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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro 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. Roger G. Mercado, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Baguilat
Banal
Barbers
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan

Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Dalipe
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain

Escudero	Ong (E.)
Espina	Ong (H.)
Evardone	Ortega (P.)
Fariñas	Ortega (V.N.)
Ferrer (J.)	Paduano
Flores	Palma
Fortun	Pancho
Fortuno	Panganiban
Garbin	Panotes
Garcia (G.)	Papandayan
Garcia (J.E.)	Pimentel
Gasataya	Pineda
Gatchalian	Plaza
Geron	Primicias-Agabas
Go (M.)	Radaza
Gonzaga	Ramirez-Sato
Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramos
Gonzales (A.D.)	Relampagos
Gonzalez	Revilla
Gullas	Roa-Puno
Hernandez	Robes
Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez (I.)
Hofer	Rodriguez (M.)
Jalosjos	Romero
Kho	Romualdo
Khonghun	Roque
Labadlabad	Sacdalan
Lacson	Sagarbarria
Lagman	Sahali
Lanete	Salceda
Laogan	Salimbangon
Lazatin	Salon
Lee	Sambar
Limkaichong	Sandoval
Lobregat	Sangcopan
Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Loyola	Savellano
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sema
Madrona	Siao
Malapitan	Silverio
Manalo	Singson
Mangaoang	Suansing (E.)
Marquez	Suarez
Martinez	Tambunting
Matugas	Tan (A.)
Mellana	Teves
Mercado	Ting
Mirasol	Tinio
Montoro	Tolentino
Nieto	Tupas
Noel	Ty
Nolasco	Unabia
Núñez-Malanyaon	Ungab
Oaminal	Unico
Ocampo	Uy (J.)
Olivarez	Uy (R.)

Uybarreta
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velooso
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zubiri

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

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Mercado, 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 Message from the President, Communication and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7390, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000' ”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7391, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE BASIC MEDICINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN ALL GOVERNMENT HEALTH FA-

CILITIES NATIONWIDE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7393, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAYS”

By Representatives Nograles (K.A.) and Nograles (J.J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7394, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MALABON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MNHS) – CONCEPCION TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL ANNEX IN BARANGAY CONCEPCION, CITY OF MALABON, METRO MANILA FROM THE MALABON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CONCEPCION TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Sandoval

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7395, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE IMPOSITION OF FEES FOR THE USE OF PARKING SPACES AND FACILITIES IN SHOPPING MALLS, HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING VACANT LOTS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PARKING AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 7396, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7397, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN PONTEVEDRA NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ferrer (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7398, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4339, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH RADIO STATIONS FOR PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATION', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7225 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7399, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE MANDATE OF THE WESTERN VISAYAS SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA BARABARA, ILOILO INTO A SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gorriceta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7400, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS BREAK TO ALL EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS AND INTEGRATING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL SCHOOLS”

By Representative Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7401, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IN TACLOBAN CITY FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1500), AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND RENAMING IT TO EASTERN VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER”

By Representative Romualdez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7403, entitled:

“AN ACT DEVELOPING THE PILI INDUSTRY, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PILI SUBSIDY FUND AND THE PILI RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, AND DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AS THE PILI CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7404, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN CAUAYAN CITY, PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE, CREATING LTO CAUAYAN

CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Dy and Panganiban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7406, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE 7TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7407, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES ('CAAP'), ABOLISHING THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD ('CAB') AND TRANSFERRING ITS FUNCTIONS TO THE CAAP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Suarez and Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7408, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES PRESCRIBING EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER A NATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 7409, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES FROM IMPOSING AN EXPIRATION PERIOD ON THE VALIDITY OF PREPAID CALL AND

TEXT CARDS AND THE FORFEITURE OF LOAD CREDITS THEREOF”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7410, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE WIRELESS TELECOM COMPANIES TO TRANSFER FIVE YEAR OLD CELL TOWERS TO REIT CORPORATIONS”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7411, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING FOR AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY WITHIN THREE YEARS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7412, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE SOCIAL NETWORKS IN THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF ALL THE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS FOR RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL JOURNALISM TO STOP THE PROLIFERATION OF FAKE NEWS, FALSE INFORMATION, HARASSMENTS AND OTHER FORM OF CYBERCRIME AND PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COUNTRY”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7413, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PROVINCES OF PALAWAN DEL NORTE, PALAWAN

ORIENTAL, AND PALAWAN DEL SUR,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (F.), Abueg and
Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOV-
ERNMENT

House Bill No. 7414, entitled:

“AN ACT LOWERING THE PERCENTAGE
REQUIREMENT FOR THE VOLUN-
TARY DISSOLUTION OF CONDOMIN-
IUM CORPORATIONS FOR CON-
DEMNED PROJECT AND PROJECTS IN
EXISTENCE FOR MORE THAN
THIRTY (30) YEARS, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
4726 ENTITLED 'THE CONDOMINIUM
ACT' ”

By Representatives Castelo and Batocabe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1780, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA
DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSE COM-
MITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT
AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, REGARDING THE
PROPRIETY, NECESSITY AND REA-
SONABLENESS OF THE PROPOSED
SALE OF THE TWO PROPERTIES OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSUR-
ANCE SYSTEM IN THE PORT AREA OF
TONDO, MANILA”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1781, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE
NATIONAL INTEREST THROUGH THE
REJECTION OF FOREIGN LOAN CON-

TRACTS WHICH CONTAIN PROVI-
SIONS THAT REQUIRE THE PHILIP-
PINES TO PUT UP AS COLLATERAL
THE COUNTRY'S NATURAL RE-
SOURCE”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Resolution No. 1782, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION TO INVESTIGATE
IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE ILLE-
GAL AND FRAUDULENT PRACTICE
OF CEBU AIR, INC., OPERATING UN-
DER THE TRADE NAME CEBU PA-
CIFIC AIR, IN THE MANAGEMENT OF
ITS AIRLINE BUSINESS”

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1783, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES TO INVESTI-
GATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE
NEGROS ETHANOL PLANT OF UNI-
VERSAL ROBINA SUGAR MILLING
CORP. (URSMC)”

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1784, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION TO INVESTIGATE
IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE TAX LI-
ABILITIES OF CEBU AIR, INC., OPER-
ATING UNDER THE TRADE NAME
CEBU PACIFIC AIR, IN THE COLLEC-
TION OF TERMINAL FEES”

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1785, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND

ELECTORAL REFORMS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGATIONS OF ELECTORAL FRAUD, SPECIFICALLY, THE USE OF FALSE ADDRESSES OF REGISTERED VOTERS”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1786, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TOP 10 GRADUATES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY 'MARAGTAS' CLASS OF 2018”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1787, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TOP 10 GRADUATES OF THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY 'ALAB TALA' CLASS OF 2018”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 1788, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM'S ACQUISITION OF SHARES IN MEGAWIDE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION”

By Representative Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1789, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING DR. JERALD LALAGUNA PELAYO FOR TOPPING

BOTH THE 2018 PHYSICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS AND THE 2011 NURSING LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS”

By Representative Kho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Resolution No. 1790, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UNILATERAL ACT OF CERTAIN BANKS TO CLOSE THE ACCOUNTS OF REMITTANCE AGENTS, FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEALERS AND MONEY CHANGERS”

By Representatives Pineda, Belmonte (R.), Lopez (B.), Villarin, Montoro, Belaro, Salon, Lacson and Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

March 19, 2018

SPEAKER PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ
House Speaker
House of Representatives
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 26 (2) of the 1987 Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 7302, entitled:

“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 TRANSPAR-
ENCY AND PARTICIPATION”

to address the immediate need for budget re-
forms and to remedy the gaps in public
spending which hamper the ability of the
government to deliver direct, immediate,
and substantial services to the people.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

Copy Furnished:

Sen. Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III
Senate President
The Philippine Senate
Pasay City

Sec. Adelino B. Sitoy
Head
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office
2/F New Executive Bldg.
Malacañang, Manila

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated 5 March 2018 of Alain Del B. Pascua,
Undersecretary, Department of Education,
transmitting to the House of Representatives
the Aide Memoire on the Status of School
Building Program under the Basic Education
Facilities Fund for 2017-2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIA-
TIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Tourism (Committee
Report No. 673), re H.R. No. 1087, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON TOURISM TO CON-
DUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, INTO THE ROADMAP, PRO-
GRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTION
PLANS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TOURISM THAT AIM TO REGULATE
TOURIST SPOTS IN ORDER TO PRO-
MOTE SUSTAINABILITY”

and H.R. No. 1277, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COM-
MITTEE ON TOURISM AND OTHER
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED
IRRESPONSIBLE DUMPING OF
WASTEWATER BY SOME ESTABLISH-
MENTS IN BORACAY ISLAND, MA-
LAY, AKLAN TO THE DETRIMENT OF
THE CLEAN AND CLEAR WATERS OF
THE WORLD CLASS TOURISM DESTI-
NATION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF
ENACTING REGULATIONS THAT
WILL ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY
OF TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN THE IS-
LAND AND THE PRESERVATION OF
ITS CHARM AND BEAUTY”

informing the House of its findings and recom-
mendations

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Sarmiento
(E.M.), Marquez, Pineda and Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Com-
mittee on Appropriations (Committee Report
No. 674), re H.B. No. 7429, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MALUBAL
FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RO-
SELLER T. LIM, PROVINCE OF ZAM-
BOANGA SIBUGAY AN ECOTOURISM
SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 4846

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles
(K.A.) and Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Com-
mittee on Appropriations (Committee Report
No. 675), re H.B. No. 7430, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE UNDER-
GROUND TIPAN CAVE IN THE MU-
NICIPALITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF

ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY AN ECO-TOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4979

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

On motion of Representative Mercado, 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.”

At this point, Representative Mercado 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. Joey Sarte Salceda to sponsor the measure and Rep. Edcel C. Lagman to continue his previous day’s interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Representative Lagman initially followed up the request he made before the session adjourned the previous day, for data on the overall savings of the Philippines in fiscal year 2017.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Salceda, the Chair suspended the session at 4:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:27 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

(Continuation)

Citing the total savings from the 2017 General Appropriations Act (GAA) of around ₱10 billion, the Sponsor explained how this was used to augment certain budgetary items. He welcomed Representative Lagman’s proposed amendment to require the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to disclose the amount of total savings at the end of the year and the utilization of the same.

The two Members then discussed practices that derogate Congress’ power of the purse, such as the reenactment of the budget; and the provisions of the Bill that will address such derogation, including those on cash-based budgeting and limitations on the use of Unprogrammed Funds.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:51 p.m., on motion of Representative Salceda.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:52 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

(Continuation)

Representatives Lagman and Salceda also discussed the practice of automatic debt appropriations by virtue of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1177 as reiterated by Executive Order (E.O.) No. 292. Representative Lagman proposed to repeal P.D. No. 1177 or include provisions in the Budget Reform Bill (BRB) which will enable Congress to scrutinize debt servicing. Representative Salceda said that Section 14 of the measure provides for the principles of fiscal responsibility and that Congress’ oversight functions were not being repealed by the BRB.

After Representative Lagman proposed to preclude the payment of behest loans through automatic appropriations, he and the Sponsor debated on the safeguards against Executive impoundment of the budget, which was another practice that demeans Congress’ power of the purse. He proposed provisions stating that (1) outside of those appropriations that are authorized to be impounded, no other

impoundment could be made by the Executive; and (2) if the Executive's proposal for an impoundment is not acted on by Congress within a specified period, then it is deemed disapproved.

Subsequently, the Members debated on Section 27 of the Bill which provides for Special Purpose Funds (SPFs) whose details could not be determined during the budget preparation stage and are based on the parameters to be set in the implementing rules and regulations of the GAA.

Representative Lagman then asked the Body to look into the ballooning of the aforesaid funds; and into the practice of empowering a small committee of the House to effect amendments to the General Appropriations Bill (GAB), thus depriving the Members of the right to introduce amendments on the floor.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)

Next recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Mercado, Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. first asked whether the Sponsor could delete the provision on Congress' additional powers and responsibilities in the BRB because such is already stipulated in the Constitution and E.O. No. 292. The Sponsor replied in the affirmative.

Representative Bravo then asked if the Sponsor could also delete Section 7 on the Commission on Audit's coordination with the DBM on the timely accounting and reporting of public finances because it might diminish the power of an independent branch of government. The latter said that he was willing to do so.

Thereafter, the two Members discussed the availment by national government agencies such as the Department of Education of the multi-year obligational authority that is provided for in the BRB; and the retention of the provision in E.O. No. 292 on the formulation of a budget priority framework.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other Members who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on successive motions of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee amendments, on successive motions of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of Committee amendments and proceeded to consider individual amendments. The Chair then recognized Rep. Magnolia C. Antonino to present her individual amendment.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ANTONINO

Representative Antonino proposed an amendment in Section 58 of the Bill.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Upon recognition by the Chair, Representative Lagman requested that he be given up to the following day to study the Committee amendments and prepare his individual amendments.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE MERCADO

With the permission of the Chair, Representative Mercado requested Representative Lagman's consideration of the fact that the Bill was of utmost importance and was certified as urgent by the President.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At this juncture, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ANTONINO'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved Representative Antonino's amendment in Section 58 of the Bill.

AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ANTONINO

On further motion of Representative Antonino and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body also approved the amendment in Section 81 of the Bill.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Mercado, the Chair suspended the session at 6:00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:14 p.m.

Upon resumption of session, Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status was that the Body was considering individual amendments to House Bill No. 7302.

AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)

On motion of Representative Bravo and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendment in Section 7 of the Bill.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

At this point, Representative Bondoc moved to close the period of individual amendments.

Before the Body could act on the same, on further motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Representative Lagman for his amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

On motion of Representative Lagman and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments in Section 28 and the insertion of a new section on “Report on Savings and Augmentation” on page 22 of the Bill.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman thereafter proposed amendments pertaining to “Amendments to the General Appropriations Bill” and the SPFs on pages 13 and 11 of the Bill, but the Sponsor did not accept the same.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7302, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7302, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7302

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 7302, a certified urgent Bill, pursuant to Section 26(2), Article VI of the Constitution.

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.”

The Chair 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:

Abu
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Aggabao
Almario
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Antonino
Antonio
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas

Arenas	Lacson
Barbers	Lanete
Bataoil	Laogan
Bautista-Bandigan	Limkaichong
Belaro	Lobregat
Belmonte (J.C.)	Lopez (B.)
Bernos	Lopez (C.)
Bertiz	Lopez (M.L.)
Biron	Maceda
Bondoc	Madrona
Bordado	Malapitan
Bravo (A.)	Manalo
Bravo (M.V.)	Mangaoang
Bulut-Begtang	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Marquez
Caminero	Mellana
Campos	Mercado
Cari	Nava
Castelo	Nieto
Catamco	Noel
Cerilles	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Chavez	Ocampo
Chipeco	Ong (H.)
Cortuna	Ortega (P.)
Crisologo	Ortega (V.N.)
Cuaresma	Paduano
Dalipe	Panganiban
Datol	Panotes
de Venecia	Papandayan
De Vera	Pimentel
Defensor	Plaza
Del Mar	Primicias-Agabas
Del Rosario	Radaza
Deloso-Montalla	Ramirez-Sato
Dimaporo (A.)	Ramos
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Relampagos
Durano	Roa-Puno
Dy	Robes
Ermita-Buhain	Rocamora
Escudero	Rodriguez (I.)
Espina	Rodriguez (M.)
Fariñas	Romero
Fortun	Romualdo
Fortuno	Roque
Garbin	Sacdalan
Garcia (G.)	Sahali
Garcia-Albano	Salimbangon
Garin (R.)	Salon
Go (M.)	Sambar
Gonzaga	Sarmiento (C.)
Gonzales (A.P.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Gonzales (A.D.)	Savellano
Gonzalez	Sema
Gullas	Siao
Hernandez	Silverio
Herrera-Dy	Singson
Hofer	Suansing (E.)
Labadlabad	Sy-Alvarado

Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Teves
Ting
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Violago
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zubiri

Negative:

Alejano
Casilao
Castro (F.L.)
De Jesus
Elago
Tinio
Villarin
Zarate

Abstention:

Lagman

With 158 affirmative votes, eight negative votes, and one abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7302.

MANIFESTATION OF SEVERAL MEMBERS

During the voting, Representatives Lagman and Carlos Isagani T. Zarate manifested their desire to explain their votes.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

The following Members explained their votes:

1. Representative Lagman said that he could not totally embrace the measure and was constrained to abstain from voting on it in

order to await developments in the bicameral committee meeting. He explained that the Bill did not recapture the congressional ascendancy over public funds and the Sponsor did not accept the salient amendments that he proposed.

2. Representative Zarate voted against the proposed law because it would only continue to legitimize highly-criticized budget practices such as the inclusion of unlimited items under SPFs without being subject to congressional scrutiny and the use of lump sum appropriations by the Executive. He added that it further enlarges the power of the Executive over the national budget through such provisions as those allowing deviations from fiscal objectives and authorizing the President to propose and submit a Special Appropriations Bill.
3. Representative Elago cast a negative vote. She said that the measure allows the President to withhold fund releases that would empower him to discontinue the funding of public programs, thereby usurping the congressional power of the purse, and use this as a leverage for political motives. She also said that it allows the DBM to circumvent the national budget through impoundment, thus subverting the will of Congress and allowing the use of funds to be spent on unauthorized budget items.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representatives Mercado and Oscar "Richard" S. Garin Jr. acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, Benhur L. Salimbanon, Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas; and officials of the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) headed by Solicitor General Jose C. Calida.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 658 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7376

On motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7376, as contained 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.”

Representative Mercado 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. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso, Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, to sponsor the measure, and Representative Zarate to interpellate thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

To the queries of Representative Zarate, Representative Veloso affirmed that the purpose of House Bill No. 7376 is to rightsize the bureaucracy and abolish the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) and the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC).

The Sponsor also explained the Bill’s provision on retirement and separation pay for employees who will be affected by the streamlining and cited the savings that the government will incur from the same.

Thereupon, Representatives Zarate and Veloso discussed whether the proposed measure was an attack on job security and does not give an assurance that the employees concerned will be absorbed or rehired by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG). They debated on whether the Bill strengthens or weakens the OSG and puts aside the laws that created the charters of the PCGG and OGCC.

Next, the two Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating the two agencies into the OSG in terms of functions, capabilities, and funding. Representative Zarate explained the conflict of interest in cases where the OSG and OGCC are opposing counsels and concluded that the OSG might just perform a transactional function. Representative Veloso pointed out that conflicts can be settled amicably under the proposed set-up; the guiding argument among the agencies is what is legal and correct; and the OSG and the OGCC champion the interest of only one client and that is the Republic of the Philippines.

Furthermore, they compared the operating costs and personnel complement of retaining the three agencies as against merging them into one office.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Castro (F. H.) relinquished the Chair to Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr.

Representative Zarate subsequently stressed that the abolition of the PCGG and its demotion into a mere task force clearly attacks the reason behind its creation which is the recovery of the alleged ill-gotten wealth of former President Ferdinand E. Marcos and his family and cronies.

At this point, Representative Defensor relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Castro (F. H.).

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair reminded Representative Zarate that his time had expired.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE (Continuation)

In ending his interpellation, Representative Zarate reiterated that the Bill does not strengthen the OSG; attacks job security; results in more government spending; and is part of the Duterte Administration’s plan to re-empower the Marcoses and their cronies.

On motion of Representative Garin (R.), the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

To Representative Castro’s queries, Representative Veloso first reiterated that the OSG could be strengthened and streamlined by abolishing the PCGG and OGCC and transferring their powers to the OSG.

The two Members thereafter discussed the advantages of merger in terms of handling cases, resolution of cases involving government corporations, sequestration powers, and recovery of ill-gotten wealth allegedly amassed by former President Marcos. Representative Castro pointed out that it would be impossible for a super body like the OSG to perform all of these functions. Representative Veloso explained that the instant Bill provides for a structural reorganization in the sense that there will be no duplicate tasking and there will be savings.

To the subsequent concerns of Representative Castro, the Sponsor explained that nothing is more supreme than the law; and that no agreement can be entered into that is contrary to law, morals, and public policy that the OSG cannot represent the interest of two conflicting agencies in a litigation. The two Members thereafter analyzed the OSG's pending cases that involved government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs).

They also discussed how the OSG would handle more efficiently the cases before the PCGG; the transfer of the PCGG's sequestration powers to the OSG; the strengthening of the PCGG instead of putting it under the OSG; the salaries, separation pay, and retirement benefits of the affected employees; and the disparity in the salaries of the affected ordinary employees as compared to those in higher positions.

Thereafter, Representative Castro expressed belief that the PCGG and OGCC should not be placed under the OSG and that the government should strengthen the OSG by giving more incentives to its employees and making the salary standardization program more effective.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Garin (R.), Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago manifested that the concerns and issues she would like to raise were already addressed by the previous interpellators.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other interpellations, on motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee or individual amendments, on motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE MERCADO

Representative Mercado thereupon moved for the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7376.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

Whereupon, Rep. Antonio L. Tinio sought the Chair's recognition.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Mercado, the session was suspended at 8:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 8:58 p.m.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7376

On a previous motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7376 through *viva voce* voting.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1791, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION REGARDING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED FROM TOURISTS BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE BORACAY ISLAND”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1792, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION AND OTHER PUR-

POSES, THE UNDESIRABLE, OBJECTIONABLE, AND NEFARIOUS PRACTICES OF CONTRACTORS OF GOVERNMENT PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, WHICH INCLUDE AMONG OTHERS, ABANDONMENT OF PROJECTS, NEGATIVE SLIP-PAGE, USAGE OF SUBSTANDARD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, AND PROFFERING UNREASONABLY LOW BIDS ('BID DIVING'), BORROWING/RENTING OF LICENSE OF ONE CONTRACTOR FROM ANOTHER CONTRACTOR, TO COMPEL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO IMMEDIATELY PROMULGATE ADDITIONAL PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO AVOID, ARREST, AND CURB THE ABOVE-MENTIONED IMPROPRIETIES AND MALPRACTICES TO THE PREJUDICE, DISADVANTAGE, AND DETRIMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROJECTS”

By Representatives Castro (F.H.) and Garcia (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROMOTING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representatives Biron and Romualdo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated March 14, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on March 13, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Richard J. Gordon, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the conflicting provisions of Senate Bill No. 108, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT

THE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY FERDINAND MAGELLAN IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON APRIL 27, 1521, TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU DAY OR ADLAW NI LAPU-LAPU”

and House Bill No. 6782, entitled;

“AN DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN HONOR OF THE HEROISM OF LAPU-LAPU IN DEFENDING MACTAN AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSION DEPICTED ESPECIALLY IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN WHEN HE LED FILIPINOS IN FIGHTING FERDINAND MAGELLAN AND HIS FORCES”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated March 19, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5160, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF STO. TOMAS”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 676), re H.B. No. 7432, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF SURIGAO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6320

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 677), re H.B. No. 7433, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND PORTIONS OF FORESTLAND LOCATED IN BARANGAY MANOC-MANOC, MUNICIPALITY OF MALAY, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PROCLAMATION NO. 1064, ENTITLED 'CLASSIFYING BORACAY ISLAND SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALAY, PROVINCE OF AKLAN INTO FORESTLAND (PROTECTION PURPOSES) AND INTO AGRICULTURAL LAND (ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE) PURSUANT TO PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 705 (REVISED FORESTRY REFORM CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES)' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6491

Sponsors: Representatives Ty, Marquez and Aggabao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 678), re H.B. No. 7435, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE STRIP OF LAND FIVE (5) KILOMETERS FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE ASPIRAS HIGHWAY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS MARCOS HIGHWAY, FROM AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET COVERED BY PROCLAMATION NO. 1754 AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 678

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Eriguel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Government Reorganization, the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 679), re H.B. No. 7436, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE

DISTRIBUTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 6236, 3278, 3855, 4466, 5683 and 2394

Sponsors: Representatives Romualdo, Lobregat and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

RATIFICATION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5269 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1279

On motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5269 and Senate Bill No. 1279, both institutionalizing the National School Feeding Program for public kindergarten and elementary pupils.

DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL HOUSE CONFEEE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5745 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1233

On motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body designated Rep. Evelina G. Escudero as additional House conferee to the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5745 and Senate Bill No. 1233, on the proposed Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Trust Fund Act.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6090

On motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of House Bill No. 6090 from the Committee on Health to the Committee on Transportation.

RECOMMITMENT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2050

Upon the request of Rep. Arnel U. Ty, Chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources, Representative Mercado moved to recommit House Bill No. 2050 as embodied in Committee Report No. 297, to the Committee on Natural Resources. There being no objection, the Body approved the motion.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 3177, 5236, 6429, 6769, 7355, 7387, 7388, 7392, and 7422 as well as House Resolution No. 1757, all of the Members contained in the pertinent lists to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

**CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16**

On motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body considered House Concurrent Resolution No. 16.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 9:04 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 9:04 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16
(Continuation)**

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

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROMOTING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

As copies of the Concurrent Resolution had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Mercado, 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.

**ADOPTION OF HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16**

On further motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body unanimously adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 16.

**ADOPTION OF CERTAIN
HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

On successive motions of Representative Mercado, 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. 1764, entitled: “A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, FORTUNATO U. ABAT, (RET. MAJOR GENERAL)”;
2. 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”; and
3. House Resolution No. 1779, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF MR. MIGUEL LORENZO BERMUDEZ ROMERO, SON OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL ODYLON L. ROMERO, REPRESENTATIVE OF 1-PACMAN PARTYLIST.”

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Mercado, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 76, dated March 19, 2018.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 621
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7233**

On successive motions of Representative Bondon, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7233 calendared under the Business for the Day, as contained in Committee Report No. 621 and submitted by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, requiring the registration of all users

of Subscriber Identity Module cards; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and inserted into the Record of the House the sponsorship speech of Rep. Victor A. Yap, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING OF
HOUSE BILL NO. 7233**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7233.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 644
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7321**

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7321 calendared under the Business for the Day, as contained in Committee Report No. 644 and submitted by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, establishing the “No Call and No Text Registration” System; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and inserted into the Record of the House the sponsorship speech of Representative Yap (V.).

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING OF
HOUSE BILL NO. 7321**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7321.

**TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE
OF CERTAIN MEASURES**

On further motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit to the Senate, copies of the House Bill that had been previously approved on Third Reading and of House Concurrent Resolution No. 16 that had just been adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

It was 9:11 p.m.

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

Approved on March 21, 2018

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE*Journal No. 77***Tuesday, March 20, 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
ALONTE	CAMINERO	***** ESTRELLA
ALVAREZ (F.)	CAMPOS	***** EUSEBIO
ALVAREZ (M.)	CANAMA	EVARDONE
ALVAREZ (P.)	CARI	FARIÑAS
**** AMANTE	CASILAO	***** FERNANDO
AMATONG	CASTELO	FERRER (J.)
**** ANDAYA	CASTRO (F.L.)	**** FERRER (L.)
ANGARA-CASTILLO	CASTRO (F.H.)	***** FERRIOL-PASCUAL
*** ANTONINO	*** CATAMCO	***** FLOIRENDO
ANTONIO	***** CAYETANO	FLORES
AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY	CELESTE	FORTUN
ARAGONES	**** CERAFICA	FORTUNO
ARBISON	*** CERILLES	***** FUENTEBELLA
ARCILLAS	CHAVEZ	GARBIN
ARENAS	CHIPECO	GARCIA (G.)
ATIENZA	CO	GARCIA (J.E.)
AUMENTADO	***** COJUANGCO	* GARCIA-ALBANO
**** BAG-AO	COLLANTES	* GARIN (R.)
***** BAGATSING	CORTES	** GARIN (S.)
BAGUILAT	CORTUNA	GASATAYA
BANAL	COSALAN	*** GATCHALIAN
*** BARBERS	*** CRISOLOGO	GERON
***** BARZAGA	** CUA	***** GO (A.C.)
*** BATAOIL	CUARESMA	GO (M.)
BATOCABE	***** CUEVA	* GOMEZ
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	DALIPE	GONZAGA
BELARO	DATOL	GONZALES (A.P.)
* BELMONTE (F.)	DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
BELMONTE (J.C.)	DE JESUS	GONZALEZ
	DE VENECIA	**** GORRICETA

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

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

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

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

***** Absent without notice

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