



Journal
of the
House of Representatives

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
2017 - 2018

JOURNAL NO. 59
Tuesday, February 06, 2018

Prepared by the
JOURNAL SERVICE
Plenary Affairs Bureau

JOURNAL NO. 59
Tuesday, February 6, 2018

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, observed a minute of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr., there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Bernos
Bertiz

Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Evardone
Fariñas

Fernando	Nogralas (J.J.)
Floirendo	Nolasco
Flores	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Fortun	Oaminal
Fortuno	Ocampo
Fuentebella	Ong (E.)
Garbin	Ong (H.)
Garcia (G.)	Ortega (P.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (V.N.)
Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao
Garin (R.)	Paduano
Gasataya	Palma
Gatchalian	Pancho
Go (A.C.)	Panganiban
Go (M.)	Panotes
Gomez	Papandayan
Gonzaga	Pichay
Gonzales (A.P.)	Pimentel
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda
Gonzalez	Plaza
Gullas	Primicias-Agabas
Herrera-Dy	Ramirez-Sato
Hofer	Relampagos
Jalosjos	Revilla
Khonghun	Roa-Puno
Labadlabad	Rocamora
Lacson	Rodriguez (I.)
Lagman	Rodriguez (M.)
Lanete	Romero
Laogan	Romualdez
Lazatin	Romualdo
Leachon	Roque
Lee	Sacdalan
Limkaichong	Sagarbarria
Lobregat	Sahali
Lopez (C.)	Salimbangon
Loyola	Salo
Macapagal-Arroyo	Salon
Maceda	Sambar
Madrona	Sandoval
Malapitan	Sangcopan
Manalo	Sarmiento (C.)
Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Savellano
Marcoleta	Sema
Mariño	Siao
Marquez	Silverio
Martinez	Singson
Matugas	Suansing (E.)
Mellana	Suansing (H.)
Mending	Suarez
Mendoza	Tan (A.)
Mercado	Tan (M.)
Mirasol	Tejada
Montoro	Teves
Nava	Tiangco
Nieto	Ting
Noel	Tolentino

Treñas
Tugna
Ungab
Unico
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 (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zubiri

With 226 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

DEFERMENT OF APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Christopher V. P. de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body deferred the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Subsequently, on motion of Representative de Venecia, 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, including a Communication and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7069, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS PHILIPPINE BAMBOO MONTH”

By Representatives Savellano, Durano, Escudero and Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7071, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY APPOINTMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 484 (A), ARTICLE XIV, TITLE V, BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991' ”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7072, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2018 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO OCTOBER 2018, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164”

By Representative Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7073, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND RATIONALIZING THE CAREER SERVICE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE CAREER SERVICE AND A LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7074, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING RATES OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) WHILE ON OVERSEAS DUTY WITH A PHILIPPINE EXPEDITIONARY

OR PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT PURSUANT TO A PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE COMMITMENT TO A UNITED NATIONS SANCTION OR POLICY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 7075, entitled:

“AN ACT TO EXPEDITE AND STREAMLINE THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SECURING BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6541, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7076, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE AMUSEMENT INDUSTRY SAFETY BOARD THEREBY STRENGTHENING THE AMUSEMENT PARKS AND RIDES INDUSTRY, INSTITUTING SAFETY STANDARDS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 7077, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A POLICY MECHANISM FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE ISLAND OF BORACAY, MUNICIPALITY OF MALAY, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, DEFINING FOR THE PURPOSE THE MODE OF ACQUISITION FOR PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE ISLAND CLASSIFIED AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION

UNDER PROCLAMATION NO. 1064 AND PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7078, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC CARE IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7079, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7080, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REGULATION FOR THE PRACTICE, LICENSING, AND REGISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITARY ENGINEERS IN THE PHILIPPINES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1364 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7081, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CARLOS HILADO MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE CITIES OF TALISAY AND BACOLOD

AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BINALBAGAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CARLOS HILADO MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Gasataya, Benitez and Mirasol

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7082, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR UNIFORM FEES OF SERVICE PROVIDERS OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS”

By Representatives Batocabe and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7083, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS GRANTED TO BENEFICIARIES OF UNIFORMED AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG), NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR), AND PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA), WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6963, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 7084, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7392, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE MIDWIFERY ACT OF 1992' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7085, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7086, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL, BY RE-DEFINING, EXPANDING, STRENGTHENING, RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7087, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE TIME OFF WITH PAY FOR EMPLOYEES WHO DONATE ORGAN, BONE MARROW, BLOOD, OR BLOOD PLATELETS”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7088, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7089, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING POST-HARVEST FACILITIES TO RICE FARMERS”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7090, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PRIVATE LAND FORESTRY TO ENHANCE REFORESTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 7091, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO SUFFER ANY INJURY IN THE LINE OF DUTY THAT LEADS TO DISABILITY”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7092, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7431, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 1992', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7093, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR ALL RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES MANUFACTURED, SOLD AND DISTRIBUTED IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 7094, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 7095, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF TRANSACTION WINDOWS AND THE CREATION OF E-SERVICES IN ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, MINIMIZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMISSION OF BRIBERY AND OTHER CORRUPT PRACTICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7096, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND REGULATING THE TRAVEL AGENTS PROFESSION”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7097, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1827 SO AS TO IMPOSE HIGHER PENALTIES FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN UNFAIR AND UNETHICAL LOBBYING PRACTICES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 7098, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE TRANSPARENCY OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS BY MANDATING THE VIDEO RECORDING OF ALL PROCUREMENT-RELATED CONFERENCES, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT OF 2003', PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7099, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING AND PERMITTING THE USE OF WASTE-TO-ENERGY TECHNOLOGY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 8749, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 7100, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE YOUNG FARMERS' PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7101, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION/RANK OF FIRE TRUCK OFFICER (FTO) IN THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7102, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF DISORDERS INCLUDED IN THE NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7103, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A CLASS D DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA, CAMARINES SUR”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7104, entitled:

“AN ACT STREAMLINING THE REGULATORY COMMISSION ON ENERGY, RENAMING THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION INTO THE PHILIPPINE POWER REGULATORY COMMISSION, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001', APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 7105, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION BY GRANTING AN AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2017 AND PRIOR YEARS”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7106, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT SERVICE CENTER (GSC) HOUSING SATELLITE OFFICES OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANGUED IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA”

By Representative Bernos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7107, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 8 AND 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10575, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2013, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Leachon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7108, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THROUGH QUOTAS ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION APPROVALS AND LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCES THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON THE ROADS OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7109, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO PROVIDE LEFT-HANDED ARMCHAIRS”

By Representative Roa-Puno

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

House Bill No. 7110, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONWIDE CURFEW FOR BETTER CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF WELFARE OF PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 7111, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING NATIONAL SECURITY BY PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF FOREIGN ENTITIES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS”

By Representative Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

COMMUNICATION

Letters dated January 30 2018 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

Circular No. 990 dated 22 January 2018;

Circular Letter No. CL-2018-006 dated 19 January 2018;

Memorandum No. M-2018-001 dated 12 January 2018; and

Memorandum No. M-2018-002 dated 17 January 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 595), re H.R. No. 1645, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT TO DR. AMADO GABRIEL

ESTEBAN FOR BRINGING HONOR AND PRESTIGE TO THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH HIS EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA) AS PRESIDENT OF TWO (2) MAJOR ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND FOR HIS INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO FILIPINO SCHOLARS IN THE USA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1119

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Agrarian Reform (Committee Report No. 596), re H.B. No. 7115, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE CONVERSION OR CAUSING THE CONVERSION OF IRRIGATED AND IRRIGABLE LANDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1396 and 5501

Sponsors: Representatives Relampagos, Amante and Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 597), re H.B. No. 652, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN OZAMIS CITY, CONVERTING THE MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT COMPRISING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CLARIN AND TUDELA INTO THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT OF CLARIN, AND CREATING A NEW MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT COMPRISING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SINACABAN AND TUDELA, ALL IN THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING

FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.), Veloso and Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 598), re H.B. No. 7120, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MR. PHILLIP LEACH”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5658

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Alvarez (P.), Fuentebella, Tiangco, Ferrer (J.) and Castro (F.H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative de Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Michael L. Romero, Ph.D.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Representative de Venecia, 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 February 1, 2018:

1. House Bill No. 6754, entitled: “AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ULTRASONIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8081, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE ULTRASONIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN

FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES' FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”;

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
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)

Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Floirendo
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano

Garin (R.)	Palma
Gasataya	Pancho
Go (A.C.)	Panganiban
Go (M.)	Panotes
Gomez	Papandayan
Gonzaga	Pichay
Gonzales (A.P.)	Pimentel
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda
Gonzalez	Plaza
Gullas	Primicias-Agabas
Herrera-Dy	Ramirez-Sato
Hofer	Relampagos
Jalosjos	Revilla
Javier	Roa-Puno
Khonghun	Rocamora
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (I.)
Lacson	Rodriguez (M.)
Lagman	Romero
Lanete	Romualdez
Laogan	Romualdo
Lazatin	Roque
Leachon	Sacdalan
Lee	Sagarbarria
Limkaichong	Sahali
Lobregat	Salo
Lopez (C.)	Salon
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar
Maceda	Sandoval
Madrona	Sangcopan
Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)
Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Mangaoang	Savellano
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao
Marcoleta	Silverio
Mariño	Singson
Marquez	Suansing (E.)
Martinez	Suansing (H.)
Matugas	Suarez
Mellana	Tan (A.)
Mending	Tan (M.)
Mendoza	Tejada
Mercado	Teves
Mirasol	Tiangco
Montoro	Ting
Nava	Tinio
Nieto	Tugna
Noel	Ungab
Nogales (J.J.)	Unico
Nolasco	Uy (R.)
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Uybarreta
Oaminal	Vargas-Alfonso
Ocampo	Velarde
Ong (E.)	Velasco
Ong (H.)	Velasco-Catera
Ortega (P.)	Veloso
Ortega (V.N.)	Vergara
Pacquiao	Villanueva
Paduano	Villaraza-Suarez

Villarica
Villarin
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 222 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6754.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Antonio L. Tinio manifested during the nominal voting that he voted “Yes” on House Bill No. 6754.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 7033 and 7054, and House Resolution No. 1636, the names of Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS (Continuation)

Distributed on February 1, 2018:

- House Bill No. 6913, entitled: “AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RADIO MARINE NETWORK, INCORPORATED, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4607, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7512”;

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
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao

Castelo	Gullas
Castro (F.H.)	Herrera-Dy
Catamco	Hofer
Cayetano	Jalosjos
Cerafica	Javier
Cerilles	Khonghun
Chavez	Labadlabad
Chipeco	Lacson
Cojuangco	Lagman
Cortes	Lanete
Cortuna	Laogan
Cuaresma	Lazatin
Cueva	Leachon
Dalipe	Lee
Datol	Limkaichong
Daza	Lobregat
De Jesus	Lopez (C.)
de Venecia	Macapagal-Arroyo
De Vera	Maceda
Defensor	Madrona
Del Mar	Malapitan
Del Rosario	Manalo
Deloso-Montalla	Mangaoang
Dimaporo (A.)	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marcoleta
Duavit	Mariño
Durano	Marquez
Dy	Martinez
Elago	Matugas
Enverga	Mellana
Erice	Mending
Eriguel	Mendoza
Ermita-Buhain	Mercado
Escudero	Mirasol
Espina	Montoro
Espino	Nava
Evardone	Nieto
Fariñas	Noel
Fernando	Nogralas (J.J.)
Floirendo	Nolasco
Flores	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Fortun	Oaminal
Fortuno	Ocampo
Fuentebella	Ong (E.)
Garbin	Ong (H.)
Garcia (G.)	Ortega (P.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (V.N.)
Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao
Garin (R.)	Paduano
Gasataya	Palma
Geron	Pancho
Go (A.C.)	Panganiban
Go (M.)	Panotes
Gomez	Papandayan
Gonzaga	Pichay
Gonzales (A.P.)	Pimentel
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda
Gonzalez	Plaza

Primicias-Agabas
 Ramirez-Sato
 Relampagos
 Revilla
 Roa-Puno
 Rocamora
 Rodriguez (I.)
 Rodriguez (M.)
 Romero
 Romualdez
 Romualdo
 Roque
 Sacdalan
 Sagarbarria
 Sahali
 Salo
 Salon
 Sambar
 Sandoval
 Sangcopan
 Sarmiento (C.)
 Sarmiento (E.M.)
 Savellano
 Siao
 Silverio
 Singson
 Suansing (E.)
 Suansing (H.)
 Suarez
 Tan (A.)
 Tan (M.)
 Tejada
 Teves
 Tiangco
 Ting
 Tinio
 Tugna
 Ungab
 Unico
 Uy (R.)
 Uybarreta
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velarde
 Velasco
 Velasco-Catera
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Villarica
 Villarin
 Yap (A.)
 Yap (M.)
 Yap (V.)
 Yu
 Zamora (M.C.)
 Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 223 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6913.

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

Distributed on February 1, 2018:

3. House Bill No. 6938, entitled: “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILD PASSENGERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES”;

Distributed on January 30, 2018:

4. House Bill No. 6974, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING THE BAGUIO CITY, LA TRINIDAD, ITOGON, SABLAN, TUBA, AND TUBLAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BLISTTDA), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and

Distributed on February 1, 2018:

5. House Bill No. 6995, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMARINES SUR INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES AND MARINE SCIENCES (CASIFMAS) – RAGAY CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RAGAY, CAMARINES SUR INTO A TESDA-SUPERVISED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS RAGAY POLYTECHNIC SKILLS INSTITUTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Casilao
Castelo

Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Floirendo
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas

Herrera-Dy	Ramirez-Sato
Hofer	Relampagos
Jalosjos	Revilla
Javier	Roa-Puno
Khonghun	Rocamora
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (I.)
Lacson	Rodriguez (M.)
Lagman	Romero
Lanete	Romualdez
Laogan	Romualdo
Lazatin	Roque
Leachon	Sacdalan
Lee	Sagarbarria
Limkaichong	Sahali
Lobregat	Salo
Lopez (C.)	Salon
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar
Maceda	Sandoval
Madrona	Sangcopan
Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)
Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Mangaoang	Savellano
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao
Marcoleta	Silverio
Mariño	Singson
Marquez	Suansing (E.)
Martinez	Suansing (H.)
Matugas	Suarez
Mellana	Tan (A.)
Mending	Tan (M.)
Mendoza	Tejada
Mercado	Teves
Mirasol	Tiangco
Montoro	Ting
Nava	Tinio
Nieto	Tugna
Noel	Umali
Nogales (J.J.)	Ungab
Nolasco	Unico
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Uy (R.)
Oaminal	Uybarreta
Ocampo	Vargas
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
Panotes	Villarin
Papandayan	Yap (A.)
Pichay	Yap (M.)
Pimentel	Yap (V.)
Pineda	Yu
Plaza	Zamora (M.C.)
Primicias-Agabas	Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 225 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Amihilda J. Sangcopan on a question of personal and collective privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE SANGCOPAN

In observance of World *Hijab* Day, Representative Sangcopan stressed the need to shed light on the mystery of the *hijab* (head scarf) which has become a symbol of oppression, terrorism, and lack of freedom in many places around the world. She explained that wearing the scarf is actually a means for the Muslim woman to discipline and compose herself for goodness and success and is an act imbued with integrity. Citing three Muslim Filipinas who excelled in their professions, she added that wearing the same is not an obstacle for Muslim women to become productive members of society.

She then related how her colleagues, educational institutions, and government agencies have conducted programs and activities to enlighten the public about the wearing of the *hijab*. She stressed that a bill that she had filed to promote the use of the *hijab*, will empower and enlighten the media, educational sector, the youth, and families about respect for diversity in religious beliefs and practices.

REMARKS OF DEPUTY SPEAKER SEMA

Deputy Speaker Sema thanked Representative Sangcopan as well as the lady Representatives who participated in the celebration of World *Hijab* Day. She said that they might have felt awkward wearing a *hijab* but wore it just the same in order to express their support for the Bangsamoro people.

On motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao to interpellate Representative Sangcopan.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BAG-AO

After thanking Representative Sangcopan for the opportunity to wear a *hijab*, Representative Bag-ao inquired on how the veil became a symbol of the Muslim women's fight for equality, peace, and prosperity.

The two Members then adverted to former Rep. Sitti Djalia Turabin-Hataman who said that she did not believe that most people hated Muslims but that they merely knew nothing about them. Representative Sangcopan stressed that understanding is the first step to peace while Representative Bag-ao expressed her firm stand against any form of discrimination.

On motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair thereafter recognized Deputy Speaker Lina-belle Ruth R. Villarica for a manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER VILLARICA

On behalf of the Association of Women Legislators' Foundation, Inc., Deputy Speaker Villarica said that women legislators were wearing a *hijab* in solidarity with their Muslim colleagues and Muslim women all over the world. She underscored that the *hijab* is not a mere fashion accessory but a symbol of purity, modesty, surrender to one's beliefs, and a way of life.

On motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu for a manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER ABU

Deputy Speaker Abu first stated that it was but fitting that the Presiding Officer from Mindanao was one of the Muslim leaders of the House, and that a colleague from Anak Mindanao Party-List had delivered a privilege speech about World *Hijab* Day. He then said that from personal queries and research, he found out that the wearing of the *hijab* was a sign of modesty; and World *Hijab* Day was celebrated to counteract the controversies as well as to help end discrimination, in connection with such practice.

On behalf of his male colleagues, he expressed his respect and support for the role of women regardless of their status in life and religion and his support for the advocacies of the women sector especially in Mindanao and among the Muslims.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE SANGCOPAN'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Sangcopan's privilege speech and the interpellation and manifestations thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

SENATE TRANSMITTAL OF HOUSE BILLS

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit to the Senate, copies of the House Bills that had been approved on Third Reading.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 585 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7054

On successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7054 as contained in Committee Report No. 585 and reported out by the Committees on Energy, and Appropriations, institutionalizing the Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure upon the request of Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Chairperson of the Committee on Energy; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

On an omnibus motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday, as contained in various Committee Reports and submitted by the Committees hereunder indicated; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory

Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the Committee amendments as contained in the respective Committee Reports if any; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 7037, as contained in Committee Report No. 583 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, converting the Dinaig Municipal Hospital in Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao, into a fifty-bed capacity district hospital, to be known as the Datu Odin Sinsuat District Hospital, upgrading its facilities and professional health care, authorizing the increase of its medical personnel;
2. House Bill No. 7037, as contained in Committee Report No. 583 and submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws, declaring June 18 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental to be known as the "Bacolod City Charter Day";
3. House Bill No. 2553, as contained in Committee Report No. 586 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, establishing the Teodoro N. Pepito Memorial Hospital in Valencia City, Fourth District of Bukidnon;
4. House Bill No. 7061, as contained in Committee Report No. 587 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, 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, and authorizing the increase of its medical personnel;
5. House Bill No. 7062, as contained in Committee Report No. 588 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, 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);

6. House Bill No. 7063, as contained in Committee Report No. 589 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, 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, amending for the purpose Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9420;
7. House Bill No, 7064, as contained in Committee Report No. 590 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, increasing the bed capacity of Don Emilio Del Valle Memorial Hospital (DEDVMH) in Ubay, Bohol from fifty (50) to three hundred (300) beds, upgrading its services and facilities and professional health care, and authorizing the increase of its medical personnel; and
8. House Bill No, 7065, as contained in Committee Report No. 591 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, increasing the bed capacity of the Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center in Marikina City from three hundred (300) to five hundred (500) beds, and upgrading the service facilities and professional health care therein.

ADOPTION OF CERTAIN HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions as contained in various Committee Reports and submitted by the Committees indicated hereunder; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Resolution No. 1636, as contained in Committee Report No. 594 and submitted by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 EXPLO-
RATION FOR MINERAL DEPOSITS
AND OTHER RESOURCES THEREIN
WHICH MAY BE USED AS ALTERNA-
TIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY”; and

House Resolution No. 1630, as contained in Committee Report No. 592 and submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, 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.”

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 58, dated February 5, 2018.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:25 p.m., upon motion of Representative Gullas.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:40 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 389 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6425

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6425, as contained in Committee Report No. 389 and reported out by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING AN URGENT, COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED LAND-BASED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CRISIS IN METRO MANILA, METROPOLITAN CEBU AND METROPOLITAN DAVAO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

Representative Gullas stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, to sponsor the measure and Representative Tinio to interpellate thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

Representative Tinio asked how the measure can resolve the traffic problem in the key metropolitan areas of the country. Representative Sarmiento (C.) discussed its provisions on uniform traffic rules and regulations, route rationalization, mass transportation, roadworthiness of public utility vehicles (PUVs), and road infrastructure projects.

Representative Tinio also sought clarification on other provisions of the Bill such as the President's power to reorganize traffic-related agencies; the removal of the ordinance-enacting powers of local government units; and traffic commissioner's power to approve road-related infrastructure projects. The Sponsor affirmed that after three years, the traffic commissioner's commission will be abolished but the traffic management councils and expanded powers of the Metro Manila Development Authority will remain.

Subsequently adverting to the regulatory provisions, Representative Tinio asked why the Bill focused only on PUVs and the drivers and operators thereof and whether there were support mechanisms for those who would be affected or displaced by the route rationalization scheme. Despite the Sponsor's explanations, he stressed that it does not provide for specific regulations for private vehicles whose volume in the streets is one of the causes of traffic; and proposed to regulate the sale of new private vehicles as what was being done in other countries.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair reminded Representative Tinio to wind up with his interpellation.

INTEPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO (Continuation)

The Sponsor clarified that only small projects will be exempted from the Procurement Law, in response to the succeeding questions of Representative Tinio. However, the latter pointed out that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte had been making pronouncements about his aversion to public bidding; and warned that the passage of the instant Bill

will open the box to corruption especially in multi-billion-peso projects under the guise of traffic projects and in the government's "Build, Build, Build" projects.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair again reminded Representative Tinio to wind up with his interpellation.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6425

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6425.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7111

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of House Bill No. 7111 – from the Committee on National Defense and Security to the Committees on National Defense and Security, Public Order and Safety, and Justice.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Gullas, the session was suspended at 6:45 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

It was 6:46 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on February 7, 3018

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

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

1. House Bill No. 6914, entitled: “AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PEÑAFRANCIA BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8166, EXPANDING ITS COVERAGE TO THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF ITS CORPORATE SHARES”; and
2. House Bill No. 4115, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FORESTLAND BOUNDARY OF THE PROVINCE OF SIQUIJOR.”

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE*Journal No. 59***Tuesday, February 06, 2018**

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

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.)
***** NOGRALES (K.A.)		SARMIENTO (E.M.)	* ZARATE
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

(Subject to correction/s that may appear in the Annual Journal)