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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano called the session to order.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER**

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

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Arthur R. Defensor Jr., the Chair suspended the session at 4:02 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Defensor, 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  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Albano  
Alejano  
Almonte  
Alonte  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (M.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amatong  
Andaya  
Antonio  
Aragones  
Arbison  
Arcillas

Arenas  
Atienza  
Bag-ao  
Bagatsing  
Barzaga  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Benitez  
Bertiz  
Biazon  
Billones  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Bulut-Begtang  
Cagas  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Campos  
Canama  
Cari  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Cayetano  
Cerafica  
Cerilles  
Chavez  
Chipeco  
Co  
Collantes  
Cortes  
Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cua  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Dalog  
Daza  
De Jesus  
De Venecia  
De Vera

Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (A.)  
Dimaporo (M.K.)  
Dy  
Elago  
Enverga  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Espina  
Estrella  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Fernando  
Ferrer (J.)  
Flores  
Fortun  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (G.)  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Garcia-Albano  
Garin (S.)  
Gasataya  
Geron  
Go (A.C.)  
Go (M.)  
Gomez  
Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Gorriceta  
Gullas  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Kho  
Khonghun  
Labadlabad  
Lacson  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Limkaichong  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (C.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Maceda  
Madrona  
Manalo  
Mangaoang  
Mangudadatu (Z.)  
Marcoleta  
Marcos  
Mariño  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Mending  
Mercado  
Mirasol  
Montoro  
Nieto  
Noel  
Nolasco  
Nuñez-Malanyaon  
Oaminal  
Olivarez  
Ong (E.)  
Ong (H.)  
Ortega (P.)  
Ortega (V.N.)  
Pacquiao  
Paduano  
Pancho  
Panganiban  
Panotes  
Papandayan  
Pichay  
Pimentel  
Pineda  
Plaza  
Quimbo  
Ramirez-Sato  
Ramos  
Roa-Puno  
Robes  
Rocamora  
Rodriguez (I.)  
Rodriguez (M.)  
Roman  
Romualdo  
Roque (H.)  
Roque (R.)  
Sacdalan  
Sagarbarria  
Sahali  
Salceda  
Salo  
Salon  
Sambar  
Santos-Recto  
Sarmiento (C.)  
Sarmiento (E.M.)  
Savellano  
Sema  
Siao  
Silverio

Suansing (E.)  
 Suansing (H.)  
 Suarez  
 Sy-Alvarado  
 Tambunting  
 Tan (A.)  
 Tejada  
 Teves  
 Tiangco  
 Ting  
 Tinio  
 Tolentino  
 Ty  
 Umali  
 Ungab  
 Unico  
 Uy (J.)  
 Uybarreta  
 Vargas  
 Vargas-Alfonso  
 Velarde  
 Velasco  
 Velasco-Catera  
 Vergara  
 Villarica  
 Villarin  
 Violago  
 Yap (A.)  
 Yap (M.)  
 Yu  
 Zamora (M.C.)  
 Zarate  
 Zubiri

With 219 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JOURNALS**

On motion of Rep. Arnel U. Ty, there being no objection, the Body approved Journals No. 70 and 71, dated February 14 and 15, 2017, respectively.

#### **REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Ty, 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 Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 5018, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE EMPLOYEES’ RIGHT TO THEIR WAGES, INCLUDING WAGE-RELATED BENEFITS, AND SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5019, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF ABSENTEE VOTING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) AND SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10380, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LOCAL ABSENTEE VOTING FOR MEDIA”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5020, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BOARD OF ENERGY AS AN ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 5021, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 5022, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5023, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PLACE SAFETY NETS FOR FILIPINO RICE PRODUCERS BY IMPOSING TARIFFS IN LIEU OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON RICE IMPORTS, DIRECTING TARIFF COLLECTIONS FROM RICE IMPORTS TO PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT ENHANCE RICE PRODUCTIVITY AND INCREASE FARMERS' INCOMES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5024, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL GRASSROOTS SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CENTERED IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL GAMES”

By Representative Gomez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5025, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6234, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS, 'AN ACT CREATING THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND DISSOLVING THE NATIONAL WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 5026, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PCSO LOTTERY 'PHILIPPINE LOTTO' AND SMALL TOWN LOTTERY THE SOLELY RECOGNIZED LEGAL NUMBERS GAME”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 5027, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE”

By Representative Suarez

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

House Bill No. 5028, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5029, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9173 OR 'THE PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 1991' INCREASING THE SALARY AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO NURSES AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS”

By Representatives Maceda and Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5030, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATORS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8124 TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Maceda and Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5031, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY ON EASE OF DOING BUSINESS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biron

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5032, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF GAME-FIXING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 776, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED CORRUPTION IN THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 777, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FAILURE OF VARIOUS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKS TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OR SYSTEM TO ASCERTAIN THE AUTHENTICITY OF ACCOUNTS REGISTERED WITH THEM, LEADING TO PREVALENCE OF FAKE, MALICIOUS, AND SPURIOUS SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS, WHICH RESULTS TO UNCHECKED AND RAMPANT ACTS OF ONLINE IDENTITY THEFT”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 778, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE LEGALITY OF, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN, THE ACTIONS OF FORTUNE MEDICARE, INC. (FORTUNE CARE) IN NO LONGER RENEWING THE NON-LIFE INSURANCE CONTRACTS OF EXISTING MEMBERS”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 780, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9418, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE VOLUNTEERISM ACT OF 2007, AND ON THE VARIOUS VOLUNTEERISM EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TOWARDS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN ACCELERATING RURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 781, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN (TOYM) IN THE PHILIPPINES 2016 CONFERRED BY JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL (JCI) PHILIPPINES AND TOYM FOUNDATION INC.”

By Representative Villarica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 782, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ANOMALIES IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH RESPECT TO THE AWARD OF THE BICOL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PACKAGE 2B PROJECT”

By Representatives Roque (H.), Bertiz and Bravo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 783, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE DENIAL OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (B.I.R.) TO ISSUE TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES TO COOPERATIVES”

By Representative Geron

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. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III for House Bills No. 458 and 1889;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bill No. 3200;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 338, 447, and 589;

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bills No. 349, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1435, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1444, 1445, 1446, 1447, 1448, 1449, 1450, and 1451, and House Resolutions No. 73, 74, and 75;

Reps. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño, Marlyn B. Alonte, Delphine Gan Lee, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Nancy A. Catamco, Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Raul V. Del Mar, and Eric L. Olivarez for House Bills No. 2192 and 2193;

Rep. Arnel M. Cerafica for House Bill No. 2192;

Reps. Greg G. Gasataya and Ricardo "RJ" T. Belmonte Jr. for House Bill No. 4526;

Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega for House Bills No. 40, 534, 1667, 1669, 1677, 2228, 2234, 2450, 2452, 2453, 2713, 2714, 3632, 3820, 3822, 3824, 3827, 3828, and 4689;

Reps. Alfred D. Vargas and Arlene B. Arcillas for House Bill No. 4105;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 1371, 1372, 1373, and 2487;

Reps. Victoria Isabel G. Noel and Reynaldo V. Umali for House Bill No. 4144;

Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bill No. 4689;

Reps. Rene L. Relampagos, Makmod D. Mending Jr., Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Greg G. Gasataya, and Randolph S. Ting for House Bill No. 4742;

Reps. Rene L. Relampagos, Reynaldo V. Umali, Jesus "Boying" F. Celeste, Winston "Winnie" Castelo, Ricardo "RJ" T. Belmonte Jr., and Maximo B. Dalog for House Resolution No. 769;

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for House Bills No. 334 and 1208;

Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II for House Resolution No. 198;

Rep. Alejandro Y. Mirasol for House Bills No. 458, 3181, 4689, and 4742;

Rep. Munir M. Arbison for House Bill No. 3426;

Reps. Alfred D. Vargas, Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D., Randolph S. Ting, and Maximo B. Dalog for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon for House Bills No. 1613, 1858, 1859, 1894, 2318, 2319, 2474, 2758, 2953, 4689, and 4742 and House Resolution No. 769;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Bills No. 2192, 2193, and 4673;

Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda for House Bills No. 2838, 4106, and 4462;

Reps. Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano and Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr. for House Bills No. 4106 and 4462;

Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy for House Bills No. 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 2192, 2193, 3170, 3171, 3609, 4503, and 4578;

Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara for House Bill No. 1862;

Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Resolution No. 716;

Rep. Isagani S. Amatong for House Bills No. 2345 and 3426;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 2165, 4113, 4339, 4729, 4825, 4949, 4970, 4979, 4983, 4986, 4987, and 4988 and House Resolution No. 769;

Rep. Edgar R. Erice for House Bill No. 447;

Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte for House Bill No. 180;

Rep. Makmod D. Mending Jr. for House Bill No. 4526;

Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil for House Bills No. 2192, 2193, 4689, and 4742 and House Resolution No. 198;

Rep. Michelle M. Antonio for House Bill No. 584;

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for House Bill No. 3254;

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bills No. 2192, 2193, 3221, and 3478;

Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar for House Bill No. 1204;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 1868, 4025, 4258, 4259, 4639, and 4640;

Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu for House Bills No. 515, 516, 517, 1038, 1039, 1378, 1536, 1537, 1836, 1837, 2264, 2263, and 3435;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bill No. 2035;

Rep. Victor A. Yap for House Bill No. 3605;

Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada for House Bills No. 2192 and 2498; and

Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora for House Resolution No. 769.

## WITHDRAWAL OF COAUTHORSHIP

Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr. on House Bill No. 2.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments (Committee Report No. 110), re H.C.R. No. 09, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONSTITUTE THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE 1987 CONSTITUTION”

recommending its adoption in substitution of Resolutions of Both Houses No. 01, 02 and 03, House Joint Resolutions No. 01 and 02, House Resolution No. 26, House Bills No. 81, 312 and 486, House Resolution No. 32, House Concurrent Resolution No. 01, Resolution of Both Houses No. 05, House Bill No. 1241, House Resolution No. 52, House Bill No. 1463, Resolution of Both Houses No. 06, House Bill No. 1838, Resolution of Both Houses No. 07, House Joint Resolution No. 05, House Concurrent Resolutions No. 04 and 05, House Resolution No. 126, House Joint Resolution No. 06, House Resolution No. 129, Resolution of Both Houses No. 08, House Joint Resolution No. 07, Resolution of Both Houses No. 09 and House Bill No. 3026

Sponsors: Representatives Mercado, Fariñas, Garcia (G.), Veloso, Maceda and Castro (F.H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES



Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 111), re H.B. No. 5051, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HULONG-DAGAT, CITY OF MALABON, TO BE KNOWN AS MALABON CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1835

Sponsors: Representatives Escudero, Nograles (K.) and Sandoval

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 112), re H.B. 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”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 199

Sponsors: Representatives Escudero, Nograles (K.) and Cari

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 113), re H.B. No. 5060, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 31 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST MASS

HELD IN LIMASAWA ISLAND, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'FIRST MASS DAY'”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 994

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 114), re H.B. No. 622, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 24 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Gonzalez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Order and Safety (Committee Report No. 115), re H.B. No. 1341, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE HILLTOP RIZAL PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) COMMAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS CAMP GENERAL LICERIO GERONIMO”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsor: Representative Acop

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 116), re H.B. No. 5063, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE PANGASINAN GULF WAVES NETWORK CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION

BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGH-  
OUT THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 1941

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Es-  
pino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises  
(Committee Report No. 117), re H.B. No. 5064,  
entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER  
TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRAN-  
CHISE GRANTED TO SUBIC BROAD-  
CASTING CORPORATION UNDER RE-  
PUBLIC ACT NO. 7511 ENTITLED 'AN  
ACT GRANTING THE SUBIC BROAD-  
CASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE  
TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE  
AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCAST-  
ING AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN  
THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 4464

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Her-  
nandez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and High-  
ways and the Committee on Appropriations  
(Committee Report No. 118), re H.B. No. 5069,  
entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SECOND DIS-  
TRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA,  
PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERE-  
FOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 364

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Zamora  
(M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and High-  
ways and the Committee on Appropriations  
(Committee Report No. 119), re H.B. No. 5070,  
entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FIRST DIS-  
TRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF LABO, PROVINCE  
OF CAMARINES NORTE, AND APPRO-  
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 640

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Unico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and High-  
ways and the Committee on Appropriations  
(Committee Report No. 120), re H.B. No. 5071,  
entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE THIRD DIS-  
TRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MATALAM, PROV-  
INCE OF NORTH COTABATO, AND AP-  
PROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 2104

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Tejada

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and High-  
ways and the Committee on Appropriations  
(Committee Report No. 121), re H.B. No. 5078,  
entitled:

“AN ACT RECONSTITUTING THE LANAO  
DEL NORTE DISTRICT ENGINEERING  
OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF LANAO  
DEL NORTE INTO TWO (2) REGULAR  
DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 1188

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Di-  
maporo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 122), re H.B. No. 5079, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NEW DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2552

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Roque (R.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Thereupon, Rep. Ty acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr., Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado, Ramon V. A. “Rav” Rocamora, and Orestes T. Salon.

#### **RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4946**

With leave of the House, on motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4946, renaming the Panglao Island Circumferential Road traversing Barangays Tangnan, Bil-isan, Looc, Poblacion, Danao, Tawala, Bolod, and Libaong in Panglao and Barangays Totolan, Songculan, Tabalong, Bingag, Dao, San Isidro, Biking 1, Biking 2, Catarman, Mayacabac, Poblacion, and Union in Dauis as Panglao Island-Anos Fonacier Circumferential Road, in order to introduce perfecting amendments therein.

#### **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4946, AS AMENDED**

On successive motions of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body opened the period of amendments on House Bill No. 4946; approved the Committee amendments as presented on the floor by Rep. Ty; terminated the period of amendments; and approved House Bill No. 4946, as amended, on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

#### **THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

The day being a Monday, on motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ELAGO**

Rep. Elago condemned the attack, killing, and harassment committed by the military and police force against activists, leaders of democratic and progressive organizations including the Kabataan Party-List, and lumads since the government’s declaration of an all-out war on insurgency called “Oplan Kapayapaan.” She described the victims and circumstances of said incidents and stressed that these, as well as the move to reinstate the mandatory Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) training, showed how President Rodrigo Roa Duterte’s all-out war caused more harm and discord rather than peace and development and led to heightened militarization and increase in human rights abuses among legal organizations not covered by the armed insurgency.

Rep. Elago then called on President Duterte to immediately rein in his State forces and terminate “Oplan Kapayapaan”; and to resume the peace talks and follow through on its significant advances especially the agenda on socio-economic reforms which is pivotal in addressing the roots of armed conflict in the country. She pointed out that the Filipino youth did not want to inherit the current problems of the nation but instead hoped to address them immediately. She then called on the people and the youth to launch mass actions against state fascism during the National Day of Action for Free Education, Human Rights, and Peace scheduled on February 23.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. ELAGO’S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Elago to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Mark O. Go for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. GO (M.)**

Rep. Go told his colleagues that public service means to serve God and the people; and that the mandate of their office is to serve. He stressed that as leaders, they should initiate a cultural revolution of taking

pride in the country and rekindling love and understanding for it. Addressing his fellowmen, he called for obedience to law; passion in work; and volunteerism; and stressed that the fate and custody of the Philippines lay in their hands.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. GO'S (M.) PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Go's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

On further motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE**

Rep. Zarate first condemned past and ongoing incidents of illegal arrest, violence, political killing, and militarization in Luzon and Mindanao that involved development workers, laborers, small-scale miners, farmers, and lumads ever since the cancellation of peace talks between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP). He particularly asked for justice especially for the casualties whose names he enumerated.

Speaking in Filipino, he next stressed the need to end the all-out war declared by the Department of National Defense (DND). He said that it was similar to those declared by previous administrations that resulted not in destroying rebels but in killing civilians, violating human rights, and persecuting people due to politics.

Subsequently, he asked for the resumption of the peace talks. He said that the Duterte Administration had a greater chance of resolving the conflict if it did so; and that the Communist Party of the Philippines (CCP)–New People's Army (NPA)–NDFP was ready to talk about a bilateral ceasefire agreement once political prisoners and prisoners of war were released.

On motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair then recognized Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta to interpellate Rep. Zarate.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. MARCOLETA**

Both Members agreed that the peace talks should resume because civilians and soldiers were being killed as a result of the aforementioned "all-out-war." They then analyzed the factors and reasons behind the withdrawal from the unilateral ceasefire first by the CPP-

NPA–NDFP and then by the GRP. Rep. Marcoleta stressed that the national interest was primordial and asked for patience and prudence on the part of the CPP–NPA–NDFP. Rep. Zarate said the latter was ready to go back to the negotiating table and acknowledged the substantive agenda on socioeconomic reforms that had already been tackled with the GRP.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. ZARATE'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Zarate and interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on further motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Ron P. Salo for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SALO**

Rep. Salo described several of many incidents of human rights violations suffered both by documented and undocumented Filipino migrants in Sabah which involved harassment, beating, killing, sexual abuse, and deportation. Focusing on undocumented Filipinos, he stressed that the concerned government agencies should provide a coherent policy and undertake definite action to halt and address such abuses despite a repatriation cum medical-educational assistance agreement between President Duterte and Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak. He said that because the Philippines is a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Protection of All Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families, the government should ensure that Filipinos workers should not be maltreated but should be protected.

Rep. Salo said that he would file a resolution seeking to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the matter as well as on a review of the country's foreign relations policy with Malaysia on the Sabah issue. He appealed to the Members for their collective wisdom and support for the sake of their suffering fellowmen and their families.

On motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. BERTIZ**

To Rep. Bertiz' queries, Rep. Salo said that Congress should investigate the action taken by concerned government agencies on the deportation of Filipinos in Sabah, including the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs, National Commission of

Muslim Filipinos, Autonomous Regional Government for Muslim Mindanao, and Department of Social Welfare and Development. He said that he will file a pertinent resolution thereon; while his colleague asked for the inclusion therein of a similar deportation problem faced by Filipinos in the United States and Saudi Arabia.

At this point, on motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. LOBREGAT**

After informing the Body that undocumented Filipinos from Sabah ended up in Zamboanga City, Rep. Lobregat thanked Rep. Salo for bringing to their attention the deplorable conditions of Filipinos in the detention cells in Malaysia and the lack of a Philippine consulate in Sabah. They discussed how the DSWD, the Department of Labor and Employment, and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration can help in the documentation of Filipinos who wanted to work in Sabah; how the aforementioned resolution would address the humanitarian crisis in Sabah; how the education of the deportees' children was affected; and how deportees arriving in Zamboanga could be immediately processed and returned to their places of origin.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. SALO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Salo's privilege speech as well as the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Alfred D. Vargas for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VARGAS**

Rep. Vargas spoke of the recent accident in Tanay, Rizal which involved a Panda Coach tourist bus that allegedly lost its brakes and rammed into a post; and claimed the lives of 14 of its student-passengers from Bestlink College of the Philippines who were on a field trip. He pointed out that public utility vehicles should regularly check and maintain their vehicles especially when ferrying students and that a bus company's responsibility does not end with getting a franchise; and that school authorities should ensure the safety of their students and the legality of their required activities.

Rep. Vargas informed the Body that he had already asked for a report on the matter from Bestlink College. He proposed to review the franchise, license, and accident record of the aforementioned bus as well as other bus lines. Emphasizing that those who were responsible for the tragedy should be held accountable, he then sought the help of the Department of Transportation, Department of Education, Department of Justice, and National Bureau of Investigation.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. CASTELO**

Reps. Castelo and Vargas discussed legislative measures to ensure the tragic event will not be repeated, the roadworthiness of public utility vehicles, and the need for stricter scrutiny of buses by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB). The former emphasized the need to investigate field trips which were costly, irrelevant, and forced upon students.

On motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. BATAOIL**

In response to the questions of Rep. Bataoil, who said that he and his daughter were victims of an accident that almost cost them their lives, Rep. Vargas said that he will give a copy of the accident report from the Philippine National Police and Land Transportation Office. The two Members agreed that the school authorities and the bus company concerned should be invited to a congressional inquiry in connection with a resolution thereon that will be filed by Rep. Vargas.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. VARGAS' PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Vargas' privilege speech, together with the interpellations thereon, to the Committee on Rules.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Having no other Member who wished to avail of the Privilege Hour, on motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

It was 6:57 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, 2017

**DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED**

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

House Bill No. 4943, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY CANUMAY IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CANUMAY WEST AND BARANGAY CANUMAY EAST”

Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Philippines

**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE****Date: February 20, 2017**

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* 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
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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

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HOFER	ONG (H.)	SUANSING (H.)
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* 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	PINEDA	*** TREÑAS
LOBREGAT	PLAZA	* TUGNA
LOPEZ (B.)	* PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	* TUPAS
LOPEZ (C.)	QUIMBO	* TURABIN-HATAMAN
LOPEZ (M.L.)	* RADAZA	TY
*** LOYOLA	RAMIREZ-SATO	UMALI
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	RAMOS	* UNABIA
MACEDA	**** RELAMPAGOS	UNGAB
MADRONA	* REVILLA	UNICO
* MALAPITAN	ROA-PUNO	UY (J.)
MANALO	ROBES	* UY (R.)
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* MANGUDADATU (S.)	RODRIGUEZ (I.)	VARGAS
MANGUDADATU (Z.)	RODRIGUEZ (M.)	VARGAS-ALFONSO
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MARCOS	***** ROMERO	VELASCO
MARIÑO	* ROMUALDEZ	VELASCO-CATERA
MARQUEZ	ROMUALDO	* VELOSO
MARTINEZ	ROQUE (H.)	VERGARA
* MATUGAS	ROQUE (R.)	***** VILLAFUERTE
* MELLANA	SACDALAN	***** VILLANUEVA
MENDING	SAGARBARRIA	* VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
***** MENDOZA	SAHALI	VILLARICA
MERCADO	SALCEDA	VILLARIN
MIRASOL	*** SALIMBANGON	VIOLAGO
MONTORO	SALO	YAP (A.)
**** NAVA	SALON	YAP (M.)
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OAMINAL	SEMA	
* OCAMPO	SIAO	
	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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