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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. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abellanos
Abu
Acharon
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Antonino
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Barzaga
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Bertiz
Biazon
Biron
Bolilia

Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cua
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
Enverga
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin

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| Garcia (G.) | Pancho |
| Garcia (J.E.) | Panganiban |
| Garcia-Albano | Panotes |
| Garin (S.) | Papandayan |
| Gasataya | Pimentel |
| Gatchalian | Pineda |
| Go (A.C.) | Plaza |
| Go (M.) | Primicias-Agabas |
| Gomez | Quimbo |
| Gonzaga | Radaza |
| Gonzales (A.P.) | Ramirez-Sato |
| Gonzales (A.D.) | Ramos |
| Gonzalez | Relampagos |
| Gullas | Revilla |
| Hernandez | Roa-Puno |
| Hofer | Robes |
| Jalosjos | Rodriguez (I.) |
| Javier | Rodriguez (M.) |
| Kho | Romero |
| Khonghun | Romualdo |
| Labadlabad | Roque |
| Lacson | Sagarbarria |
| Lagman | Sahali |
| Lanete | Salceda |
| Laogan | Salimbangon |
| Lazatin | Salo |
| Leachon | Salon |
| Lobregat | Sambar |
| Lopez (B.) | Sandoval |
| Lopez (M.L.) | Sangcopan |
| Loyola | Santos-Recto |
| Macapagal-Arroyo | Sarmiento (C.) |
| Madrona | Sarmiento (E.M.) |
| Malapitan | Savellano |
| Mangaoang | Sema |
| Marcoleta | Siao |
| Mariño | Silverio |
| Marquez | Singson |
| Martinez | Suansing (E.) |
| Mellana | Suansing (H.) |
| Mendoza | Suarez |
| Mercado | Sy-Alvarado |
| Mirasol | Tambunting |
| Montoro | Tan (A.) |
| Nieto | Tan (M.) |
| Noel | Tejada |
| Nogales (J.J.) | Teves |
| Nogales (K.A.) | Tiangco |
| Nuñez-Malanyaon | Tinio |
| Oaminal | Tolentino |
| Ocampo | Tugna |
| Ong (E.) | Tupas |
| Ong (H.) | Umali |
| Ortega (P.) | Unabia |
| Ortega (V.N.) | Ungab |
| Pacquiao | Unico |
| Paduano | Uy (R.) |
| Palma | Vargas |

Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Veloso
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 218 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 74, dated March 13, 2018.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, 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 Communications and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees or consigned to the Archives as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7370, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING NATIONAL SECURITY BY PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF FOREIGN ENTITIES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 7371, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE DEFENSE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 7372, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RENTAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES (ISF) IN METRO MANILA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7374, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 7375, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE TO BE MANAGED BY THE FILM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7377, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING BREASTFEEDING PRACTICES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1761, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN REGARD TO THE POSSIBLE IRREGULARITIES IN THE USE OF FUNDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

By Representative Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1762, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, ON THE ALLEGED TORTURE AND THE FRUSTRATED MURDER OF TWO SMALL SCALE MINERS INCLUDING A MINOR IN MACO, COMPOSTELA VALLEY AND EXPRESS THE URGENT NEED FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO REPEAL THE MARTIAL LAW EXTENSION IN MINDANAO”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1763, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ERIN ENTRADA KELLY, FILIPINO-AMERICAN AUTHOR, FOR WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS JOHN NEWBERY MEDAL FOR HER 2017 CHILDREN'S NOVEL 'HELLO, UNIVERSE' ”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1764, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE BE-REAVED FAMILY ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, FORTUNATO U. ABAT, (RET. MAJOR GENERAL)”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1765, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF VETERAN PHILIPPINE THEATER, FILM, AND TV ACTOR AND DIRECTOR BERNARDO BERNARDO”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1766, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ANTHONY P. DEQUIÑA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF COTABATO DURING THE NINTH, TENTH AND ELEVENTH CONGRESSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER, SALE, OR ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTROLLING INTERESTS IN METRO CONNECTIONS AND TELECOM CORP. TO ALWAYS FULL HOLDINGS CORP.”

By Representative Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

COMMUNICATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended December 20, 2017 of the Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities under the Local Government Support Fund of Engineer Helen C. Alaba, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Loboc, Province of Bohol.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended December 31, 2017 of the Assistance to

Disadvantaged Municipalities under the Local Government Support Fund of Albino M. Balo, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Guindulman, Province of Bohol.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended February 26, 2017 of the Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities under the Local Government Support Fund of Regina C. Salazar, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Lila, Province of Bohol.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended December 2017 of the Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities under the Local Government Support Fund of Angelina Simacio, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Anda, Province of Bohol.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 20, 2018 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, transmitting to the House of Representatives the Performance Audit Reports of the Commission on Audit on the following priority programs of the government:

1. Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program;
2. In-City Resettlement Housing Program;
3. Disaster Risk Preparedness Program by Quezon City and Malabon City – Case Studies;
4. School-Based Immunization Program; and
5. Health Facilities Enhancement Program.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 26, 2018 of Marietta M. Fondevilla, Senior Vice President, Development Bank of the Philippines, submitting the Status of Implementation of the Barangay Micro Business Enterprises (BMBEs) Act of 2002 as of December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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

House Bill No. 477, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE DECLARATION OF THE FIRST PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letters dated March 1 and 6, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 10973, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE CHIEF OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND THE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP (CIDG) THE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATH AND TO ISSUE SUBPOENA AND SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990' ”

2. R.A. No. 10974, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SARRAGA INTEGRATED AND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7478, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE SARRAGA INTEGRATED AND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

3. R.A. No. 10975, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PANGSONG TAMO, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS EMILIO JACINTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

4. R.A. No. 10976, entitled:

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

5. R.A. No. 10977, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO A NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN RAFAEL TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

6. R.A. No. 10978, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DON BOSCO EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DON BOSCO, PARAÑAQUE CITY, FROM THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DON BOSCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

7. R.A. No. 10979, entitled:

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

8. R.A. No. 10980, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF MANLABANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MANLABANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CAIBIRAN, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, TO CAIBIRAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

9. R.A. No. 10981, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MAYOR BARTOLOME SERUT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL – MUSIMUT ANNEX IN BARANGAY MUSIMUT, MUNICIPALITY OF KABUGAO, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE MAYOR BARTOLOME SERUT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MUSIMUT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 661), re H.R. No. 1769, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION COMPOSED OF STUDENTS FROM TONDO HIGH SCHOOL, ESTEBAN ABADA HIGH SCHOOL, MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL, T. ALONZO HIGH SCHOOL, V. MAPA HIGH SCHOOL, RAMON

MAGSAYSAY HIGH SCHOOL AND P. GOMEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR HONORING THE COUNTRY WITH VARIOUS MEDALS AND AWARDS DURING THE 2ND WORLD INVENTION AND INNOVATION FORUM HELD ON 23-25 NOVEMBER 2017 IN FOSHAN, GUANGDONG, CHINA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1553

Sponsors: Representatives Durano and Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 662), re H.R. No. 1770, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION TRANSFERRING TO THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NHCP) THE OWNERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION OVER A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT RIZAL PARK, ERMITA, MANILA, WHERE ITS OFFICE BUILDING HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 603

Sponsors: Representatives Durano and Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 663), re H.B. No. 7385, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORPORATION (PHILCOMSAT) TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN THE PHILIPPINES GROUND SATELLITE TERMINAL

STATIONS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION WITH SATELLITE FACILITIES AND DELIVERY TO COMMON CARRIERS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6385

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 664), re H.B. No. 7386, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE ANDRES BONIFACIO COLLEGE BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8120, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE ANDRES BONIFACIO COLLEGE BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS AND STATIONS FOR TELEVISION IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO FOR EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6429

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Bravo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 665), re H.B. No. 7387, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KWOK HING CARLOS YEUNG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6262

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Fuentebella and Garcia (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 666), re H.B. No. 7388, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BRUCE DONALD MCTAVISH”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4405

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Fuentebella and Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 667), re H.B. No. 7392, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM IN THE BASIC EDUCATION FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, AND OTHER MARGINALIZED SECTORS OF SOCIETY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2733, 3292, 3706, 4029, 4307, 4386 and 6039

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Hofer, Nograles (K.A.) and Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Emmi A. De Jesus, and Karlo Alexei B. Nograles.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 660 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7378

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7378, as embodied in Committee Report No. 660 and reported out by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms.

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

“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.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on successive motions of Representative Defensor, 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.

The Chair then recognized Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to sponsor the Bill.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE TUGNA

On motion of Representative Tugna, there being no objection, the Body adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Antonio L. Tinio for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Tinio asked for the justification on the third postponement of the synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (KB) elections. After the Sponsor gave an explanation, he cited the pronouncement of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) that it was ready and had already incurred huge expenses for it; and its view that the postponement will muddle its workload which includes preparations for the 2019 national and local elections. Adding that the schedule for the plebiscite on federalism was not yet made, he stressed that the postponement curtails the right of citizens to choose their leaders.

Representative Tinio then opined that the extension of the term of national and local officials might be the objective of the postponement; and expressed his objection to the measure.

For his part, Representative Tugna clarified that the postponement will only add to, but not disturb, the Commission's work. As he expressed respect for Representative Tinio's opinion, he stressed that holding the elections and the plebiscite at the same time would save money.

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representatives Atienza and Tugna first discussed the reasons for postponing the barangay elections for the third time, with the former stressing his concern about its effect on the system of democracy in the barangays.

They then focused on charges of graft and corruption against some barangay chairmen as they talked about the latter's terms of office, powers, and responsibilities. Representative Atienza suggested that the measure clearly state that the terms of office of barangay chairmen with pending cases will not be extended; while Representative Tugna clarified that the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has jurisdiction over them and can file administrative cases.

After Representative Tugna affirmed that he will accept the amendment of Representative Atienza at the proper time, the two Members focused on *ex officio* barangay and SK officials in municipal, city, and provincial legislative bodies. The Sponsor affirmed that the terms of office of all SK officials ended in 2013 while those of barangay officials will be extended until October 2018.

When Representative Atienza then asked why the barangay and SK elections were being postponed, Representative Tugna replied that they were being rescheduled to coincide with a possible plebiscite on federalism. When the former asked who wanted to move said elections to another date, the latter said that he did not remember if he had used the word "move."

Thereupon, Representative Atienza stressed that the government should prove its sincerity by removing corrupt barangay officials and that the aforesaid postponement was a dangerous precedent because elections are the cornerstone of a democratic and stable society, and a tool in correcting the abuses of government officials. He appealed to the Members to study the measure very well and said that he will vote against it if the Sponsor will not be amenable to his proposed amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; and the Body proceeded to the period of amendments.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago said that she asked the Committee on Rules to have her listed as one of the interpellators on the measure.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 5:25 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:27 p.m.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no 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. 7378

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7378 through *viva voce* voting.

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."

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman, main author of the Bill, who then stated that the parliamentary status of the Bill was that it was in the period of amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

On an omnibus motion of Representative Lagman, there being no objection, the Body approved the Committee amendments on pages 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Bill and to renumber the Sections affected accordingly.

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. 7303, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7303, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 610 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7185

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7185, as contained in Committee Report No. 610 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 RECOGNIZING THE FOREIGN DECREE OF TERMINATION OF MARRIAGE AND ALLOWING ITS SUBSEQUENT REGISTRATION WITH THE PHILIPPINE CIVIL REGISTRY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.”

At this point, Representative Defensor stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Sol Aragon, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to sponsor the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments and the Chair recognized Rep. Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, Vice Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to present the Committee amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Representative Aggabao, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments submitted by Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano on pages 2 and 3 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. 7185, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7185, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

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

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6425, as contained in Committee Report No. 389 and reported out by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING AN URGENT, COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED LAND-BASED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CRISIS IN METRO MANILA, METROPOLITAN CEBU AND METROPOLITAN DAVAO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

Representative Defensor stated that the parliamentary status of the Bill was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair then suspended the session at 5:40 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:42 p.m.

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

On motion of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6425.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 639 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7302

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7302, as contained in Committee Report No. 639 and reported out by the Committee on Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT TO REFORM THE BUDGET PROCESS BY ENFORCING GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY IN PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (PFM), PROMOTING FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY, STRENGTHENING CONGRESS’ POWER OF THE PURSE, INSTITUTING AN INTEGRATED PFM SYSTEM, AND INCREASING BUDGET TRANSPARENCY AND PARTICIPATION.”

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of sponsorship and debate; and the Chair recognized Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Chairman of the sponsoring Committee, to sponsor the measure, and Rep. Tom S. Villarín to interpellate thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

To Representative Villarín’s queries, Representative Nograles (K.A.) explained the measure’s objective to strengthen Congress’ power of the purse and to limit the Executive’s powers on impoundment, savings, and augmentation. He added

that the Budget Reform Bill (BRB) retains the provision on automatic debt appropriations in Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1177; does not cover off-budget items which have special accounts in the general fund; and provides for the accelerated use of the budget to implement government projects and programs, thus spurring faster economic growth and lowering future debts.

Representatives Villarín and Nograles subsequently analyzed the Bill’s inclusion of a provision on Congress’ automatic review of current and future debts as well as its coverage of general and special provisions that are usually found in the General Appropriations Act.

They also compared the contents of national budget circulars and the BRB, with Representative Nograles (K.A.) affirming that the former should conform to the latter; and Representative Villarín stressing that the BRB should include specific terminologies and definitions that are used in said circulars, such as “budgets for comprehensive release” and “lump sum appropriations.”

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Singson relinquished the Chair to Rep. Gerald Anthony “Sam-sam” V. Gullas Jr.

Representative Villarín subsequently sought clarification on special purpose funds (SPFs).

At this point, Representative Gullas relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Singson.

Representative Nograles clarified that the measure aims to decrease SPFs and to limit even more the Executive’s discretion over them, thus strengthening Congress’ power of the purse and providing protection against their misuse. He also stressed that implementing rules and regulations would set in place the strict criteria in creating other SPFs.

Representative Villarín next asked about the inclusion of certain specifications of the unified accounts code structure which is used in budget preparation; and said that he will present an amendment thereon.

Whereupon, the two Members debated on the provision in the BRB that deems Congress’ inaction on an impoundment proposal of the President as an approval of said proposal. Representative Villarín said that this means that Congress is giving up its power over the purse to the Executive, while the Sponsor explained that impoundment is resorted to only in limited situations such as an unmanageable budget deficit.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair reminded Representative Villarin to finish with his interpellation as he had already used one hour of his allotted time.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN**
(Continuation)

To Rep. Villarin's final question, Representative Nograles (K.A.) explained that the priority use of savings can always be provided for in the national budget; and the Supreme Court has a forthcoming decision on the inclusion of revenues collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Treasury in the internal revenue allotment (IRA) shares of LGUs.

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair next recognized Representative Elago for her interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

Representative Elago discussed with the Sponsor (1) Section 30, which might make the funds of LGUs dependent on the policies set by lawmakers and available for political leverage; and (2) Section 40, which gives the President a new power to withhold the release of appropriations. Representative Nograles (K.A.) stressed that the LGUs' funds were automatic appropriations; and an impoundment occurs only when there is an unmanageable budget deficit and could be overruled by Congress.

Thereafter, the two Members discussed the reasons behind the faster plenary deliberations on the 2018 General Appropriations Bill (GAB). The Sponsor attributed the same to the pre-plenary budget discussions and clarified that most of the general provisions in the national budget will not be included in the BRB so as to avoid redundancy; while Representative Elago stressed the need for the Members to study the budget bill and scrutinize it in the plenary deliberations to ensure that public funds are used to serve the public interest.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Representative Lagman initially said that he was not questioning the quorum but that it would be better if more Members were present to participate in the discussion of a very important bill. Thereafter, he asked about the

concept and mechanics of a bicameral conference committee as he cited the case of a ₱10 million-infrastructure project that was deleted in the Conference Committee Report on the 2018 GAB despite the Third Reading approval of said measure in the House and Senate.

The Sponsor opined that by tradition, the two Houses do not convene a bicameral committee in the absence of differences in any word or line in the House and Senate versions of a measure; but that if they do so, the bicameral committee can still amend words, phrases, sentences, and provisions that are common to the two versions. On the other hand, he explained that the House and Senate can form such a bicameral committee when there are differences in their respective versions of a certain measure in order to reconcile their differences and/or delete identical appropriations and reappropriate the same to other programs, as the case may be.

At this point, Representative Lagman cited the 14 districts whose infrastructure appropriations were reduced to zero because their Representatives were perceived to be non-cooperative with or non-supportive of the current Administration. He asked for a matrix on where the appropriations went and how much were reappropriated to the increase in the base pay of government's uniformed personnel.

In response to his colleague's succeeding questions, the Sponsor thereafter explained the Bill's aim to enhance Congress' oversight function as well as its provisions which seek to strengthen Congress' power of the purse such as that on the one-fund concept.

Representative Lagman then said that the existing law on the one-fund concept should prevail so that there will be no delimitation on items included therein; as well as pointed out that the use of savings, automatic appropriations, impoundments, and lump sums are practices which derogate the congressional power of the purse.

He subsequently requested that he be allowed to finish his interpellation on a day, without questioning the quorum, where there are sufficient Members present.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 7:47 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:55 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7302

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7302.

OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

On an omnibus motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday, as contained in various Committee Reports and submitted by the Committees concerned; dispensed with the reading of the texts thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 7310, as contained in Committee Report No. 642 and submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations, establishing an extension program of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP) in Villanueva, Misamis Oriental;
2. House Bill No. 6724, as contained in Committee Report No. 645 and submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, changing the name of Lupon School of Fisheries in Lupon, Davao Oriental, into the Davao Oriental Polytechnic Institute;
3. House Bill No. 7327, as contained in Committee Report No. 646 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, increasing the bed capacity of Valenzuela Medical Center in Valenzuela City, from two hundred (200) to five hundred (500) beds;
4. House Bill No. 7346, as contained in Committee Report No. 648 and submitted by the Committees on Youth and Sports

Development, and Appropriations, establishing the Southern Leyte Sports Academy and Training Center in Maasin City, Southern Leyte; and

5. House Bill No. 7362, as contained in Committee Report No. 651 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, converting the San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital in Malabon City, Metro Manila, into a general hospital to be known as the San Lorenzo Ruiz General Hospital, and increasing its bed capacity from ten (10) to two hundred (200) beds.

ADOPTION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the texts thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Resolution No. 1722, entitled: "RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION TRANSFERRING THE OWNERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE INTENDENCIA BUILDING IN INTRAMUROS, MANILA TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES (NAP)";
2. House Resolution No. 1690, entitled: "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BRO. EDUARDO V. MANALO, EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO, FOR HIS DESIGNATION AS SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE PRESIDENT FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINOS CONCERNS";
3. House Resolution No. 1695, entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF NATIONAL ARTIST OF THE PHILIPPINES, ESABELIO NAPOLEON 'BILLY' VELOSO ABUEVA"; and
4. House Resolution 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.”

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

Whereupon, on successive motions of Representative Defensor, 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 March 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the amended Provisional Rules of the House:

1. House Bill No. 7264, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CORDILLERA STATE POLYTECHNIC SKILLS INSTITUTE, INTEGRATING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTERS AND TESDA-SUPERVISED STATE-RUN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (TVIs) IN THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
2. House Bill No. 7291, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH, SANCTUARY OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAMPICUAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA A PILGRIMAGE SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and
3. House Bill No. 7292, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE PURARAN BEACH AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN BANGAY PURARAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BARAS, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

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:

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Aquino-Magsaysay
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Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Bertiz
Biazon
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Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
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| de Venecia | Malapitan |
| De Vera | Mangaoang |
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| Del Rosario | Marquez |
| Deloso-Montalla | Martinez |
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| Gonzales (A.P.) | Ramos |
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| Herrera-Dy | Rodriguez (I.) |
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Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
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Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 217 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

**DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5777
AND SENATE BILL NO. 1537**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members to the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5777 and Senate Bill No. 1537, strengthening nutrition programs for pregnant and lactating women, adolescent girls and teenage mothers, infants, and young children in the first 1,000 days: Reps. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, M.D., Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D., Rogelio J. Espina, M.D., Michelle M. Antonio, Alexandria P. Gonzales, and Arlene B. Arcillas.

**CONCURRENCE WITH SENATE
AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 4927**

With the consent of the Committee on Local Government and the author of House Bill No. 4927, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Body concurred with the Senate amendments to the said Bill, entitled, “AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY UPPER PUGAAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DITSAAN-RAMAIN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR.”

**RECOMMITMENT OF
HOUSE BILL NO. 7236**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body recommitted House Bill No. 7236 to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization.

**CHANGE OF REFERRAL
OF CERTAIN MEASURES**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following measures to the Committees specified hereunder:

1. House Bill No. 7236 – from the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization to the Committees on Local Government, and Government Enterprises and Privatization;
2. House Bill No. 1103 – from the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Transportation to the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, Transportation, and Legislative Franchises;

3. House Bill No. 1265 – from the Committee on Transportation to the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, Transportation, and Legislative Franchises;
 4. House Bills No. 1911, 5458, 6837, and 6959 and House Resolution No. 203 – from the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Transportation to the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, Transportation, and Legislative Franchises; and
 5. House Bills No. 5507 and 7141 – from the Committee on Public Order and Safety to the Committees on Public Order and Safety, and National Defense and Security.
5. House Resolution No. 1732, on the status of the delineation of the country's municipal waters pursuant to the relevant provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8550, as amended – to the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources;
 6. House Resolution No. 1733, on the continued illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing activities in the country in violation of the provisions of R.A. No. 10654, amending R.A. No. 8550 – to the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources;
 7. House Resolution No. 1736, on the Cabadbaran City Police and Agusan del Norte Provincial Police's highly irregular and excessively forceful service of the patently illegal search warrants issued by Branch 2 of the Butuan City Regional Trial Court – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

In accordance with the Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred the following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

1. House Resolution No. 1728, on the proposed Social Security System contribution increase – to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
2. House Resolution No. 1729, on the delayed remittance or non-remittance of the personal and government shares of teachers' Government Service Insurance System premiums by the Department of Education – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
3. House Resolution No. 1730, on the delay or outright failure to remit employees' contributions for PhilHealth which result in these employees not being able to access their benefits under the National Health Insurance Act of 2013 – to the Committee on Labor and Employment;
4. House Resolution No. 1731, on the alleged overcrowding, overdevelopment, and irresponsible waste management by some establishments in Boracay Island in Malay, Aklan with the end in view of sustaining its natural beauty and preserving its status as a top global destination – to the Committee on Tourism;
8. House Resolution No. 1737, on the manner by which the Malampaya banked gas, which is at risk of being impaired by 2024, is going to be disposed by the Philippine National Oil Company and/or the Department of Energy – to the Committee on Energy;
9. House Resolution No. 1738, on the policies and programs of the government regarding the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) amidst reports on abuses and deaths in order to provide interventions that would preserve and advance their rights and dignity – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
10. House Resolution No. 1742, on the anomalous supply and delivery agreements entered into by Duty Free Philippines Corporation (DFPC) without undergoing the required public bidding, as well as the highly suspicious and irregular extensions of the terms of these contracts, three years prior to their respective expirations, in an apparent case of midnight deals by the previous officers of the DFPC – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
11. House Resolution No. 1745, on the implementation of Executive Order (E.O.) No. 1086; recommendation of measures to secure the shelter and livelihood of around 6,000 poor households in Vitas, Tondo, Ma-

nila who are under the threat of displacement; and suspension of the implementation of the said E.O. pending review by the House of Representatives – to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;

12. House Resolution No. 1747, on the implementation of the Magna Carta for residential electricity consumers relative to the administration of the bill deposit of electricity consumers and the meter deposit refund – to the Committee on Energy;
13. House Resolution No. 1749, on the possible data breach of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs; and
14. House Resolution No. 1750, on the proper implementation of Section 4 of the Migrant Workers Act, as amended, and on the review by the Departments of Foreign Affairs, and Labor and Employment as well as of the POEA of protections guaranteed by the OFWs' destination countries - to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of the following measures all of the Members contained in the pertinent lists to be submitted by the Committee on Rules on House Bills No. 6385, 6916, and 7236; and on the bills and resolutions that are pending in the various Committees, after due verification of their requests for inclusion as coauthors thereof.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, March 19, 2018.

It was 8:20 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on March 19, 2018

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED

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

House Bill No. 7230, entitled: "AN ACT RENAMING THE PORTION OF RADIAL ROAD 10 TRAVERSING BONIFACIO DRIVE AT ANDA CIRCLE IN STATION KILOMETER (STA KM) 1+100, UP TO MARALA BRIDGE AT THE FOOT OF ESTERO DE MARALA STA KM 6+445, ALL IN THE CITY OF MANILA AS MEL LOPEZ BOULEVARD"

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| * 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 | |

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** On official mission

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

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

***** Absent without notice

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