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CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to Section 15(h), Rule IV of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, Senior Deputy Majority Leader Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc called the session to order at 4:00 p.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

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

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

On motion of Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on first Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions, including the Communication and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4975, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA AUTHORITY, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WEST PHILIPPINE SEA

House Bill No. 4976, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO CONDONE PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO DETERMINE THE MONTHLY SALARY CREDITS, THE SCHEDULE AND RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE RATE OF PENALTY ON DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND UNPAID LOAN AMORTIZATIONS, THEREBY FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4977, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING A DULY MARKED EMERGENCY LANE IN URBAN THOROUGHFARES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4978, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES WHILE DRIVING AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4979, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE UNDERGROUND TIPAN CAVE IN THE MUNICI-

PALITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF ZAM-
BOANGA SIBUGAY AS AN ECOTOUR-
ISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 4980, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PROHIBITING EL-
DER ABUSE, PROVIDING PENALTIES
THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PUR-
POSES”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4981, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVI-
SIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO.
856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
'CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIP-
PINES' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4983, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING START-UP ENTER-
PRISES FROM TAXES ARISING FROM
THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF OPERA-
TION”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 4984, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF BREAST CARE CENTERS IN
EVERY REGION NATIONWIDE, APPRO-
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4985, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OF-
FICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY
TANODS, AND MEMBERS OF THE LU-
PON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, A LUMP SUM
GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE
HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS
(PHP100,000.00), AND OTHER NON-
MONETARY BENEFITS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF RE-
PUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERN-
MENT

House Bill No. 4986, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT ASSIS-
TANCE PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FIL-
IPINO WORKERS”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4987, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MINDANAO RAIL-
WAYS CORPORATION PRESCRIBING
ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES
AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY
FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION
AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPOR-
TATION

House Bill No. 4988, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL MOTOR
VEHICLE SAFETY ADMINISTRATION”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMIT-
TEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4989, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO WORD BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7485 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING WORD BROADCASTING CORPORATION FORMERLY FILIPINAS BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION, INC. (AS AMENDED ON JULY 20, 1991) A FRANCHISE TO CONTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representatives Del Mar, Abellanosa, Gullas, Caminero, Garcia (G.), Salimbangon, Durano, Cortes, Calderon and Radaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4990, entitled:

“AN ACT LEGALIZING THE CULTIVATION OF HEMP AS AN INDUSTRIAL CROP THEREBY ESTABLISHING THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP RESEARCH AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 755, entitled:

“RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO INVESTIGATE AND EXPLORE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE NECESSARY GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING (BPO) INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO EXPAND AND MAXIMIZE THE SECTOR'S PARTICIPATION IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ROADMAP OF THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING THE PROPER DISPOSITION AND TRANSFER OF OLD IT EQUIPMENT”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 756, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACTIONS AND ORDERS UNDERTAKEN BY SECRETARY REGINA PAZ L. LOPEZ OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN ANNOUNCING THE CLOSURE AND SUSPENSION OF MINING COMPANIES DUE TO ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS”

By Representatives Mangaoang and Bravo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 757, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCOMPLETE OR COMPLETE BUT SUBSTANDARD PUBLIC WORKS, INCLUDING SCHOOL BUILDINGS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) FIRST DISTRICT OFFICE, CATARMAN, NORTHERN SAMAR”

By Representative Daza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 758, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT RULES ON THE OPERATION OF CREMATORIUMS TO ENSURE THAT SUCH FACILITIES SHALL NOT BE USED TO DESTROY OR CONCEAL EVIDENCES OF CRIMES”

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 759, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE MARIA RACHEL J. ARENAS OF THE 3RD DISTRICT OF PANGASINAN FOR HER APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD (MTRCB)”

By Representative Villarica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 760, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONVEYING THE SINCEREST CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE DIOSALINDA LACSAMANA PEREZ, MOTHER OF CONGRESSWOMAN FLORIDA PEREZ ROBES & MOTHER-IN-LAW OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN & NOW SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY MAYOR ARTHUR ROBES”

By Representative Ong (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 761, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BE-REAVED FAMILY OF MRS. DIOSALINDA L. PEREZ, MOTHER OF REPRESENTATIVE FLORIDA P. ROBES OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

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. Erlpe John "Ping" M. Amante for House Bills No. 516, 1858, 1859, 1894, 3858, and 4742, and House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Reps. Rogelio J. Espina, M.D. and Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso for House Bill No. 4742;

Reps. Doy C. Leachon and Melecio J. Yap Jr. for House Bill No. 4689;

Rep. Vicente "Kulit" J. Alcala for House Bill No. 1858;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 3055, 3178, 3301, 3407, 3441, and 4489;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 421, 4054, 4526, 4742, and 4800;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 1393 and 1395;

Rep. Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro for House Bill No. 4526;

Rep. Roy M. Loyola for House Bill No. 4742;

Reps. Victor A. Yap, Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella, Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, and Isagani S. Amatong for House Resolution No. 769;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bill No. 743;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 2993, 4700, and 4893;

Reps. Orestes T. Salon, Victor A. Yap, Frederick W. Siao, Alexandria P. Gonzales, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Strike B. Revilla, and Rodolfo T. Albano III for House Bills No. 4106 and 4462;

Rep. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora for House Bills No. 3683 and 4774;

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta for House Bill No. 4903;

Reps. Enrico A. Pineda, Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D., Conrado M. Estrella III, and Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao for House Bill No. 2635;

Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Michelle M. Antonio for House Bill No. 349;

Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera for House Bills No. 4107, 4174, 4526, 4689, and 4742, and House Resolution No. 693;

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for House Bill No. 2319;

Reps. Lorna C. Silverio and Benhur B. Lopez Jr. for House Bill No. 180;

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for House Bills No. 2476 and 4742;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 3456, 3616, 3662, 3663, 3810, and 4620; and

Rep. Paolo Everardo S. Javier for House Bill No. 2771.

COMMUNICATION

Letters dated January 31 and February 9, 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 943 dated 26 January 2017;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-006 dated 25 January 2017;
3. Memorandum No. M-2017-002 dated 18 January 2017;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-007 dated 19 January 2017;
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-008 dated 25 January 2017;
6. Circular No. 944 dated 6 February 2017;
7. Circular No. 945 dated 6 February 2017;
8. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-009 dated 26 January 2017; and
9. Memorandum No. M-2017-003 dated 27 January 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Transportation (Committee Report No. 107), re H.R. No. 779, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 'WESTMINSTER DECLARATION' AND URGING THE CONCERNED LAND TRANSPORT AGENCIES TO FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENT ROAD SAFETY LAWS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Resolution No. 651

Sponsor: Representative Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 108), re H.R. No. 784, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARK LOUIE EBALLA FOR HIS INVALUABLE SUPPORT AS HEAD COACH OF PARALYMPIAN JOSEPHINE MEDINA WHO WON THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 2016 SUMMER PARALYMPIC GAMES HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 381

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella and Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 109), re H.R. No. 785, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING PARALYMPIAN JOSEPHINE MEDINA FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S TABLE TENNIS SINGLES CLASS EIGHT EVENT DURING THE 2016 SUMMER PARALYMPIAN GAMES HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 337, 342, 349, 355, 361, 378 and 387

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella, Del Rosario, Sambar, Zamora (M.), Olivarez, Bernos, Romero and Roa-Puno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

At this juncture, Rep. Bondoc relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 47
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4727**

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4727, as embodied in Committee Report No. 47 and reported out by the Committee on Justice.

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

“AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES,' AND AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED PENAL CODE,' AND OTHER SPECIAL PENAL LAWS.”

Rep. Nograles stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Nograles, the Chair recognized Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali, Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, and Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. to sponsor and interpellate thereon, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROQUE (H.)

Reps. Roque and Umali first agreed that the adoption of the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land as provided for in Section 2, Article II of the Constitution, did not need the enactment of a law in Congress. But while the latter opined that the same was not a specific provision that enjoyed the hierarchy of a constitutional provision, the former pointed out that the aforementioned section formed part of the Constitution which was the supreme law of the land.

The Members next debated on treaty obligations. Rep. Roque cited cases that upheld the principle of *pacta sunt servanda* including *Magallona vs. Executive Secretary* which he argued for in the courts; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and related protocols which the Philippines

voluntarily ratified; and the permissive and not mandatory constitutional provision on the reimposition of the death penalty. Rep. Umali adverted to the doctrine of *rebus sic stantibus* which the Philippines could be the first to invoke; the case of *People vs. Echegaray* as well as Section 19 (1), Article III of the Constitution which allowed the reimposition of the death penalty; and the compelling reasons for the latter.

Subsequently, Rep. Roque sought data on crime incidence in the country as he asked (1) whether fundamental changes had occurred to justify the reimposition of the death penalty and (2) whether the latter will improve the conviction rate when statistics showed lower crime rates in American states where the death penalty was not employed. Rep. Umali stressed that such data was not necessary to reimpose the death penalty, with the latter being only one among many criminal justice reforms that the Committee on Justice wanted to address.

Rep. Roque opined that one must harmonize the recommendatory language of the Constitution with the mandatory language of a treaty inasmuch as the latter's binding effect was also pursuant to the former, although his colleague said that a treaty could never be equal to the Constitution and national welfare. He subsequently stressed for the record that when Congress debated on the wisdom of reimposing the death penalty, several Members of Congress held the position that (1) treaty obligations formed part of the laws of the land pursuant to the Constitution and (2) the country must honor its obligations under human rights protocols.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4727**

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4727.

ROLL CALL

On further motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), 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

Acosta-Alba	Chavez
Adiong	Chipeco
Advincula	Cojuangco
Aggabao	Collantes
Aglipay-Villar	Cortes
Albano	Cortuna
Alejano	Cosalan
Almario	Crisologo
Almonte	Cua
Alonte	Cuaresma
Alvarez (F.)	Cueva
Alvarez (M.)	Dalipe
Alvarez (P.)	Dalog
Amante	Daza
Amatong	De Jesus
Angara-Castillo	De Venecia
Antonino	De Vera
Antonio	Defensor
Aragones	Del Mar
Arbison	Del Rosario
Arcillas	Deloso-Montalla
Arenas	Durano
Atienza	Dy
Aumentado	Elago
Bagatsing	Enverga
Banal	Erice
Bataoil	Eriguel
Batocabe	Ermita-Buhain
Belmonte (F.)	Escudero
Belmonte (J.C.)	Estrella
Belmonte (R.)	Evardone
Bertiz	Fariñas
Biazon	Fernando
Billones	Ferrer (J.)
Biron	Fortun
Bolilia	Fortuno
Bondoc	Fuentebella
Bordado	Garbin
Bravo (A.)	Garcia (G.)
Bravo (M.V.)	Garcia (J.E.)
Brosas	Garcia-Albano
Bulut-Begtang	Gasataya
Cagas	Geron
Calderon	Go (M.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Gomez
Caminero	Gonzaga
Campos	Gonzales (A.P.)
Canama	Gonzales (A.D.)
Casilao	Gonzalez
Castelo	Gullas
Castro (F.L.)	Hernandez
Castro (F.H.)	Herrera-Dy
Catamco	Hofer
Cayetano	Javier
Cerifica	Kho
Cerilles	Khonghun

Labadlabad	Sagarbarria
Lacson	Sahali
Lagman	Salceda
Lanete	Salo
Laogan	Salon
Lazatin	Sambar
Lee	Santos-Recto
Limkaichong	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (B.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Lopez (C.)	Savellano
Lopez (M.L.)	Sema
Macapagal-Arroyo	Silverio
Maceda	Singson
Madrona	Suansing (E.)
Malapitan	Suansing (H.)
Mangaoang	Suarez
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sy-Alvarado
Marcoleta	Tan (M.)
Marquez	Tejada
Martinez	Teves
Mendoza	Tiangco
Mercado	Ting
Mirasol	Tinio
Montoro	Tugna
Nava	Tupas
Noel	Turabin-Hataman
Nogralas (J.J.)	Ty
Nogralas (K.A.)	Umali
Nolasco	Ungab
Oaminal	Unico
Ong (E.)	Uy (J.)
Ong (H.)	Uy (R.)
Ortega (P.)	Vargas
Ortega (V.N.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Pacquiao	Velarde
Paduano	Veloso
Palma	Vergara
Pancho	Villanueva
Panganiban	Villarin
Papandayan	Violago
Pimentel	Yap (A.)
Pineda	Yap (M.)
Primicias-Agabas	Yu
Quimbo	Zamora (R.)
Radaza	Zarate
Ramos	Zubiri
Relampagos	
Roa-Puno	
Robes	
Rocamora	
Rodriguez (I.)	
Rodriguez (M.)	
Roman	
Romualdo	
Roque (H.)	
Sacdalan	

With 221 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

REMARKS OF REP. ATIENZA

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. asked why the Body had to make up a number when his count of 185 was more than enough to constitute a

quorum. While he clarified that he was not questioning the quorum and his count was unofficial, he stated for the record that the Secretariat's count was inaccurate.

The Chair took note of Rep. Atienza's remarks.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales thereafter acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba, Jonas C. Cortes, Eric D. Singson, and Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (A.P.), there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 69, dated February 13, 2017.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4727

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (A.P.), there being no objection, the Body then resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4727, as embodied in Committee Report No. 47 and reported out by the Committee on Justice, entitled: "AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES,' AND AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED PENAL CODE,' AND OTHER SPECIAL PENAL LAWS."

Rep. Nograles (J.J.) 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. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso to defend the measure and Rep. Ramon V. A. "Rav" Rocamora to interpellate thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROCAMORA

Reps. Rocamora and Veloso debated whether the Philippine criminal justice system was competent to handle the reimposition of the death penalty. Taking the negative position, the former cited the criminal justice system's flaws in law enforcement, prosecution, the courts, and correctional institutions; and stressed that the finality of death demanded no mis-

takes. The latter said that the Constitution did not require proof of the deterrent effect of the death penalty but merely compelling reasons involving heinous crimes; the Supreme Court overturned 99% of the cases brought to its judgment; the teachings of the Catholic Church and the pronouncements of its leaders confirmed exemptions to the prohibition on killing and recognized the State's right to inflict capital punishment; and treaties only had the weight of statutes and could not amend the Constitution.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Gonzales (A.P.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu, and Rep. Tom S. Villarin.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4727

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4727.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

It was 6:23 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on February 20, 2017

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

Date: February 14, 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	****
*****	ALCALA	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	****
	ALEJANO	CAMINERO	ESTRELLA
	ALMARIO	CAMPOS	****
	ALMONTE	CANAMA	EUSEBIO
	ALONTE	****	EVARDONE
	ALVAREZ (F.)	CARI	FARIÑAS
	ALVAREZ (M.)	CASILAO	FERNANDO
	ALVAREZ (P.)	CASTELO	FERRER (J.)
	AMANTE	CASTRO (F.L.)	* FERRER (L.)
	AMATONG	CASTRO (F.H.)	***** FERRIOL-PASCUAL
*****	ANDAYA	CATAMCO	* FLOIRENDO
	ANGARA-CASTILLO	CAYETANO	****
	ANTONINO	* CELESTE	FLORES
	ANTONIO	CERAFICA	FORTUN
	ARAGONES	CERILLES	FORTUNO
	ARBISON	CHAVEZ	FUENTEBELLA
	ARCILLAS	CHIPECO	GARBIN
	ARENAS	* CO	GARCIA (G.)
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	KHONGHUN		PADUANO	****	TAN (A.)
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ABU	BIAZON	***** DIMAPORO (A.)
ABUEG	BILLONES	***** DIMAPORO (M.K.)
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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
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ALBANO	CALDERON	**** ESPINA
***** ALCALA	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	**** ESPINO
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ALMARIO	CAMPOS	**** EUSEBIO
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AMATONG	CATAMCO	* FLOIRENDO
***** ANDAYA	CAYETANO	**** FLORES
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