated January 8, 2018 of Harry D. Florida, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Allacapan, Province of Cagayan, submitting the Report of Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation as of the end of the 4th Quarter of 2017 on the Assistance to Municipalities.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 10 January 2018 of Atty. Jose Jobel V. Belarmino, OIC, Deputy Administrator for Administrative, Finance and AFCSD, Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA), submitting their Report of Utilization of Operating Subsidy to the LRTA for the 4th Quarter of CY 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated January 12, 2018 of Zaldy S. Villa, Governor, Province of Siquijor, submitting the 4th Quarter Accomplishment Report of CY 2017 for the Larena – Basac – Maria Provincial Road funded under the KALSADA Program and the Siquijor – San Antonio – Campalanas Provincial Road funded by the CMGP.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated 16 January 2018 of Jose Voltaire V. Ricafrente, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Rosario, Province of Cavite, submitting their LGSF – ADM Quarterly Report for the Quarter ended December 31, 2017 on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIA-
TIONS

Letter dated January 17, 2018 of Teresa P. Alegado, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Consolacion, Province of Cebu, submitting the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended December 2017 of the Local Government Support Fund.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIA-
TIONS

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Pursuant to Section 152, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated August 24, 2017 of Atty. Ryan R.S. Quilala, Assistant Special Prosecutor II, CRÈME Bureau of the Office of the Ombudsman, on Case No. SB-15-CRM-0054, directing Deputy Secretary General Dr. Ramon Ricardo Roque, CESO I, Administrative Department, House of Representatives, to submit within five (5) days from receipt hereof, clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Jose R. Sumalpong, former Chief of Staff of former Rep. Rizalina Seachon-Lanete:

1. Personal Data Sheet / Resume with picture;
2. Latest filed Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth; and
3. Latest Service Record.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Mercado acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma and Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**

On successive motions of Representative Mercado/ Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr., there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills, 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 30, 2018:

1. House Bill No. 6649, entitled: “AN ACT STRENGTHENING FURTHER THE PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS TO INCLUDE FINANCIAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995”;

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
Abellanos
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acosta
Agarao
Aggabao
Alejano
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)

Amante	de Venecia
Amatong	De Vera
Angara-Castillo	Defensor
Antonio	Del Mar
Aquino-Magsaysay	Del Rosario
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla
Arbison	Dimaporo (A.)
Arcillas	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Arenas	Dy
Atienza	Enverga
Aumentado	Erice
Bag-ao	Eriguel
Bagatsing	Ermitta-Buhain
Banal	Escudero
Barbers	Espina
Barzaga	Eusebio
Bataoil	Evardone
Batocabe	Fariñas
Belaro	Fernando
Belmonte (F.)	Flores
Belmonte (J.C.)	Fortun
Belmonte (R.)	Fortuno
Bertiz	Fuentebella
Biazon	Garbin
Billones	Garcia (G.)
Bolilia	Garcia (J.E.)
Bondoc	Garcia-Albano
Bordado	Gasataya
Bravo (A.)	Geron
Bravo (M.V.)	Go (A.C.)
Brosas	Go (M.)
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzaga
Calalang	Gonzalez
Calderon	Gullas
Calixto-Rubiano	Herrera-Dy
Caminero	Hofer
Canama	Kho
Cari	Khonghun
Casilao	Labadlabad
Castelo	Lacson
Castro (F.H.)	Lagman
Catamco	Laogan
Cayetano	Lazatin
Cerafica	Lee
Cerilles	Limkaichong
Chavez	Lobregat
Chipeco	Lopez (B.)
Co	Macapagal-Arroyo
Collantes	Maceda
Cortes	Madrona
Cosalan	Malapitan
Cua	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Cuaresma	Marcoleta
Cueva	Marcos
Dalipe	Marquez
Datol	Martinez
Daza	Matugas
De Jesus	Mending

Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogralas (J.J.)
Nolasco
Oaminal
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Papandayan
Pichay
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Siao
Singson
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco

Tinio
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 213 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6649.

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

Distributed on January 30, 2018:

2. House Bill No. 6834, entitled: "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO FREE EXPRESSION, TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 880 OR 'THE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY ACT OF 1985'";

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.

**MANIFESTATION OF
SEVERAL MEMBERS**

During the nominal voting and upon recognition by the Chair, the following Members took the floor to manifest their desire to explain their votes: Reps. Arlene D. Brosas, Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao, and Carlos Isagani T. Zarate.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acosta
Agarao
Aggabao
Alejano
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)

Bravo (M.V.)
Bulut-Begtang
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Canama
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Dy
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)

Gonzaga	Robes
Gonzales (A.D.)	Rocamora
Gonzalez	Rodriguez (I.)
Gullas	Rodriguez (M.)
Herrera-Dy	Romero
Hofer	Romualdez
Kho	Romualdo
Khonghun	Roque
Labadlabad	Sacdalan
Lacson	Sagarbarria
Laogan	Sahali
Lazatin	Salo
Lee	Salon
Limkaichong	Sambar
Lobregat	Sandoval
Lopez (B.)	Sangcopan
Macapagal-Arroyo	Santos-Recto
Maceda	Sarmiento (C.)
Madrona	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Malapitan	Savellano
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao
Marcoleta	Singson
Marcos	Suansing (E.)
Marquez	Suansing (H.)
Martinez	Suarez
Matugas	Sy-Alvarado
Mending	Tan (S.)
Mendoza	Tejada
Mercado	Teves
Mirasol	Tiangco
Montoro	Ty
Nava	Umali
Nieto	Unabia
Noel	Ungab
Nogralas (J.J.)	Unico
Nolasco	Uy (J.)
Oaminal	Uy (R.)
Olivarez	Uybarreta
Ong (E.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Ong (H.)	Velarde
Ortega (P.)	Velasco
Ortega (V.N.)	Velasco-Catera
Pacquiao	Veloso
Paduano	Vergara
Palma	Villanueva
Pancho	Villaraza-Suarez
Panganiban	Villarica
Papandayan	Villarin
Pichay	Violago
Pimentel	Yap (A.)
Pineda	Yap (M.)
Primicias-Agabas	Yap (V.)
Quimbo	Yu
Ramirez-Sato	Zubiri
Ramos	<i>Negative:</i>
Relampagos	Brosas
Revilla	Casilao
Roa-Puno	

De Jesus
Lagman*
Tinio
Zarate

Abstention:

None

With 212 affirmative votes, five [six]* negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6834.

EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE

The following Members explained their votes:

1. Speaking in Filipino, Representative Brosas stated that she voted against House Bill No. 6834 because it contained provisions that were direct violations of human rights. This, as she also criticized Congress for recently passing several measures that went against the freedom of expression. She then stressed the Gabriela Party-List's position that such right should be protected not only because it was guaranteed by the Constitution but also because it resulted from the struggle of citizens all over the world.
2. Representative Casilao stated his opposition to the instant Bill as he posited that it was a step backwards in the preservation of human rights because it would restrict the people's right to criticize government policies and programs. Also speaking in Filipino, he further criticized the severity of the penal provisions of the Bill.
3. In explaining his negative vote, Representative Zarate said that despite being one of the proponents of the law repealing or amending B.P. No. 880, he opposed the instant Bill because it added provisions that will further suppress the people's right of expression and right to redress of grievances. Likewise speaking in Filipino, he concluded that the measure will not serve the interest of the citizenry.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Initially inquiring on how his vote was recorded, Rep. Edcel C. Lagman stressed that he was

voting "No" to the measure because it contained regressive provisions inimical to the right of free expression, right to peaceful assembly, and right to redress grievances. He stated that he would explain his vote more extensively and reserved his right to file an explanation of vote before the proper office of the Chamber.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair instructed the Secretariat to correct the result of the voting on House Bill No. 6834 to indicate the negative vote of Representative Lagman. She also noted the reservation made by Representative Lagman as to the explanation of his vote.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on January 31, 2018:

3. House Bill No. 6710 entitled: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS TO AND INCREASING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8484, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ACCESS DEVICES REGULATION ACT OF 1998'";

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acosta
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Alejano
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Angara-Castillo

* See next column for remarks of the Chair on the corrected result of the voting on House Bill No. 6834.

Antonio	Defensor
Aquino-Magsaysay	Del Mar
Aragones	Del Rosario
Arbison	Deloso-Montalla
Arcillas	Dimaporo (A.)
Arenas	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Atienza	Duavit
Aumentado	Dy
Bag-ao	Enverga
Bagatsing	Erice
Banal	Eriguel
Barbers	Ermita-Buhain
Barzaga	Escudero
Bataoil	Espina
Batocabe	Eusebio
Belaro	Evardone
Belmonte (F.)	Fariñas
Belmonte (J.C.)	Fernando
Belmonte (R.)	Flores
Bertiz	Fortun
Biazon	Fortuno
Billones	Fuentebella
Bolilia	Garbin
Bondoc	Garcia (G.)
Bordado	Garcia (J.E.)
Bravo (A.)	Garcia-Albano
Bravo (M.V.)	Garin (R.)
Brosas	Gasataya
Bulut-Begtang	Geron
Calalang	Go (A.C.)
Calderon	Go (M.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Gonzaga
Caminero	Gonzales (A.D.)
Canama	Gonzalez
Cari	Gullas
Casilao	Herrera-Dy
Castelo	Hofer
Castro (F.H.)	Kho
Catamco	Khonghun
Cayetano	Labadlabad
Cerafica	Lacson
Cerilles	Lagman
Chavez	Laogan
Chipeco	Lazatin
Co	Leachon
Cojuangco	Lee
Collantes	Limkaichong
Cortes	Lobregat
Cosalan	Lopez (B.)
Cua	Lopez (M.L.)
Cuaresma	Macapagal-Arroyo
Cueva	Maceda
Dalipe	Madrona
Datol	Malapitan
Daza	Malapitan
De Jesus	Mangudadatu (Z.)
de Venecia	Marcoleta
De Vera	Marcos
	Marquez

Martinez	Suarez
Matugas	Sy-Alvarado
Mending	Tan (S.)
Mendoza	Tejada
Mercado	Teves
Mirasol	Tiangco
Montoro	Tinio
Nava	Ty
Nieto	Umali
Noel	Unabia
Nogales (J.J.)	Ungab
Nolasco	Unico
Oaminal	Uy (J.)
Olivarez	Uy (R.)
Ong (E.)	Uybarreta
Ong (H.)	Vargas
Ortega (P.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Ortega (V.N.)	Velarde
Pacquiao	Velasco
Paduano	Velasco-Catera
Palma	Veloso
Pancho	Vergara
Panganiban	Villanueva
Papandayan	Villaraza-Suarez
Pichay	Villarica
Pimentel	Villarin
Pineda	Violago
Primicias-Agabas	Yap (A.)
Quimbo	Yap (M.)
Ramirez-Sato	Yap (V.)
Ramos	Yu
Relampagos	Zarate
Revilla	Zubiri
Roa-Puno	
Robes	<i>Negative:</i>
Rocamora	None
Rodriguez (I.)	
Rodriguez (M.)	<i>Abstention:</i>
Romero	None
Romualdez	
Romualdo	
Roque	
Sacdalan	With 224 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6710.
Sagarbarria	
Sahali	
Salo	
Salon	
Sambar	
Sandoval	
Sangcopan	
Santos-Recto	
Sarmiento (C.)	
Sarmiento (E.M.)	
Savellano	
Siao	
Singson	
Suansing (E.)	
Suansing (H.)	

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

Distributed on January 31, 2018:

- 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' ”; and

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acosta
Adiong
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Alejano
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado

Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Bulut-Begtang
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Canama
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Dy
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Gasataya

Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Laogan
Lazatin
Leachon
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mending
Mendoza
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogralas (J.J.)
Nolasco
Oaminal
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Siao
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)

Yap (V.)
Yu
Zubiri

Negative:

Brosas
Casilao
De Jesus
Tinio
Zarate

Abstention:

None

With 220 affirmative votes, five negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6772.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**

(Continuation)

Distributed on January 31, 2018:

5. 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."

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acosta
Adiong
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Alejano

Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma

Cueva
Dalipe
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Dy
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Laogan
Lazatin
Leachon
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mending
Mendoza
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogralas (J.J.)
Nolasco
Oaminal
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Santos-Recto

Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Siao
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco
Tinio
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 225 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6907.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Rodol M. Batocabe for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BATOCABE

Initially, Representative Batocabe cited Section 21 of the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers which sought to protect public school teachers' salaries by prohibiting deductions in their monthly pay slips unless otherwise authorized by law. Subsequently, he expressed concern about private lending institutions seeking accreditation from the Department of Education (DepEd) to participate in its salary deduction scheme for public school teachers.

He said that some big commercial and universal banks hiding in the corporate veils of rural and thrift banks capitalize on the financial plight of teachers and offer low interest rates and quick loan approval, thus resulting in their low actual net take-home pay and long lists of un-deducted obligations in their pay slips.

He maintained that DepEd officials and personnel who are supposed to defend teachers' rights even act as collection agents of private banks in return for cash or perks. Citing pertinent facts on the teachers' plight, he pointed out that deductions in the salaries of teachers should not exceed 50 percent of their basic salaries.

In order to protect public teachers' interests in the salary deduction scheme, Representative Batocabe then suggested that the DepEd veer away from the "first-in, first served" queuing system anent the salary deduction scheme; abolish the participation of rural, thrift, and subsidiary banks of commercial and universal banks and terminate the renewal of previous memoranda of agreement thereon; and discourage the policy for loan buy-outs and protraction of loan terms. He then enjoined his colleagues to help free the teachers from the vicious cycle of commercial exploitation.

MOTION TO REFER REPRESENTATIVE BATOCABE'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Thereafter, Representative Gullas moved to refer Representative Batocabe's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE OCAMPO

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Rosenda Ann Ocampo stood for a manifestation.

WITHDRAWAL OF REPRESENTATIVE GULLAS' MOTION

Representative Gullas then withdrew his previous motion to refer Representative Batocabe's speech.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE OCAMPO

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Ocampo stressed that the minimum take-home pay of government employees has been her advocacy since 2011. She rued the fact that the provision on the ₱5,000-minimum take-home pay of government employees was removed in the 2018 General Appropriations Bill, thus reducing the amount to ₱3,000. She stressed that only the private lenders will benefit from such a situation as she expressed her support for Representative Batocabe's advocacy.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BATOCABE

Representative Batocabe affirmed that the oversupply of credit and the banks' money-lending businesses entice more spending among poorly-paid teachers. He stressed that the situation cannot be stopped unless there is a political will to do so.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE OCAMPO (Continuation)

After Representative Ocampo condemned the usurious rates of loans availed by the teachers, she and Representative Batocabe agreed that Congress must ensure that the interest of the educators of the country will be protected in the national budget and in the banking sector.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE BATOCABE'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Batocabe's privilege speech and manifestation thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BERTIZ

Representative Bertiz spoke about the ban on the deployment of Filipino domestic workers to Kuwait as he thanked President Rodrigo Roa Duterte

for showing moral backbone in ensuring their safety and protection. He asked why the government continued to send overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) to that country despite reports of abuse and absence of a labor agreement for their welfare and protection. He stressed that upholding the rights and welfare of OFWs should take precedence over business interests and the fear of offending a valued ally.

As he related efforts by the Philippine embassy to reach out to its Kuwait counterparts to address the aforementioned issues, he asked his colleagues; the Department of Foreign Affairs; and the Department of Labor and Employment to unite behind the President's call to aid the OFWs.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE BERTIZ' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Bertiz' privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BELARO

Representative Belaro thanked the House leadership and several House Committees for the enactment of the Free College Education Law and the Free Wifi in Public Places Law which he called life-changing pieces of legislation, and then discussed three factors that have an impact on the same.

He first cited the synchronization of data among, as well as studies, policies, and needs of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and DepEd.

He then cited the CHED's computerization program, creation of an online portal for its record, and updating of its management information system; as well as its delays in the release of scholarship funds. He proposed to make such delays as one of the punishable offenses under the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

Thereupon, Representative Belaro asked Congress to exercise its oversight powers and plenary duty to institute legislative reforms in the education sector. He stated that he will file a resolution seeking the merging of the DepEd, CHED, and TESDA or amendment of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7722 or the CHED Charter to make the law more attuned to the need for synchronizing policies in education.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE BELARO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Belaro to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE TEVES

Representative Teves opined that the doctrine of condonation should not be applied on graft cases because it would just encourage or result in a vicious cycle of committing crime and because it does not constitute a law passed by Congress but what is called a judicial piece of legislation. He stated that he plans to send a letter to the Supreme Court about the matter and requested his colleagues to sign the same.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE TEVES' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Teves to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

At this point, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for another 15 minutes.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Gary C. Alejano for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ALEJANO

Representative Alejano discussed the failure of Presidential Decree (P.D.) 415 or the Philippine Self-Reliant Defense Posture (SRDP) Program to address the need for a reliable and indigenous defense industry. He mentioned the contributory factors thereto, namely, the country's overdependence on its allies; inability to sustain demand for the defense industry; decline in government support; lack of upstream activities; and absence of a clear and definite SRDP strategy.

Then urging the Body to elevate P.D. No. 415 to a republic act, Representative Alejano stressed the need for the country to have its own Defense Research and Development Agency (DRDA) under the Department of National Defense (DND) in order to increase its defensive capability in its territorial waters. He explained that the DRDA will provide defense-related technology, produce defense materials, and acquire the technology for the production thereof.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ALEJANO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Representative Alejano to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following measures:

1. House Bills No. 943, 2603, 2605, 3680, 4467, 4905, 5570, 5804, and 5851 – from the Committee on Public Works and Highways to the Committees on Public Works and Highways, and Ways and Means;
2. House Bill No. 3339 – from the Committee on Agriculture and Food to the Committee on Health;
3. House Bill No. 6732 – from the Committee on Natural Resources to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
4. House Bill No. 6909 – from the Committee on Local Government to the Committee on Transportation; and
5. House Bill No. 6957 – from the Committee on Justice to the Committee on Population and Family Relations.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

It was 6:28 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on February 6, 2018.

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED

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

House Bill No. 7007, entitled: "AN ACT CONVERTING THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE CITY OF MATI AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

*** Attending 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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