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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Frederick “Eric” F. Abueg called the session to order.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER**

Pursuant to Section 73, Article 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. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta-Alba  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Albano  
Almario  
Almonte  
Alonte  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Andaya  
Antonino  
Antonio  
Aquino-Magsaysay  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Aumentado  
Bag-ao  
Banal  
Barbers  
Bataoil  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Bertiz

Biazon  
Billones  
Biron  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Bulut-Begtang  
Cagas  
Calalang  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Campos  
Cari  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco  
Cayetano  
Chipeco  
Co  
Cojuangco  
Cortes  
Cortuna  
Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cuaresma  
Dalipe  
Datul  
Daza  
De Jesus  
de Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (A.)  
Durano  
Dy  
Elago  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Espina  
Eusebio  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Ferriol-Pascual  
Flores

Fortun  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (G.)  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Garin (R.)  
Garin (S.)  
Gasataya  
Gatchalian  
Go (M.)  
Gonzaga  
Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Gullas  
Hernandez  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Jalosjos  
Kho  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Laogan  
Lazatin  
Leachon  
Lee  
Limkaichong  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Loyola  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Madrona  
Malapitan  
Mangaoang  
Mangudadatu (Z.)  
Marcoleta  
Marcos  
Mariño  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Matugas  
Mending  
Mercado  
Mirasol  
Nieto  
Noel  
Nogales (J.J.)  
Nolasco  
Oaminal  
Ocampo  
Olivarez  
Ong (H.)  
Ortega (P.)  
Ortega (V.N.)  
Pacquiao  
Paduano  
Pancho  
Panotes  
Papandayan  
Pichay  
Pimentel  
Pineda  
Plaza  
Primicias-Agabas  
Radaza  
Ramirez-Sato  
Ramos  
Relampagos  
Revilla  
Roa-Puno  
Rodriguez (I.)  
Rodriguez (M.)  
Romero  
Romualdo  
Roque  
Sacdalan  
Salimbangon  
Salo  
Salon  
Sandoval  
Sangcopan  
Sarmiento (C.)  
Sarmiento (E.M.)  
Savellano  
Siao  
Silverio  
Singson  
Suansing (E.)  
Suansing (H.)  
Suarez  
Tambunting  
Tan (A.)  
Tejada  
Tiangco  
Ting  
Tinio  
Tolentino  
Tupas  
Ty  
Umali  
Unabia  
Ungab  
Unico  
Uy (R.)  
Vargas-Alfonso  
Velasco-Catera  
Velo  
Vergara  
Villarica  
Villarin  
Yap (A.)  
Yap (M.)  
Yap (V.)  
Yu

Zamora (R.)  
Zubiri

With 202 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 64, dated February 19, 2018.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Pimentel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Gavini “Apol” C. Pancho, Strike B. Revilla and Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla.

### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolution, including Communications and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees or consigned to the Archives as hereunder indicated:

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7172, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RONDA IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS RONDA TESDA TRAINING CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7173, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE

FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4339, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH RADIO STATIONS FOR PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATION', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7225, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7174, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10588, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PALARONG PAMBANSA ACT OF 2013”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7181, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS LABOR ARBITER FOR THE PROTECTION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bordado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7182, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RONDA IN THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT OF CEBU, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Calderon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7183, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SEVEN LINE REEF IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS A PROTECTED SEASCAPE,

PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS) ACT OF 1992 AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Acosta, Abueg, Alvarez (F.), Bravo (A.) and Canama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7186, entitled:

“AN ACT ENCOURAGING VOLUNTARY ACCREDITATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

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

House Bill No. 7187, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SUPPORT TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS THROUGH EASY ACCESS TO CREDIT”

By Representative Castelo

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

House Bill No. 7188, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SUPPORT TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS THROUGH THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND FOR TEACHER-STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 1687, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE

NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THEIR SWIFT ACTION, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF ABRA, ON INTERCEDING AND PREVENTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE ELECTRICITY MARKET CORPORATION'S ORDER SUSPENDING ABRA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY SPOT MARKET”

By Representatives Uybarreta and Bernos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Report of Atty. Cesar Strait Pareja, Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bill, submitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency's consideration and signature, pursuant to the provision of Rule VI, Section 18, Par. (h) of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. House Bill No. 5177, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO INFOCOM COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC. (PRESENTLY KNOWN AS NOW TELECOM COMPANY, INC.) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7301, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING INFOCOM COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC. (ICNI), A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN MOBILE RADIO SYSTEMS SUCH AS RADIO PAGING SYSTEMS, CELLULAR PHONE SYSTEMS, PERSONAL COMMUNICATION NETWORK (PCN), AND TRUNKED RADIO SYSTEMS WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7940”;

2. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1239 and House Bill No. 4863, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE CHIEF OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND THE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

TION OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP (CIDG) THE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATH AND TO ISSUE SUBPOENA AND SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990' ”;

3. House Bill No. 4597, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CONCEPCION DOS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF MARIKINA TO BE KNOWN AS SSS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

4. House Bill No. 5183, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HAMPANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS HAMPANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

5. House Bill No. 3438, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY UGONG, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS ANTONIO M. SERAPIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

6. House Bill No. 5052, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BANAHAO, CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS BANAHAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

7. House Bill No. 4598, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NASISI, CITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY TO

BE KNOWN AS LIGAO CITY NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

8. House Bill No. 4599, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF PAGADIAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PAGADIAN CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

9. House Bill No. 6101, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MATAGUISI COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CACALAGGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY CACALAGGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PUDTOL, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE MATAGUISI COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TAWIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

10. House Bill No. 5757, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SAN ANTONIO HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO, PARAÑAQUE CITY, FROM THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ANTONIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PARAÑAQUE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

11. House Bill No. 5550, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CAMALOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MALAGNAT EXTENSION IN BARANGAY MALAGNAT, MUNICIPALITY OF PINUKPUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE CAMALOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MALAGNAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

12. House Bill No. 4469, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TUBLAY SCHOOL OF HOME INDUSTRIES EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TUBLAY CENTRAL, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBLAY, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE TUBLAY SCHOOL OF HOME INDUSTRIES MAIN, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TUBLAY NATIONAL TRADE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

13. House Bill No. 5754, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE RIZAL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES – SANTOR EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SANTOR, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE RIZAL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SANTOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

14. House Bill No. 6103, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – GUINA-ANG ANNEX IN BARANGAY GUINA-ANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GUINA-ANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

15. House Bill No. 5212, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FILIPINAS BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS WORD

BROADCASTING CORPORATION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7485, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINAS BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”;

16. House Bill No. 5756, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DEPASE, MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS DEPASE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

17. House Bill No. 5758, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BOKOD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DAKLAN EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DAKLAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BOKOD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE BOKOD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DAKLAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

18. House Bill No. 6100, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GOVERNOR BENJAMIN LEGUIAB, SR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SACPIL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SACPIL, MUNICIPALITY OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE GOVERNOR BENJAMIN LEGUIAB, SR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SACPIL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

19. House Bill No. 2507, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY UGONG, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS JUSTICE ELIEZER R. DE

LOS SANTOS HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

20. House Bill No. 2508, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAGBAGUIN, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS BAGBAGUIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

21. House Bill No. 5064, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SUBIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7511, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE SUBIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”; and

22. House Bill No. 4636, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE ILOILO BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.”

TO THE ARCHIVES

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 615), re H.B. No. 7199, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE DELTA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7723”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4906

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Cooperatives Development (Committee Report No. 616), re H.R. No. 1700, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE VICTO NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES BY PROMOTING SELF-RELIANCE AND COOPERATIVISM”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1366

Sponsors: Representatives Geron, Bravo (A.) and Canama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 617), re H.B. No. 7206, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MOHAMAD WASSIM NANA”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3266

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Fuentesbella, Oaminal and Villarica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ADOPTION OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

On successive motions of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body then considered Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8, entitled: “RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE POSTHUMOUS CONFERMENT OF THE QUEZON SERVICE CROSS TO MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO”; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

#### REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

At this point, Rep. Bondoc informed the Body that the authors of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8 were Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas, and Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez.



**ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS**

On further motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8 all of the Members contained in the pertinent list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

**APPOINTMENT OF  
REPRESENTATIVE BERTIZ  
AS ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER**

On motion of Minority Leader Suarez, there being no objection, Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III was appointed as Assistant Minority Leader.

**ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE  
CALALANG TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

On further motion of Minority Leader Suarez, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Ciriaco S. Calalang vice Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III as the representative of the Minority to the Committees on Games and Amusements; Basic Education and Culture; Dangerous Drugs; Ecology; Good Government and Public Accountability; Health; Housing and Urban Development; Justice; Metro Manila Development; National Defense and Security; Public Order and Safety; Tourism; Transportation; and Youth and Sports Development, and the Special Committee on Bases Conversion.

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

On motion of Representative Pimentel, 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 February 15, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the amended Provisional Rules of the House:

1. House Bill 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”; 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  
Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta-Alba  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Almonte  
Alonte  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Andaya  
Antonino  
Antonio  
Aquino-Magsaysay  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Aumentado  
Bag-ao  
Banal  
Barbers  
Batocabe  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Bertiz  
Billones  
Biron  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Bulut-Begtang  
Cagas  
Calalang  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Campos  
Cari  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco  
Cayetano  
Chipeco  
Co  
Cojuangco  
Cortes

Cosalan	Malapitan
Crisologo	Mangaoang
Cuaresma	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Dalipe	Marcoleta
Datol	Marcos
Daza	Mariño
De Jesus	Marquez
de Venecia	Martinez
De Vera	Matugas
Defensor	Mercado
Del Mar	Mirasol
Del Rosario	Montoro
Deloso-Montalla	Nieto
Dimaporo (A.)	Noel
Durano	Nogralles (J.J.)
Dy	Nolasco
Elago	Oaminal
Erice	Olivarez
Eriguel	Ong (H.)
Ermita-Buhain	Ortega (P.)
Escudero	Ortega (V.N.)
Espina	Pacquiao
Eusebio	Paduano
Evardone	Pancho
Fariñas	Panotes
Ferriol-Pascual	Papandayan
Flores	Pichay
Fortun	Pimentel
Fortuno	Pineda
Fuentebella	Plaza
Garbin	Primicias-Agabas
Garcia (G.)	Radaza
Garcia (J.E.)	Ramirez-Sato
Garin (R.)	Ramos
Garin (S.)	Relampagos
Gasataya	Revilla
Go (M.)	Roa-Puno
Gonzaga	Rodriguez (I.)
Gonzales (A.P.)	Romero
Gonzales (A.D.)	Romualdo
Gonzalez	Roque
Gullas	Sacdalan
Hernandez	Salo
Herrera-Dy	Salon
Hofer	Sandoval
Jalosjos	Sangcopan
Kho	Sarmiento (C.)
Lagman	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Lanete	Savellano
Laogan	Siao
Lazatin	Silverio
Lee	Singson
Limkaichong	Suansing (E.)
Lopez (B.)	Suansing (H.)
Lopez (C.)	Suarez
Lopez (M.L.)	Tambunting
Macapagal-Arroyo	Tan (A.)
Madrona	Tejada

Tiangco  
Ting  
Tinio  
Tupas  
Ty  
Umali  
Ungab  
Unico  
Uy (R.)  
Vargas-Alfonso  
Velasco-Catera  
Veloso  
Vergara  
Villarica  
Villarin  
Yap (A.)  
Yap (M.)  
Yap (V.)  
Yu  
Zarate

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

None

With 188 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7115.

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

2. House Bill No. 652, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN OZAMIZ CITY, CONVERTING THE MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT COVERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CLARIN AND TUDELA INTO THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT OF CLARIN, AND CREATING A NEW MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT COVERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SINACABAN AND TUDELA, ALL IN THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980'."

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  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Almonte  
Alonte  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Andaya  
Antonino  
Antonio  
Aquino-Magsaysay  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Aumentado  
Bag-ao  
Banal  
Barbers  
Batocabe  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Bertiz  
Billones  
Biron  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Bulut-Begtang  
Cagas  
Calalang  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Campos  
Cari  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco

Cayetano	Limkaichong
Chipeco	Lopez (B.)
Co	Lopez (C.)
Cojuangco	Lopez (M.L.)
Cortes	Macapagal-Arroyo
Cosalan	Madrona
Crisologo	Malapitan
Cuaresma	Mangaoang
Cueva	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Dalipe	Marcoleta
Datol	Marcos
Daza	Mariño
De Jesus	Marquez
de Venecia	Martinez
De Vera	Matugas
Defensor	Mercado
Del Mar	Mirasol
Del Rosario	Montoro
Deloso-Montalla	Nieto
Dimaporo (A.)	Noel
Durano	Nogralas (J.J.)
Dy	Nolasco
Elago	Oaminal
Erice	Olivarez
Eriguel	Ong (H.)
Ermita-Buhain	Ortega (P.)
Escudero	Ortega (V.N.)
Espina	Pacquiao
Eusebio	Paduano
Evardone	Pancho
Fariñas	Panotes
Ferriol-Pascual	Papandayan
Flores	Pichay
Fortun	Pimentel
Fortuno	Pineda
Fuentebella	Plaza
Garbin	Primicias-Agabas
Garcia (G.)	Radaza
Garcia (J.E.)	Ramirez-Sato
Garin (R.)	Ramos
Garin (S.)	Relampagos
Gasataya	Revilla
Go (M.)	Roa-Puno
Gonzaga	Rodriguez (I.)
Gonzales (A.P.)	Romero
Gonzales (A.D.)	Romualdo
Gonzalez	Roque
Gullas	Sacdalán
Hernandez	Salo
Herrera-Dy	Salon
Hofer	Sandoval
Jalosjos	Sangcopan
Kho	Sarmiento (C.)
Lagman	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Lanete	Savellano
Laogan	Siao
Lazatin	Silverio
Lee	Singson

Suansing (E.)  
Suansing (H.)  
Suarez  
Tambunting  
Tan (A.)  
Tejada  
Tiangco  
Ting  
Tinio  
Tupas  
Ty  
Umali  
Ungab  
Unico  
Uy (R.)  
Vargas-Alfonso  
Velasco-Catera  
Velo  
Vergara  
Villarica  
Villarin  
Yap (A.)  
Yap (M.)  
Yap (V.)  
Yu  
Zarate

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

None

With 189 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 652.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Representative Pimentel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes.

**DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5269 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1279**

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members as House conferees to the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5269 and Senate Bill No. 1279, institutionalizing the national school feeding program for public kindergarten and elementary pupils: Reps. Ramon “Red” H. Durano VI, Raul V. Del

Mar, Wes Gatchalian, Evelina G. Escudero, Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, and Julieta R. Cortuna.

**DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL CONFEREES ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5792 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1533**

On further motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members as additional House conferees to the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5792 and Senate Bill No. 1533, institutionalizing the Balik Scientist Program: Reps. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang and Edward Vera Perez Maceda.

**RECOMMITMENT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1645 TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body approved to recommit House Resolution No. 1645 to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education to allow the Committee to introduce perfecting amendments therein.

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

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading 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 Pimentel stated that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate, and on his motion, the Chair recognized Reps. Cesar V. Sarmiento, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, and Jose L. Atienza, Jr. to sponsor the measure and interpellate thereon, respectively.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Atienza first focused on the purpose of House Bill No. 6425 to solve the traffic problem in Metropolitan Manila, Metropolitan Cebu, and Metropolitan Davao. They discussed what causes traffic such as different local rules and regulations; insufficient mass transportation; illegal terminals; incompetent traffic enforcers; and the use of streets for wakes, trash, and illegal parking.

Representative Atienza then stressed that the non-enforcement of existing laws and presence of corruption in all levels of the government were the main problems and that there was no need to create another level of bureaucracy or to give emergency powers to address the traffic situation. For his part, Representative Sarmiento emphasized that local government units (LGUs) are not exercising strong political will to clear the streets.

Subsequently, the two Members discussed the anomalous purchase of coaches which did not match the specifications of existing Metro Rail Transit (MRT) railways and the inefficiency of the MRT as well as Light Rail Transit (LRT) systems.

Even as he expressed his trust in President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's integrity, Representative Atienza reiterated his concern about corruption in the procurement process and among the LGUs; the possible abuse of the emergency powers provided for in the Bill; and the breeding of corruption in the new offices that are proposed in the measure. He pointed out that the Bill did not address the reason behind illegal terminals, public road obstruction, and other traffic-causing factors. He opined that emergency powers would not solve the traffic problem as there are enough laws and ordinances; and that what is needed is the correct and proper enforcement of the laws especially by the LGUs.

Expressing concern about incompetence and abuse especially in local governments, Representative Atienza underscored the need to solve the main problem of corruption rather than deliberate on the instant Bill. He opined that the measure should be revisited and the Sponsor's time and efforts could be better used in improving the plight of local governments rather than solving the traffic mess.

Representative Sarmiento stressed that the Traffic Crisis Bill contains safety nets as regards the power to enter into negotiated procurement contracts.

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair next recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her interpellation.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**

Representative Castro expressed apprehension about the corporatization of the transport system and the future of small public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers and operators once the instant Bill is passed. She and Representative Sarmiento (C.) discussed the revocation and modification of PUV franchises and permits in connection with the route rationalization plan; availment by drivers' cooperatives of financial assistance to purchase new PUVs; and the possibility of having public-private partnership (PPP) projects under the government's jeepney modernization plan.

After stressing the need to provide rehabilitation aid to drivers who will be displaced by the modernization plan, Representative Castro asked why the instant Bill focuses only on PUVs and expressed hope that the government will also address the regulation of private vehicles which outnumber PUVs. She also exchanged views with the Sponsor about the nationalization of the public transport system and the Bill's provision on the incorporation of traffic and pedestrian education as a mandatory subject in senior high school.

Representative Castro then expressed concern about the Bill's provision on using Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) funds to insure public officers involved in implementing the policies and projects covered by the measure, against litigation.

Upon her colleague's request, Representative Sarmiento said that he will give her a copy of the GSIS' written comment that it will cover only the cost of litigation.

## **DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6772 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1444**

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members to the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6772 and Senate Bill No. 1444, ensuring the preservation and management of protected areas: Reps. Arnel U. Ty, Rodel M. Batocabe, Josephine Ramirez-Sato, Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta, and Orestes T. Salon.

**DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL CONFEREE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6573 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1662**

Likewise, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body designated Rep. Eric L. Olivarez as additional Member of the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6573 and Senate Bill No. 1662, prohibiting hazing and regulating other forms of initiation rites.

**REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SARMIENTO (C.)**

At this point, Representative Sarmiento asked that he be excused from entertaining Rep. Edcel C. Lagman’s interpellation until the following day.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair suspended the session at 6:02 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:02 p.m.

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

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

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On further motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair suspended the session at 6:03 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:04 p.m.

**TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o’clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

It was 6:05 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on February 21, 2018.

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***** 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

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