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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Eric D. Singson called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

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

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)

Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cerafica
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain

Escudero	Nieto
Espino	Noel
Evardone	Nogralles (J.J.)
Fariñas	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Ferrer (J.)	Oaminal
Ferrer (L.)	Ocampo
Flores	Olivarez
Fortuno	Ong (E.)
Garbin	Ortega (P.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (V.N.)
Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao
Garin (R.)	Paduano
Garin (S.)	Palma
Gasataya	Pancho
Gatchalian	Panganiban
Geron	Panotes
Go (A.C.)	Papandayan
Go (M.)	Pimentel
Gomez	Pineda
Gonzaga	Primicias-Agabas
Gonzales (A.P.)	Quimbo
Gonzales (A.D.)	Radaza
Gonzalez	Ramirez-Sato
Gullas	Ramos
Hernandez	Relampagos
Herrera-Dy	Revilla
Hofer	Roa-Puno
Jalosjos	Robes
Kho	Rodriguez (I.)
Khonghun	Rodriguez (M.)
Labadlabad	Romero
Lacson	Romualdez
Lagman	Romualdo
Lanete	Roque
Laogan	Sagarbarria
Leachon	Sahali
Limkaichong	Salceda
Lobregat	Salimbangon
Lopez (B.)	Salo
Lopez (M.L.)	Salon
Loyola	Sambar
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sandoval
Madrona	Sangcopan
Malapitan	Sarmiento (C.)
Manalo	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Mangaoang	Savellano
Marcoleta	Sema
Marcos	Siao
Mariño	Silverio
Marquez	Singson
Martinez	Suansing (E.)
Matugas	Suansing (H.)
Mellana	Suarez
Mendoza	Tambunting
Mercado	Tan (A.)
Mirasol	Tan (M.)
Montoro	Tan (S.)
Nava	Tejada

Teves
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Tolentino
Tugna
Tupas
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (R.)
Zubiri

With 231 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Considering that copies of Journal No. 73 dated March 12, 2018 had already been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading thereof and approved the same.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Herrera-Dy acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, Kaka J. Bag-ao, Jose L. Atienza Jr., Sabiniano S. Canama, and Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, 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 Messages from the Senate, Communications, and Committee Reports which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7347, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING A TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT (TIA) AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SYSTEM FOR EVERY PROPOSED PROJECT AND UNDERTAKING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1586”

By Representative Acop

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7348, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE TURNOVER OF SEIZED SMUGGLED RICE TO THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY”

By Representative Bernos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 7349, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING TELE-COMMUTING IN THE WORKPLACE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7350, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FOR A MANDATORY SHIFT OF THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

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

House Bill No. 7351, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE TRUTH IN LENDING ACT, AMENDING SEC. 6 OF RA NO. 3765 THEREOF”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7352, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8479, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE DOWNSTREAM OIL INDUSTRY DE-REGULATION ACT' ”

By Representative Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 7353, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION (OBE) IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

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

House Bill No. 7354, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING JOB PLACEMENT OFFICES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE CAREER SERVICES TO THE YOUTH”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7356, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN ESPERANZA, MASBATE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7357, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAWAYAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN CAWAYAN, MASBATE INTO A TERTIARY HOSPITAL, UNDER THE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE CAWAYAN PUBLIC HOSPITAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7358, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN DIMASALANG, MASBATE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7359, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES TO PROVIDE NATIONWIDE MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7360, entitled:

“AN ACT REDEFINING THE TERM 'INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZEN' UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7492, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010' ”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION
AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 7361, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS, TENANTS AND GUESTS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, IN BUILDINGS, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, WITH TWO (2) MORE FLOORS, THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF PROTECTIVE DEVICES OR STRUCTURES TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL FALLING OR SUICIDE”

By Representative Gomez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7364, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE GRANT AND ADMINISTRATION OF FISCAL INCENTIVES”

By Representatives Garin (S.) and Batocabe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 7368, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING MANILA COCKERS CLUB, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COCKPIT ARENAS IN THE PROVINCES OF CAVITE, LAGUNA, OR BATAANGAS; AND TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN OFF-COCKPIT BETTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Loyola

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7369, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES AS THE ABACA CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1754, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LACK OF GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION ON THE WORSENING CROP INFESTATION IN SEVERAL PARTS OF EASTERN VISAYAS, AND RECOMMEND MEASURES THAT WILL ADDRESS THE SITUATION OF THE AFFECTED PEASANT FAMILIES”

By Representatives Brosas, De Jesus, Zarate,
Tinio, Castro (F.L.), Casilao, Elago and
Daza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1755, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ENCAMPMENT BY THE MILITARY OF PUBLIC PLACES AND NEAR SCHOOLS, THREAT, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION OF PERSONS, AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY THE 20TH INFANTRY BATTALION OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY IN BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL, LAS NAVAS, NORTHERN SAMAR”

By Representatives Tinio, Castro (F.L.), Zarate,
De Jesus, Brosas, Casilao and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1756, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS TO

CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE THE PRESENT STATE OF BANGON MARAWI COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY PROGRAM AS MANDATED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 03, AS AMENDED, CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE RECOVERY, RECONSTRUCTION, AND REHABILITATION OF THE CITY OF MARAWI AND OTHER AFFECTED LOCALITIES”

By Representatives Sangcopan and Mending

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1758, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION SEEKING TO RECTIFY THE UNLAWFUL APPOINTMENT OF CESAR GILBERT ADRIANO AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE PHILIPPINES LAST MARCH 2017 IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE IV, SECTION 31 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9246 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE LIBRARIANSHIP ACT OF 2003”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1759, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 4670 OR THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ON FREE COMPULSORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT AND COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1760, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE ON THE LACK OF INTELLI-

GENCE BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WHICH LED TO THE SIEGE OF MARAWI CITY”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.), Dimaporo (M.K.) and Papandayan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 20, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF ONE BILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND PESOS (₱1,161,710,000.00) FOR THE HOSPITAL EXPENSES OF CHILDREN VACCINATED WITH DENG VAXIA”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated March 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on March 7, 2018 adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 14, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AMENDING HOUSE BILL NO. 6104, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE LICOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LICOP, MATI CITY, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LICOP INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated March 8, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on March 7, 2018, the Senate designated Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay as an additional conferee to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the conflicting provisions of Senate Bill No. 1461, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCY FUND AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

and House Bill No. 7054, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCY FUND, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated February 13, 2018 of Secretary Adelino B. Sitoy, Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs and Head, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, submitting the details on Appropriations, Obligations and Disbursements for the month ending January 31, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 13 February 2018 of Grace Relucio Princesa, Assistant Secretary, Department Legislative Liaison Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs, submitting the breakdown of the International Commitments Fund under the 2018 General Appropriations Act.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Special Committee on Reforestation (Committee Report No. 656), re H.B. No. 7373, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 772 and 3290

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva, Paduano, Aglipay-Villar and Catamco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 657), re H.R. No. 1767, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO

CONDUCT THE MANDATORY REVIEW OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING CURRICULUM TO INTEGRATE THERETO RELEVANT ACADEMIC SUBJECTS ON EARTHQUAKE DESIGN SAFETY, SPECIALLY NEW ENGINEERING AND STRUCTURAL STANDARDS THAT WILL ENSURE THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF PHILIPPINE BUILDINGS AND CIVIL WORKS, AND THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION TO INCLUDE EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING DESIGN AS A TOPIC IN THE CIVIL ENGINEERING LICENSURE EXAMINATION”

recommending its adoption pursuant to House Resolution No. 1217, together with the Committee’s findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 658), re H.B. No. 7376, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL (OSG) BY INCREASING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND REDEFINING, EXPANDING, AND RATIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9417, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2327, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 1 AND 2, S. 1986, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 350, 547, 3275, 4748, 5216 and 5233

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.) Cua, Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Velloso

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Order and Safety (Committee Report No. 659), re H.B. No. 5236, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RANK CLASSIFICATION IN THE PHILIPPINE

NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 28 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990' ”

recommending its approval with amendment

Sponsor: Representative Acop

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms (Committee Report No. 660), re H.B. No. 7378, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 14, 2018 SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 7072, 7128, 7167 and 7217

Sponsors: Representatives Tugna, Pimentel, Panganiban, Umali and Sarmiento (E.M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Representative Herrera-Dy acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr., Divina Grace C. Yu, and Magnolia C. Antonino.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. on a question of personal and collective privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza brought to the attention of the Body the disappearance in the Manila City Mayor's office of National Artist Carlos “Botong” Francisco's obra maestra that was commissioned by the city and depicts the historical and cultural character of the Philippines. He lamented the fact that it

was replaced by a duplicate painting done in tarpaulin because the original painting was allegedly being restored.

As said art masterpiece is a national treasure and some quarters might surmise that it had been stolen, Representative Atienza called on Congress to investigate the matter and to ask those responsible for its disappearance to make an explanation thereon. He also appealed to Manila Mayor Joseph Ejercito Estrada to take action thereon or else he will have to do something to defend the national heritage of the country.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

Thereupon, Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc moved for the referral of the speech of Representative Atienza to the Committee on Rules.

MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER CASTRO (F.H.)

Before the Body could act on the motion, Deputy Speaker Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro manifested his desire to interpellate Representative Atienza.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Bondoc first acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials of the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) led by Solicitor General Jose C. Calida; and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Castro (F.H.) to interpellate Representative Atienza.

INTERPELLATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER CASTRO (F.H.)

To Deputy Speaker Castro's series of questions, Representative Atienza underscored that Congress has the responsibility to conduct an investigation on the whereabouts of the missing artwork of Mr. Francisco; the beauty, life and essence of the original painting could hardly be replaced with a replica printed on tarpaulin; and those responsible for the said disappearance or unauthorized transfer should be held liable.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair reminded Deputy Speaker Castro (F.H.) that his time allotment had already elapsed.

**INTERPELLATION OF
DEPUTY SPEAKER CASTRO (F.H.)**

(Continuation)

Deputy Speaker Castro stated that he was about to move for an extension of his time but would rather yield to the Chair's observation. He then thanked Representative Atienza for bringing up such an important issue.

**EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED
TO REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

On successive motions of Representative Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Chair extended the time granted to Representative Atienza for another 10 minutes; and thereafter recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

At the outset, Representative Lagman congratulated Representative Atienza for raising the issue of the reported missing cultural artwork of Mr. Francisco. They then discussed the artwork's origin and concept as well as the transfer thereof for the sake of protection and restoration.

Representative Lagman stated that he had called up an official of the National Museum just 10 minutes earlier who confirmed that Mr. Francisco's "Kasaysayan ng Maynila" was restored in 2012 and was currently displayed at the Senate Hall of the National Museum. He asked Representative Atienza to check whether the information was true.

Representative Atienza said that he will go to the National Museum to ask why the officials thereof are holding on to a masterpiece which is a property of the people of the City of Manila.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair reminded Representatives Atienza and Lagman that the former's time had already expired.

**REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Representative Lagman remarked that he was already through with his interpellation and thanked his colleague for his speech as well as his plan to check on the matter with the National Museum.

**REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Representative Atienza stated that he will write said office for the restoration and installation of said painting in the Bulwagang Katipunan in the City of Manila.

**REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE
ATIENZA'S QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE**

On motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body referred the question of privilege of Representative Atienza and the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Herrera-Dy acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno and Romeo M. Acop.

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

On successive motions of Representatives Herrera-Dy and Arthur R. Defensor Jr., there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on the dates mentioned herein, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the amended Provisional Rules of the House:

Distributed on March 7, 2018:

1. House Bill No. 6285, entitled, "AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 18 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY FOR ALL KASAMBAHAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO BE KNOWN AS 'ARAW NG KASAMBAHAY'";

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
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Baguilat
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Bertiz
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerafica
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Evardone
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Flores
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad

Lacson	Roque
Lagman	Sagarbarria
Lanete	Salceda
Laogan	Salo
Leachon	Salon
Limkaichong	Sambar
Lobregat	Sandoval
Lopez (B.)	Sangcopan
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Maceda	Savellano
Madrona	Siao
Malapitan	Silverio
Manalo	Suansing (E.)
Mangaoang	Suansing (H.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suarez
Marcoleta	Tambunting
Marcos	Tan (A.)
Mariño	Tan (M.)
Marquez	Tan (S.)
Martinez	Tejada
Matugas	Tiangco
Mellana	Ting
Mendoza	Tinio
Mercado	Tugna
Mirasol	Tupas
Montoro	Unabia
Nava	Ungab
Nieto	Unico
Noel	Uy (J.)
Nogralas (J.J.)	Uy (R.)
Núñez-Malanyaon	Uybarreta
Ocampo	Vargas-Alfonso
Olivarez	Velarde
Ong (E.)	Velasco
Ortega (P.)	Velasco-Catera
Ortega (V.N.)	Veloso
Pacquiao	Vergara
Paduano	Villanueva
Pancho	Villaraza-Suarez
Panganiban	Villarica
Panotes	Villarin
Papandayan	Violago
Pimentel	Yap (A.)
Pineda	Yap (M.)
Primicias-Agabas	Yap (V.)
Quimbo	Yu
Radaza	Zarate
Ramirez-Sato	Zubiri
Ramos	
Relampagos	<i>Negative:</i>
Revilla	
Roa-Puno	None
Robes	
Rodriguez (I.)	<i>Abstention:</i>
Romero	
Romualdez	
Romualdo	None

With 225 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6285.

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

(Continuation)

Distributed on March 7, 2018:

2. House Bill 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”;
3. House Bill No. 7290, entitled, “AN ACT CHANGING THE COMPOSITION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN’S TELEVISION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8370, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CHILDREN’S TELEVISION ACT OF 1997’ ”;

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
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)

Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Baguilat
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Bertiz
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerafica
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
De Jesus
de Venecia

De Vera	Mangaoang
Defensor	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Del Mar	Marcoleta
Del Rosario	Marcos
Deloso-Montalla	Mariño
Dimaporo (A.)	Marquez
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Martinez
Duavit	Matugas
Durano	Mellana
Dy	Mendoza
Elago	Mercado
Enverga	Mirasol
Eriguel	Montoro
Ermita-Buhain	Nava
Escudero	Nieto
Espino	Noel
Evardone	Nogralas (J.J.)
Fariñas	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Ferrer (J.)	Ocampo
Ferrer (L.)	Olivarez
Ferriol-Pascual	Ong (E.)
Flores	Ortega (P.)
Fortuno	Ortega (V.N.)
Garbin	Pacquiao
Garcia (J.E.)	Paduano
Garcia-Albano	Pancho
Garin (R.)	Panganiban
Garin (S.)	Panotes
Gasataya	Papandayan
Geron	Pimentel
Go (A.C.)	Pineda
Go (M.)	Primicias-Agabas
Gomez	Quimbo
Gonzaga	Radaza
Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramirez-Sato
Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramos
Gonzalez	Relampagos
Gullas	Revilla
Hernandez	Roa-Puno
Herrera-Dy	Robes
Hofer	Rodriguez (I.)
Kho	Romero
Khonghun	Romualdez
Labadlabad	Romualdo
Lacson	Roque
Lagman	Sagarbarria
Lanete	Salceda
Laogan	Salo
Leachon	Salon
Limkaichong	Sambar
Lobregat	Sandoval
Lopez (B.)	Sangcopan
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Maceda	Savellano
Madrona	Siao
Malapitan	Silverio
Manalo	Suansing (E.)

Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Tugna
Tupas
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 226 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

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

Distributed on March 8, 2018:

4. House Bill No. 7266, entitled, “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A RURAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

5. House Bill No. 7240, entitled, “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY VEINTE REALES, VALENZUELA CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS VEINTE REALES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Baguilat
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia

Bondoc	Garcia (J.E.)
Bordado	Garcia-Albano
Bravo (A.)	Garin (R.)
Bravo (M.V.)	Garin (S.)
Brosas	Gasataya
Bulut-Begtang	Geron
Cagas	Go (A.C.)
Calalang	Go (M.)
Calderon	Gomez
Calixto-Rubiano	Gonzaga
Caminero	Gonzales (A.P.)
Campos	Gonzales (A.D.)
Canama	Gonzalez
Cari	Gullas
Casilao	Hernandez
Castelo	Herrera-Dy
Castro (F.L.)	Hofer
Castro (F.H.)	Kho
Catamco	Khonghun
Cayetano	Labadlabad
Ceramica	Lacson
Chavez	Lagman
Chipeco	Lanete
Cojuangco	Laogan
Cortes	Leachon
Cortuna	Limkaichong
Cosalan	Lobregat
Crisologo	Lopez (B.)
Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)
Cueva	Macapagal-Arroyo
Dalipe	Maceda
Datol	Madrona
De Jesus	Malapitan
de Venecia	Manalo
De Vera	Mangaoang
Defensor	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Del Mar	Marcoleta
Del Rosario	Marcos
Deloso-Montalla	Mariño
Dimaporo (A.)	Marquez
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Martinez
Duavit	Matugas
Durano	Mellana
Dy	Mendoza
Elago	Mercado
Enverga	Mirasol
Eriguel	Montoro
Ermita-Buhain	Nava
Escudero	Nieto
Espino	Noel
Evardone	Nogralas (J.J.)
Fariñas	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Ferrer (J.)	Oaminal
Ferrer (L.)	Ocampo
Ferriol-Pascual	Olivarez
Flores	Ong (E.)
Fortuno	Ortega (P.)
Garbin	Ortega (V.N.)

Pacquiao
Paduano
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rodriguez (I.)
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque
Sagarbarria
Salceda
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Siao
Silverio
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Tugna
Tupas
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera

Veloso
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 228 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

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

Distributed on March 8, 2018:

6. House Bill No. 7241, entitled, “AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO, PARAÑAQUE CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS SILVERIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
7. House Bill No. 7242, entitled, “AN ACT SEPARATING THE DON FELIX SERRA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LOMBOYAN EXTENSION IN BARANGAY LOMBOYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOAQUIN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO FROM THE DON FELIX SERRA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS STA. ANA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and
8. House Bill No. 7243, entitled, “AN ACT SEPARATING THE TACURONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – UPPER KATUNGAL ANNEX IN BARANGAY

UPPER KATUNGAL, TACURONG CITY, PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT FROM THE TACURONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS UPPER KATUNGAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Baguilat
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc

Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerafica
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Evardone
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Flores
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (J.E.)

Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Leachon
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mellana
Mendoza
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogales (J.J.)
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Ocampo
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rodriguez (I.)
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque
Sagarbarria
Salceda
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Siao
Silverio
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tan (S.)
Teves
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Tugna
Tupas
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera

Veloso
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 229 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 658
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7376**

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7376, as embodied in Committee Report No. 658 and reported out by the Committees on Justice, Appropriations, and Ways and Means.

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

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL (OSG) BY INCREASING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND REDEFINING, EXPANDING, AND RATIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9417, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2327, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 1 AND 2, S. 1986, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House.

On motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali, Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, to deliver his sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE UMALI**

Representative Umali stressed that House Bill No. 7376 seeks to amend R.A. No. 9417 or the OSG Reform Law and streamline the legal services which the OSG provides to various government offices. He said that the significant amendments introduced by the Bill pertain to the organizational structure, expanded powers and functions, personnel compensation and benefits, and funding source of the OSG and to the effects of the abolition of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC) and the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG).

He then asked for the Members' approval of the instant Bill.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING OF
HOUSE BILL NO. 7376**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7376.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 640
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7303**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7303, as contained in Committee Report No. 640 and reported out by the Committee on Population and Family Relations.

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

“AN ACT INSTITUTING ABSOLUTE DIVORCE AND DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE IN THE PHILIPPINES.”

**RECONSIDERATION OF THE
TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the termination of the period of sponsorship

and debate; and the Chair recognized Representative Lagman to sponsor the Bill and Rep. Raul V. Del Mar to continue his previous day's interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL MAR

Representative Del Mar said that the proposed measure violates Constitutional provisions which recognize marriage as an inviolable social institution and the foundation of the family and the State's protection thereof; and opined that it will harm marriages.

The Sponsor however said that in his sponsorship speech, he had underscored that the commissioners of the 1986 Constitutional Commission (CONCOM) were unanimous in asserting that the foregoing principles do not prevent or foreclose Congress from enacting a divorce law.

Representative Lagman added that the measure is not for harmonious and vibrant but dysfunctional and irreparable marriages and does not derogate against the family whose protection is enshrined in the Constitution; and that seeking guidance from other constitutions which allow divorce, does not mean surrendering the country's sovereignty. To his colleague's statement that the desire of the people on the issue should be followed and most of his constituents are against legalizing divorce, he said that surveys have consistently shown that majority of Filipinos, including Catholics, favor absolute divorce.

After both Members expressed respect for each other's dissenting views and for the will of the majority in the House, they discussed the Bill's declaration on giving spouses the opportunity to secure an absolute divorce decree while recognizing the State's protection and preservation of marriage as a social institution and foundation of the family. While Representative Del Mar considered it a contradictory and confusing statement, Representative Lagman explained that the State should also protect couples in distress and there is no more marriage to protect in dysfunctional and irreparable relationships.

They also discussed the need for the instant measure and its effect on children. Representative Del Mar mentioned the existing legal remedies such as legal separation and annulment and the greater stress and pain that children might suffer after their parents get a divorce. Representative Lagman cited his previous day's argument on the need for an option that provides full relief to couples in distress as

well as empirical studies showing that children of divorced parents are better off than those who are exposed to constant marital strife.

Representative Del Mar rebutted thereafter that the Divorce Bill would just encourage troubled couples to resort to quick-fix solutions and would do more harm than good for children.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

At this point, Representative Atienza manifested his intention to join the discussion.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman however said that he and Representative Del Mar had the floor.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza clarified that he was asking permission from Representative Del Mar and not from Representative Lagman.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL MAR

Although Representative Del Mar said that he was not waiving his right and remaining time to interpellate the Sponsor, he would allow Representative Atienza to interject in the discussion.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Representative Defensor said that he could move to recognize Representative Atienza so that the latter could ask questions, but pointed out that Representative Del Mar had only three minutes left of his time.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL MAR (Continuation)

Asking Representative Atienza to just wait for him to finish his interpellation, Representative Del

Mar then scrutinized the grounds for absolute divorce under the instant Bill and said that they were not fully explained or defined.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair subsequently reminded Representative Del Mar that his one-hour allotment had already expired; and recognized Representative Atienza upon Rep. Ron P. Salo's motion.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Before Representative Atienza proceeded to ask questions, Representative Lagman said that he was willing to debate with him and asked him to refrain from making unparliamentary remarks like he did in the previous session.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza then asked whether the word "inviolable" appears in the Constitution. After the Sponsor affirmed the same, he said that he will ask no more questions on the provisions of a proposed law that violates the Constitution.

Both Members then stated that they will face one another in any forum to defend their stand on the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other Members who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7303

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body then suspended consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7303.

RATIFICATION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6573 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1662

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered and subse-

quently ratified through *viva voce* voting the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6573 and Senate Bill No. 1662, prohibiting hazing and other initiation rites of fraternities and sororities.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7230

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7230 for some perfecting amendments; and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

As proposed by Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendment on Section 1 of the Bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other Committee and individual amendments, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7230, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7230, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

RECOMMITMENT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7296

As requested by Rep. Ben P. Evardone, Chairperson of the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to recommit House Bill No. 7296 to the said Committee.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 7260, 7303, 7309, 7376, and 7378; and House Resolution No. 1767, the names of Members contained in the lists to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

It was 7:02 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on March 14, 2018.

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE*Journal No. 74***Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

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

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

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

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***** Absent without notice

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