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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

Pursuant to Section 73, Rule XI of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, Representative Ann K. Hofer delivered the invocation.

DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Likewise, on motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 62, dated January 25, 2017.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), 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 Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4798, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING A LOGGING BAN IN
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RE-
SOURCES

House Bill No. 4799, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF CAGA-
YAN DE ORO A MINING FREE ZONE”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RE-
SOURCES

House Bill No. 4800, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE PUBLIC
HIGHER EDUCATION, AND APPROPRI-
ATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4801, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVI-
SIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10176
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT RE-
VIVING THE OBSERVANCE OF ARBOR
DAY BY AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS THE RESPONSIBI-
LITIES FOR CELEBRATING THE DAY
FOR TREE PLANTING AS AN ANNUAL
EVENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFOR-
ESTATION

House Bill No. 4802, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SUCCESSIONAL
RIGHTS OF A LEGITIMATE BIOLOGI-
CAL CHILD TO AN ADOPTED CHILD,
AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE
THE PROVISIONS OF THE DOMESTIC
ADOPTION ACT AND THE FAMILY
CODE”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4803, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS AS A TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO DISPOSE THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4804, entitled:

“AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE MANDATE AND REFOCUS THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, REMOVE ITS ROLE IN MAINTENANCE AND COLLECTION OF IRRIGATION AND OTHER SERVICE FEES, AND RE-NAME IT AS THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4805, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROMOTE URBAN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY'S METROPOLITAN AREAS, TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4806, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE ABACA INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4807, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER TWENTY-SEVEN OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SARANGANI”

By Representative Pacquiao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4808, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF BLACK ISLANDS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SILAGO, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS)”

By Representative Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4809, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A CANINE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4810, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS (ENDS) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4811, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING AUTOMATIC PHIL-HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL ORPHANS, ABANDONED AND ABUSED MINORS, OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTHS AND STREET CHILDREN, AMENDING FOR

THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10606, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 2013'”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4812, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4813, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING REHABILITATION CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES NATIONWIDE”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 705, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONTINUING DETERIORATION OF LAGUNA LAKE IN ORDER TO ENSURE ITS SUSTAINABILITY”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 706, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND/OR OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON

THE CONDITIONS, RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES OF THE ELEVEN (11) MISSING STUDENT-CADETS UNDERGOING SHIPBOARD TRAINING WHO FELL VICTIMS TO THE MARITIME ACCIDENT SUFFERED BY M/V STARLITE ATLANTIC”

By Representative Manalo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 707, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND/OR OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SINKING OF THE M/V STARLITE ATLANTIC AS IT RELATES TO MARITIME SAFETY AND INTO THE CASE OF THE ONE (1) CONFIRMED DEAD CREW AND EIGHTEEN (18) MISSING CREW, ELEVEN (11) OF WHICH WERE STUDENT-CADETS TAKING THEIR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING ONBOARD THE ILL-FATED SHIP”

By Representative Manalo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 709, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE INITIATIVES BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL RELATIVE TO THE REHABILITATION OF LAGUNA DE BAY”

By Representatives Pineda, Belmonte (R.), Canama, Salo, Lopez (B.), Villarin, Bertiz, Montoro, Belaro, Lacson, Uybarreta, Salon and Lopez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 710, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON

THE CHARGING OF PARKING FEES ON MALLS AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT FACILITIES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATION TO REGULATE THE SAME”

By Representatives Pineda, Belmonte (R.), Canama, Salo, Lopez (B.), Villarín, Bertiz, Montoro, Belaro, Lacson, Uybarreta, Salon and Lopez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 711, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONVEYING THE SINCEREST CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER MANILA MAYOR, FORMER MANILA CONGRESSMAN, AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, GEMILIANO "MEL" C. LOPEZ, JR.”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 712, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED FAILURE OF THE SMALL TOWN LOTTERY (STL) OPERATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) IN GENERATING ITS PROJECTED INCOME RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF BILLIONS OF PESOS IN REVENUES ON THE PART OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE POSSIBLE USE OF ITS OPERATIONS FOR THE PROLIFERATION OF JUETENG AND OTHER ILLEGAL NUMBERS GAME IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Manalo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 713, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (AUP)

ON ITS CENTENNIAL (100TH YEAR) ANNIVERSARY OF BEING A SCHOOL THAT TRAINS FOR SERVICE AND PREPARES FOR ETERNITY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 714, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) ORDER TO CLOSE DOWN THE PAYATAS DUMPSITE”

By Representative Batocabe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 715, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS TO CONDUCT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE CONDUCT OF SMALL TOWN LOTTERY OPERATIONS OF PCSO THAT REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF BILLIONS OF REVENUES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE SUPPOSED EXPLOITATION OF SMALL TOWN LOTTERY OPERATIONS INTO FRONTS FOR ILLEGAL GAMBLING IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Batocabe, Belaro and Bravo (A.)

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. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bills No. 40, 163, 193, 298, 300, 304, 335, 352, 429, 440, 468, 489, 522, and 4774;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No. 9, 2900, 3024, and 3040;

Rep. Rodrigo A. Abellanosa for House Bills No. 4689 and 4800;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 40, 2576, 3643, 3644, 3662, 3645, 3663, 3665, 3706, 4637, 3704, 4087, and 4090;

Reps. Juliette T. Uy, Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr., and Jesus "Boying" F. Celeste for House Bill No. 4689 and House Resolution No. 198;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bill No. 1387;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bill No. 3518 and House Resolution No. 247;

Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales for House Bills No. 477 and 2653;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 4586, 4588, 4590, 4601, 4640, 4740, 4744, 4745, and 4771, and House Resolution No. 553;

Rep. Rene L. Relampagos for House Bill No. 3403;

Reps. Rodel M. Batocabe, Ann K. Hofer, Lianda B. Bolilia, Orestes T. Salon, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Alex "AA" L. Advincula, Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D., and Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan for House Bill No. 4689;

Rep. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II for House Bills No. 3730 and 4689;

Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel for House Bills No. 1595, 3620, 3835, and 4689;

Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar for House Bill No. 328;

Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna for House Bill No. 2819;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 3355, 3855, and 4689 and House Resolution No. 667;

Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr. for House Bill No. 3855 and House Resolution No. 667;

Reps. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. and H. Harry L. Roque Jr. for House Bill No. 3855;

Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy for House Bills No. 3113, 3234, 3543, 3708, 3709, 4153, 4154, and 4155;

Rep. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong for House Bills No. 37, 40, 2447, 2452, 2453, 2462, 2713, and 4689;

Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III for House Bill No. 1480;

Rep. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño for House Bills No. 221 and 1554;

Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica for House Bills No. 4, 269, 416, 1204, 2916, 3177, and 3222;

Reps. Kaka J. Bag-ao, Florida "Rida" P. Robes, Glona G. Labadlabad, Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora, Winston "Winnie" Castelo, Sitti Djalia A. Turabin-Hataman, Shernee Abubakar Tan, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Lawrence H. Fortun, Nancy A. Catamco, Jorge "Bolet" Banal, Sherwin N. Tugna, and Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez for House Bill No. 1166;

Reps. Greg G. Gasataya and Richard C. Eusebio for House Bill No. 56;

Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for House Bill No. 953;

Rep. Luis Jose Angel N. Campos Jr. for House Bills No. 210, 479, 662, and 3518, and House Resolution No. 693;

Reps. Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro, Dale "Along" R. Malapitan, Orestes T. Salon, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, and Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo for House Bill No. 4105; and

Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Resolution No. 663.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 58), re H.B. No. 4848, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1897

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.), Nograles (K.) and Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 59), re H.B. No. 4850, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOPEZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1750

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 60), re H.B. No. 4851, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ATIMONAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1738

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 61), re H.B. No. 4852, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUMACA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1749

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 62), re H.B. No. 4853, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROBO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1899

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.), Nograles (K.) and Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 63), re H.B. No. 4854, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1748

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 64), re H.B. No. 4855, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1734

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 65), re H.B. No. 4856, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HINATUAN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1898

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.), Nograles (K.) and Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 66), re H.B. No. 4857, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEREZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1994

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 67), re H.B. No. 4858, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1736

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 68), re H.B. No. 4859, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1735

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 69), re H.B. No. 4860, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1747

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 70), re H.B. No. 4861, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABAT, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1737

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 71), re H.B. No. 4862, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 672

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.), Nograles (K.) and Gonzalez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Order and Safety (Committee Report No. 72), re H.B. No. 4863, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE-CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP (PNP-CIDG) BY RESTORING ITS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE *SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM* OR *SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM*, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 35 (B)(4) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990'”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2993 and 4339

Sponsors: Representatives Acop and Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 4:10 p.m. upon motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:15 p.m.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following measures:

1. House Bills No. 388, 1520, and 4206 – from the Committee on Population and Family Relations to the Committee on Revision of Laws;
2. House Bills No. 2324 and 179 – from the Committee on Revision of Laws to the Committee on Social Services;
3. House Bills No. 2977 and 3651 – from the Committee on Government Reorganization to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Science and Technology;
4. House Bills No. 25 and 4369 – from the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Energy to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Science and Technology;
5. House Bill No. 1691 – from the Committee on Energy to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Science and Technology; and
6. House Bill No. 2732 – from the Committee on Science and Technology to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Science and Technology.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 713

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 713, entitled: “RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (AUP) ON ITS CENTENNIAL (100TH YEAR) ANNIVERSARY OF BEING A SCHOOL THAT TRAINS FOR SERVICE AND PREPARES FOR ETERNITY IN THE PHILIPPINES”; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Garcia (J.E.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Gary C. Alejano and Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Chair declared

a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Arenas for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ARENAS

As Rep. Arenas spoke on the plight of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in the Middle East, she focused on the case of Mrs. Jakatia Pawa who was recently executed in Kuwait seemingly without the knowledge of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). She cited Republic Act (RA) No. 7157 or the Philippine Foreign Service Act of 1991 which provides for the protection of the rights and welfare of OFWs. She lamented the fact that OFWs did not receive protection despite reported and documented cases of rape, maltreatment, contract violations, and sexual, physical and verbal abuse. She then asked for a ban on the deployment of OFWs in Kuwait.

Thereupon, Rep. Arenas suggested that the government require international and local diplomatic offices to submit periodic reports on the situation of all OFWs; create a pertinent inter-agency task force; identify and eliminate exploitative recruitment fees and procedures and designate welfare officers in recruitment agencies; impose mandatory pre-employment orientation seminars; fast-track House Bill No. 543 creating the Department of Overseas Workers; and include in the agenda of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), a model bilateral/multilateral labor agreement that will promote the fair and ethical recruitment of OFWs. She pointed out that the OFWs formed the backbone of the economy.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. BATOCABE

Rep. Batocabe inquired on the number of distressed OFWs including those on death row. Rep. Arenas said that as Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs, she had requested the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), POEA, and OWWA to furnish her with said data but they did not do so. Both Members then asked their colleagues to address the plight of OFWs especially those on death row.

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), the Chair next recognized Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. BERTIZ

Rep. Bertiz averred that the new medical and visa system for deployment to Kuwait made OFWs more vulnerable to abuse; the DFA and Department of Health (DOH) were remiss about, if not involved in, the so-called Winston Q8 cartel among medical clinics; the DFA did not adequately attend to Mrs. Pawa's case; domestic workers should not be deployed to Kuwait; and clinics charging exorbitant medical examination fees should be abolished. Rep. Arenas agreed therewith.

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), the Chair then recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA

Reps. Atienza and Arenas affirmed that Mrs. Pawa's guilt was in doubt, her execution prejudiced her and her family's right to dignity and justice, and her life could have been saved if the communication between the Philippines and Kuwait had been more efficient. They subsequently agreed that the House must go slow on, and thoroughly study the pending bill on the restoration of the death penalty; this, as the Philippines is a Christian country that values life and the justice system and many OFWs were on death row in the Middle East.

Rep. Atienza subsequently explained why the death penalty should not be reimposed, saying the Supreme Court had already reversed several death sentences and the death penalty was not only a matter of life for the victim but also of the future of his or her family. Rep. Arenas assured him that she would study the matter very well.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. H. Harry L. Roque, Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROQUE (H.)

To her colleague's initial question, Rep. Arenas decried an incident where the Third Secretary of the Embassy of Kuwait in Manila shouted at her during a meeting on case that she had filed against a Kuwaiti diplomat; as well as the non-resolution of said case for the past six years. Denouncing the same as well, Rep. Roque proposed to refer Rep. Arenas' speech and interpellations thereon to the appropriate Committee so that the House can denounce the aforementioned official as *persona non grata* and express its position against abusive foreigners who disrespect Filipino legislators.

The Members then discussed the decking referral system which requires OFW applicants to have their medical examinations done only in specific but costly clinics. Rep. Arenas asked her colleagues to attend a hearing thereon that was earlier mentioned by Rep. Bertiz. Rep. Roque pointed out that the system persisted even if the Supreme Court had declared it as illegal, stressed that no foreign power could breach the Highest Court's lawful decisions, and commended his colleague for her concern for OFWs.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. DE JESUS

Rep. De Jesus first recounted the efforts she exerted after finding out about Mrs. Pawa's execution, expressing her shock as well upon finding out that the POEA and the OWWA had no knowledge thereon.

She and Rep. Arenas then dwelt on the vulnerability of female OFWs, many of whom were mothers and were forced to work abroad because of economic reasons. Rep. Arenas stressed the need for local employment opportunities and for assurance, especially for OFW returnees, on a life of dignity back in their country. Rep. De Jesus agreed that this was the challenge that the government faced; and said that while she acknowledged efforts to punish the crimes committed against OFWs, the Members needed to be vigilant in protecting the latter's rights.

REFERRAL OF REP. ARENAS' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Arenas' privilege speech and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

ROLL CALL

On further motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya
Abayon

Abellanos
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte-Naguiat
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo

Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Floirendo
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lazatin
Lee
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
Mellana
Mirasol
Montoro
Nieto
Noel
Nograles (J.J.)
Nograles (K.A.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel

Pineda
 Plaza
 Primicias-Agabas
 Quimbo
 Radaza
 Ramirez-Sato
 Ramos
 Relampagos
 Revilla
 Roa-Puno
 Robes
 Rocamora
 Rodriguez (I.)
 Rodriguez (M.)
 Roman
 Romualdez
 Romualdo
 Roque (H.)
 Roque (R.)
 Salo
 Salon
 Sandoval
 Sarmiento (C.)
 Sarmiento (E.M.)
 Savellano
 Siao
 Silverio
 Singson
 Suansing (E.)
 Suansing (H.)
 Suarez
 Sy-Alvarado
 Tambunting
 Tan (M.)
 Tejada
 Teves
 Tiangco
 Tinio
 Tolentino
 Tugna
 Tupas
 Ty
 Umali
 Unabia
 Ungab
 Uy (J.)
 Uy (R.)
 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velarde
 Velasco
 Velasco-Catera
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez

Villarica
 Violago
 Yap (A.)
 Yap (M.)
 Yu
 Zamora (M.C.)
 Zubiri

With 233 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Garcia (J.E.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy.

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for 30 minutes; and the Chair recognized Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SARMIENTO (E.M.)

Citing the heinous kidnap-slay of Korean national Jee Ick Joo and other Korean nationals by members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Rep. Sarmiento stressed that crimes should not be perpetrated by the protectors of the people and enforcers of the law.

He then expressed support for President Rodrigo Roa Duterte’s directive to put the drug campaign on hold to focus on cleansing the ranks of the PNP, and to disband the Anti-Illegal Drugs Group to give way to a new command that will weed out those involved in the drug trade. He said that this will enable the PNP to help the legislature in reorganizing the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Dangerous Drugs Board, and National Bureau of Investigation. He also called on the Internal Affairs Service and the National Police Commission to address erring police officers and expressed hope that his speech would encourage law enforcers to bring back the public’s trust and respect.

**REFERRAL OF REP. SARMIENTO'S (E.M.)
PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Sarmiento's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On subsequent motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), the Chair suspended the session at 5:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:39 p.m.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

It was 5:40 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on January 31, 2017

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

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

1. House Bill No. 833, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MONTE-VISTA-CATEEL NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE INTO THE BENIGNO S. AQUINO JR. NATIONAL HIGHWAY”

2. House Bill No. 4782, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE KAY TIKLING-ANTIPOLO-TERESA-MORONG NATIONAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL, TRAVERSING THROUGH BARANGAY DOLORES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY UP TO BARANGAY MAYBANCAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORONG, AS CORAZON C. AQUINO AVENUE”

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Date: January 30, 2017**

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

HERNANDEZ	OLIVAREZ	SINGSON
HERRERA-DY	ONG (E.)	SUANSING (E.)
HOFER	ONG (H.)	SUANSING (H.)
***** JALOSJOS	ORTEGA (P.)	SUAREZ
* JAVIER	***** ORTEGA (V.N.)	SY-ALVARADO
KHO	PACQUIAO	TAMBUNTING
KHONGHUN	PADUANO	* TAN (A.)
LABADLABAD	PALMA	TAN (M.)
LACSON	PANCHO	* TAN (S.)
LAGMAN	PANGANIBAN	TEJADA
LANETE	PANOTES	TEVES
LAOGAN	PAPANDAYAN	TIANGCO
LAZATIN	PICHAY	* TING
***** LEACHON	PIMENTEL	TINIO
LEE	PINEDA	TOLENTINO
**** LIMKAICHONG	PLAZA	*** TREÑAS
LOBREGAT	PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	TUGNA
LOPEZ (B.)	QUIMBO	TUPAS
LOPEZ (C.)	RADAZA	**** TURABIN-HATAMAN
LOPEZ (M.L.)	RAMIREZ-SATO	TY
* LOYOLA	RAMOS	UMALI
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	RELAMPAGOS	UNABIA
* MACEDA	REVILLA	UNGAB
* MADRONA	ROA-PUNO	***** UNICO
MALAPITAN	ROBES	UY (J.)
MANALO	ROCAMORA	UY (R.)
MANGAOANG	RODRIGUEZ (I.)	* UYBARRETA
* MANGUDADATU (S.)	RODRIGUEZ (M.)	VARGAS
MANGUDADATU (Z.)	ROMAN	VARGAS-ALFONSO
***** MARCOLETA	***** ROMERO	VELARDE
MARCOS	ROMUALDEZ	VELASCO
MARIÑO	ROMUALDO	VELASCO-CATERA
MARQUEZ	ROQUE (H.)	VELOSO
MARTINEZ	ROQUE (R.)	VERGARA
**** MATUGAS	** SACDALAN	**** VILLAFUERTE
MELLANA	* SAGARBARRIA	VILLANUEVA
**** MENDING	** SAHALI	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
***** MENDOZA	**** SALCEDA	VILLARICA
***** MERCADO	*** SALIMBANGON	**** VILLARIN
MIRASOL	SALO	VIOLAGO
MONTORO	SALON	YAP (A.)
* NAVA	* SAMBAR	YAP (M.)
NIETO	SANDOVAL	**** YAP (V.)
NOEL	* SANTOS-RECTO	YU
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NOGRALES (K.A.)	SARMIENTO (E.M.)	*** ZAMORA (R.)
NOLASCO	SAVELLANO	** ZARATE
NUÑEZ-MALANYAON	**** SEMA	ZUBIRI
OAMINAL	SIAO	
*** OCAMPO	SILVERIO	

* Appeared before/after Roll Call

** On official mission

*** Attended meetings of CA/HRET/Conference Committee/Committee meetings authorized by Committee on Rules

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

***** Absent without notice

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