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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.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Marlyn L. Primi-cias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Amante
Andaya
Antonino
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Banal

Barbers
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy

Elago	Martinez
Enverga	Matugas
Erice	Mendoza
Eriguel	Mirasol
Escudero	Montoro
Espina	Nava
Espino	Nieto
Evardone	Nogralas (K.A.)
Fariñas	Nolasco
Fernando	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Ferrer (J.)	Ong (E.)
Ferriol-Pascual	Ong (H.)
Flores	Ortega (P.)
Fortun	Pacquiao
Fortuno	Paduano
Fuentebella	Palma
Garbin	Pancho
Garcia (G.)	Panganiban
Garcia (J.E.)	Panotes
Garcia-Albano	Papandayan
Garin (R.)	Pichay
Gasataya	Pimentel
Geron	Plaza
Go (A.C.)	Primicias-Agabas
Go (M.)	Ramirez-Sato
Gomez	Ramos
Gonzaga	Relampagos
Gonzales (A.P.)	Revilla
Gonzales (A.D.)	Roa-Puno
Gonzalez	Rocamora
Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez (I.)
Hofer	Rodriguez (M.)
Jalosjos	Romero
Kho	Romualdez
Khonghun	Sacdalan
Lacson	Sagarbarria
Lagman	Salceda
Lanete	Salimbangon
Laogan	Salo
Lazatin	Salon
Leachon	Sambar
Lee	Sandoval
Limkaichong	Sangcopan
Lobregat	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (C.)	Savellano
Lopez (M.L.)	Siao
Loyola	Silverio
Macapagal-Arroyo	Singson
Maceda	Suansing (E.)
Madrona	Suansing (H.)
Malapitan	Suarez
Manalo	Tan (M.)
Mangaoang	Tejada
Mangudadatu (S.)	Teves
Marcoleta	Tiangco
Marcos	Ting
Mariño	Tinio
Marquez	Tolentino

Treñas
Tupas
Ty
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas-Alfonso
Veloso
Vergara
Villafuerte
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 214 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

Majority Leader Rolando G. Andaya Jr. then moved for the Body to approve the Journal of the previous session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

To allow the distribution of copies of said Journal, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya, the session was suspended at 3:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:19 p.m.

DEFERMENT OF APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Thereupon, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body deferred the approval of the Journal of the previous session until copies thereof shall have been distributed to the Members.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On subsequent motion of Majority Leader Andaya, 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 as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7980, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS AND EXPANDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RT BROADCAST SPECIALIST PHIL. INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8126”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7981, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BROADCAST MEDIA NETWORKS TO DEVOTE A TOTAL OF TWENTY (20) MINUTES OF REGULAR AIRTIME A DAY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, FREE OF CHARGE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7982, entitled:

“AN ACT REFORMING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX AND INCENTIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 5, 6, 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 119, 204, 220, 222, 237, 237-A, 250, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, AND 275 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, CREATING THEREIN NEW TITLES XII AND XIII, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7983, entitled:

“AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OLD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'GOVERNMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997' ”

By Representative Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7984, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA FOR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES PERSONNEL”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7985, 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. 7986, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATION COMMITTEE IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY TO ENSURE THAT ALL SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ENTER THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AT KINDERGARTEN AGE AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL UPON COMPLETION OF GRADE 10 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7988, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRANCH OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABIAO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) - CABIAO BRANCH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7989, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NABITASAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NABITASAN, DISTRICT OF LA PAZ, ILOILO CITY INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE NABITASAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL”

By Representative Treñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2038, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) IN COORDINATION WITH THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF INDEPENDENT OFFICE/S FOR THE PNP-INTERNAL AFFAIRS SERVICE (IAS) IN EACH REGION THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Ortega (V.N.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 2039, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC

ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SURREPTITIOUS APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR OF ZAMBALES POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE WITHOUT THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE STRICTLY OBSERVING THE PROCEDURE ON SUCH APPOINTMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 51 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNDER A REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2040, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9335, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LATERAL ATTRITION ACT OF 2005, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRICTLY IMPLEMENTING THE SAID ACT IN ORDER TO OPTIMIZE THE REVENUE GENERATION CAPABILITY AND THE COLLECTION OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR) AND THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (BOC) BY PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF REWARDS AND INCENTIVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING THEIR OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO EXCEED THEIR REVENUE TARGETS”

By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2041, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE JUNE 14,

2018 - VIOLENT DISPERSAL AND ILLEGAL ARREST OF WORKERS UNDER THE NAGKAKAISANG MANGGAGAWA NG NUTRIASIA INC. (NMAI) BY ELEMENTS OF MARILAO PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, BULACAN UNDER THE COMMAND OF CHIEF OF POLICE SUPERINTENDENT RICARDO PANGAN”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2042, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL LABOR PRACTICES OF SLORD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, MAKERS OF UNIPAK SARDINES IN VIOLATION OF THE LABOR CODE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 174 AND PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2043, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PRACTICE OF PEARL ISLAND COMMERCIAL CORP. OF CONTRACTING OUT PART OF ITS OPERATION RESULTING TO THE ILLEGAL DISMISSAL OF ITS REGULAR WORKERS IN VIOLATION OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 174 AND PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2044, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE APRIL 21, 2018 - KILLING OF FIFTEEN YEAR-OLD JHUN MARK ACTO, BY MEMBERS OF THE 39TH INFANTRY BATTALION OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY (IBPA) AND 2ND SCOUT RANGER BATTALION IN BRGY. ASTORGA, STA. CRUZ TOWN, DAVAO DEL SUR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2045, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MAY 26, 2018 - EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLING OF BEVERLY GERONIMO, MEMBER OF TABING GUANGAN FARMERS ASSOCIATION (TAGUAFA) AND PARENT-TEACHERS' COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (PTCA) OF THE MINDANAO INTERFAITH SERVICES FOUNDATION INC. (MISFI) ACADEMY, BY SUSPECTED AGENTS OF THE 25TH INFANTRY BATTALION OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY (IBPA) IN BRGY. SALVACION, TRENTO, AGUSAN DEL SUR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2046, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BASES CONVERSION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE FREQUENT FLOODING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINALUPIHAN, BATAAN POSSIBLY CAUSED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUBIC-CLARK-TARLAC EXPRESSWAY (SCTEx)”

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2047, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO THE RECORDS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE PROCEEDINGS OF JULY 24, 2018, ON THE DUE RATIFICATION OF THE BICAMERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE DISAGREEING PROVISIONS OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6475 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1717”

By Representatives Fariñas, Papandayan, Sahali, Bondoc, De Vera, Acop, Defensor, Sangcopan, Pimentel, Mercado, Gomez, Ty, Radaza, Gonzaga, Del Rosario and Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2048, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO HOW THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA) REINTEGRATION FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT, AND WHERE OR WHAT PROGRAMS SUCH FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO - FROM THE TIME REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10801, OR THE OWWA ACT, HAS BEEN ENACTED INTO LAW”

By Representative Manalo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2049, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE BOMB ATTACK AT A VAN AT AN ARMY CHECKPOINT IN LAMITAN CITY, BASILAN ON JULY 31, 2018 KILLING ELEVEN PEOPLE INCLUDING A ONE-YEAR OLD CHILD AND URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING TO JUSTICE THE PERPETRATORS OF SUCH DASTARDLY ACT”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 2050, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE LIMITATIONS OF THE EXERCISE OF POLICE POWER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF LOCAL ORDINANCES CREATED UNDER THE GENERAL WELFARE CLAUSE THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL POLICY AND DULY ENACTED NATIONAL LAWS, WHICH ULTIMATELY CAUSES CONFUSION, DISCORD AND CONFLICT IN OUR GENERAL SYSTEM OF LAWS”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2051, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PEOPLE'S CHAMP AND FIGHTING SENATOR MANNY 'PACMAN' PACQUIAO FOR SNATCHING THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) WELTER-WEIGHT TITLE FROM ARGENTINIAN BOXER LUCAS MATTHYSSE IN A CONVINCING 7TH ROUND KNOCK-OUT AT THE AXIATA ARENA, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA ON JULY 15, 2018”

By Representatives Pineda, Romero, Belmonte (R.), Salo, Villarín, Bertiz, Montoro, Belaró, Lacson, Uybarreta, Salón, López (M.L.), Tambunting, Estrella and Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2052, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10912 OR THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016

AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) AND OTHER OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES”

By Representative Belaró

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2053, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT TO CREATE A UTILITIES AUDIT OFFICE EMPOWERED TO AUDIT THE RATE-SETTING PROCESSES AND RATES CHARGED TO THE FILIPINO CONSUMER BY WATER, ELECTRICITY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES AND CONCESSIONAIRES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 2054, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO STOP AND PROHIBIT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INITIAL COIN OFFERINGS (ICO) AND OTHER SIMILAR UNREGULATED INVESTMENT SCHEMES, TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH THE PROPER REGULATORY PROCEDURES, TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE INVESTING PUBLIC”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Resolution No. 2056, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE POSITION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT WHEN CONGRESS CONVENE AS A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE XVII OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, THE SENATE

AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES SHALL VOTE SEPARATELY”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, An-
daya, Veloso, Yap (A.) and Garbin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated June 29, 2018 of Rommel J. Isip, Of-
ficer-in-Charge, Office of the Executive Direc-
tor, Early Childhood Care and Development
Council, submitting the 2017 Annual Report of
the Early Childhood Care and Development
(ECCD) Council.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF
CHILDREN

Letter dated July 4, 2018 of Jay Daniel R. Santiago,
General Manager, Philippine Ports Authority,
submitting the Matrix of Accomplishment Re-
port of the Philippine Ports Authority for the
2nd Quarter of CY 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTA-
TION

Letter dated July 5, 2018 of Rowena P. Jamito,
Chief, Maintenance Division, Regional Office
XI, Department of Public Works and High-
ways, furnishing the House of Representatives
with the Monthly Progress Status Report for the
month of June 2018, of projects implemented
by their office within the First Legislative Dis-
trict of Davao del Norte.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated 5 July 2018 of Atty. Jose Jobel V.
Belarmino, OIC, Deputy Administrator for Ad-
ministrative, Finance and AFCSD, Light Rail
Transit Authority (LRTA), submitting their Re-
port of Utilization of Operating Subsidy to the
LRTA for the 2nd Quarter of CY 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIA-
TIONS

Letter dated 5 July 2018 of Ernesto M. Pernia, Sec-
retary of Socio-Economic Planning, submitting
the 2017 Accomplishment Report of the Legis-
lative-Executive Development Advisory Coun-
cil (LEDAC).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AF-
FAIRS

Letter dated July 6, 2018 of Sec. Adelino B. Sitoy,
Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs and
Head, PLLO, submitting the details on Appro-
priations, Obligations and Disbursements for
the month ending May 31, 2018, pursuant to
Section 95 of Republic Act No. 10964.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIA-
TIONS

Letter dated July 6, 2018 of Sec. Adelino B. Sitoy,
Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs and
Head, PLLO, submitting the details on Appro-
priations, Obligations and Disbursements for
the quarter ending June 30, 2018, pursuant to
Section 95 of Republic Act No. 10964.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIA-
TIONS

Letter dated 9 July 2018 of Atty. Joseph Melvin B.
Basas, Director IV, Finance, Planning and
Management Office, Philippine Competition
Commission (PCC), submitting the PCC
Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementa-
tion (AAPSI) for the observations and recom-
mendations in the Annual Audit Report for Cal-
endar Year 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIA-
TIONS

Letter dated 10 July 2018 of Carlito G. Galvez Jr.,
Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines,
submitting the Monthly Report on the imple-
mentation of Martial Law in Mindanao cover-
ing the period of June 1 to 30, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DE-
FENSE AND SECURITY

Letters dated 19 July 2018 of Jose R. Fajardo, Act-
ing Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Gen-
eral Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sen-
tral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of
Representatives with duly certified and authen-
ticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-048 dated 29
June 2018;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-049 dated 10
July 2018;
3. Memorandum No. M-2018-021 dated 12
July 2018;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-050 dated 12
July 2018;
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-051 dated 12
July 2018;

6. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-052 dated 12 July 2018; and
7. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-053 dated 12 July 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated 23 July 2018 of Jose R. Fajardo, Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-054 dated 17 July 2018; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-055 dated 17 July 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Report of Atty. Cesar Strait Pareja, Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bills, 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:

1. House Bill No. 927, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAWIT, PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO CAVITE LICENSING CENTER OF KAWIT, CAVITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

2. House Bill No. 3169, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY LICENSING CENTER OF BATANGAS CITY, BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

3. House Bill No. 3986, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAYAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO DISTRICT OFFICE OF BALAYAN, BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

4. House Bill No. 4166, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN PABLO CITY LTO LICENSING CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

5. House Bill No. 4946, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING PANGLAO ISLAND CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAYS TANGNAN, BIL-ISAN, LOOC, POBLACION, DANAOS, TAWALA, BOLOD AND LIBAONG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANGLAO AND BARANGAYS TOTOLAN, SONGULAN, TABALONG, BINGAG, DAO, SAN ISIDRO, BIKING 1, BIKING 2, CATARMAN, MAYACABAC, POBLACION AND UNION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAUIS, AS ANOS FONACIER CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD (DAUIS-PANGLAO)”;

6. House Bill No. 6602, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE HERACLEO CASCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARIA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE HERACLEO CASCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PEDRO MARISCAL

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

7. House Bill No. 6917, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MAMAGUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAMAGUM, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MAMAGUM INTEGRATED SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

8. House Bill No. 6918, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PAN-AY DAKO, MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS FELINA SEVILLA OAMINAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

9. House Bill No. 6919, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MABUHAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MABUHAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MABUHAY INTEGRATED SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

10. House Bill No. 6920, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BIGNAY, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS DISIPLINA VILLAGE-BIGNAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

11. House Bill No. 6921, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIBLAC, MUNICIPALITY

OF AMBAGUIO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS TIBLAC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

12. House Bill No. 6971, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY 184, ZONE 19, MARICABAN, PASAY CITY TO BE KNOWN AS PRESIDENT CORAZON 'CORY' C. AQUINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Social Services and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 808), re H.B. No. 8014, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE OF ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 209, 524, 591, 656, 1831, 2173, 2513, 2546, 2738, 3490, 5579, 5705, 6108 and 6284

Sponsors: Representatives Eriguel, Violago, Garbin, Batocabe, Co, Velarde, Treñas, Vargas, Santos-Recto, Roa-Puno, Pineda, Romero, Tupas, Tan (A.), Bagatsing, Castelo, Villafuerte, Velasco-Catera and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 809), re H.B. No. 8055, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN INTO THREE (3) PROVINCES, NAMELY: PALAWAN DEL NORTE, PALAWAN ORIENTAL, AND PALAWAN DEL SUR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7413

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Alvarez (F.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 810), re H.R. No. 2055, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO INVITE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS TO A CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY IN PREPARATION FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE QUINCENTENNIAL ARRIVAL OF FERDINAND MAGELLAN IN THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1232

Sponsors: Representatives Durano and Gomez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Majority Leader Andaya acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Manuel Luis T. Lopez and Jeffrey D. Khonghun.

ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS

The Majority Leader then stated that the Office of the Speaker had received a letter from Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali expressing his intent to join the Minority thereby vacating his position as Chairperson of the Committee on Justice. In view thereof, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya on behalf of the Majority, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Doy C. Leachon as Chairperson of said Committee.

Likewise, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya, on behalf of the Majority, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Aurora Enerio Cerilles vice Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III to the Commission on Appointments, representing the Nacionalista Party.

TERMINATION OF THE INTERPELLATIONS ON THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO

Thereupon, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body terminated the interpellations on the privilege speech of Rep. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo.

MOTION TO RECOGNIZE REPRESENTATIVE SUAREZ AS MINORITY LEADER

Majority Leader Andaya thereafter moved for a division of the House on his motion to recognize Rep. Danilo E. Suarez as the Minority Leader of the House.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ANDAYA

Majority Leader Andaya stated that the Body was in the process of voting and cannot be interrupted. He then requested the Chair to proceed with the *viva voce* voting on his motion.

VIVA VOCE VOTING ON THE MOTION TO RECOGNIZE REPRESENTATIVE SUAREZ AS MINORITY LEADER

Thereupon, the Chair called for a *viva voce* voting on the motion of Majority Leader Andaya to recognize Representative Suarez as the Minority Leader of the House, and with majority of the Members voting in favor of the motion, the same was carried.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 3:29 p.m. upon motion of Majority Leader Andaya.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:37 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Majority Leader Andaya acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria.

Thereafter, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya, the Chair recognized Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FARIÑAS

Representative Fariñas inquired how his vote was recorded and the Chair informed him that the voting called for was by *viva voce*. He then manifested for the record that he was voting against the motion to recognize Representative Suarez as the Minority Leader of the House.

The Chair noted the manifestation.

Thereafter, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Likewise getting the same reply from the Chair as to how his vote was recorded, Representative Lagman then manifested his vote of abstention on the motion just approved by the House, explaining that the recognition of the Minority Leader is not subject to the approval or disapproval of the Body.

He underscored that the Rules of the House provides that the election of the Minority Leader should be done only by the members of the Minority; the recognition of the Minority Leader could never be subject to the approval or disapproval of the plenary having a mixed composition; and what had just transpired was an obvious violation of said Rules. He requested that his manifestation be put on record.

The Chair noted Representative Lagman's manifestation.

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, the Chair recognized Representative Quimbo for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO

Representative Quimbo manifested that since the motion had already been acted upon, and with same reasons as presented by Representative Lagman, he would like to submit and be put on record his continuing objection to the recognition of Representative Suarez as the Minority Leader because

it was illegal, not in due course, and an indirect violation of the Supreme Court (SC) decision on the case of *Baguilat vs. Alvarez*. He added that while everybody wanted orderly proceedings devoid of any legal question, they will have to take the necessary recourse where it was needed so as to clear the cloud hanging over the proceedings of the House of Representatives.

The Chair likewise noted the manifestation.

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, the Chair recognized Representative Erice for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

Representative Erice stated that he was supposed to be the last interpellator on a speech delivered the previous session but was however prevailed upon to defer his interpellation until the next session. Given that the Body already terminated the interpellations on the matter, he asked if he could instead speak on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ANDAYA

Before granting Representative Erice's request, Majority Leader Andaya asked that the Body allow first the other Members who wished to make a manifestation regarding the just concluded votation, a chance to raise their points before proceeding with the former's question of privilege.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE VERA

Recognized by the Chair upon the Majority Leader's motion, Representative De Vera initially manifested his objection, with a heavy heart, to the election of Representative Suarez as the Minority Leader whom he considered as a very good leader of the Minority bloc during the former's stint as a member of the Minority under the latter's watch. He expressed disappointment that the Members had not faithfully obeyed the Rules of the House as stipulated in its Preamble. This, as he emphasized that Rules II and III clearly deal with the membership and election of officers of the House, respectively.

The Chair noted the manifestation.

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, the Chair next recognized Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BORDADO

Expressing his objection to the recognition of Representative Suarez as Minority Leader, Representative Bordado said that he had listened intently to the lengthy and sometimes torrid discussions on the issue of the Minority leadership and it was Representative Quimbo's argument that stood out for its sheer logic and lucidity. He quoted and agreed to Representative Quimbo's contentions on who shall form part of the Majority and Minority blocs, what determines the membership status of those who abstained during the voting for the speakership, and who would elect the Minority Leader based on Section 8, Rule II of the House Rules and the SC ruling in the case of *Baguilat vs. Alvarez*.

The Chair likewise noted the manifestation.

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, the Chair recognized anew Representative De Vera.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE VERA

Representative De Vera relayed that in the morning of August 2, 2018 at his office, he was unanimously elected as Minority Leader by the following members of the Minority: Representatives Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Rodolfo T. Albano III, Lucy T. Gomez, Arnel U. Ty, Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, Aileen C. Radaza, Reynaldo V. Umali, Roger G. Mercado, Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III, Mauyag "Jun" B. Papandayan Jr., and Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga.

Representative De Vera requested that said names be put on record.

After taking note of Representative De Vera's manifestation, the Chair next recognized Rep. Arnel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao upon motion of Majority Leader Andaya.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Representative Casilao stated for the record and on behalf of his group, the Makabayan bloc, their negative vote on the recognition of the Minority Leader. He pointed out that it was the first time in the history of the House of Representatives that the

job to select a Minority Leader has been decided upon by all, if not majority of the Members present in the Plenary Hall. He added that it should not be the intent and interpretation of the House Rules that they approved in July 2016 as he expressed dismay that the Majority had obviously used the tyranny of numbers in order to twist the Rules and obtain their desired outcome.

The Chair noted the manifestation

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, the Chair subsequently recognized Representative Erice who delivered a question of personal and collective privilege instead of a manifestation.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

Representative Erice shared the concern of his colleagues regarding the media reports affecting the integrity and credibility of the House of Representatives due to the Minority leadership dispute, which was the same concern expressed in a question of privilege delivered by Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta during the previous session.

Representative Erice posited the importance of the Rules of the House in the conduct of their daily proceedings and cases of conflict, as well as the need for a credible Minority, a proactive Majority, and quality legislation to maintain the integrity of the House of Representatives. He then quoted the late President Diosdado Macapagal's statement about doing acts that should not just be legal but moral as well. In an attempt to elaborate his points, Representative Erice requested to proceed with a video clip presentation.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ANDAYA

Majority Leader Andaya however said that said video had not been cleared for presentation and cannot be shown at that time. He added that it was not submitted to him and he had not fully reviewed it.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair remarked that the video cannot be presented as requested by Representative Erice.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE (Continuation)

Continuing with his speech, Representative Erice opted to explain to the Body the contents of

the video clip that was supposed to be shown. He related that it was during an interview with CNN Philippines host Pinky Webb where Representative Suarez responded to questions in a way that had compromised the functions of the Minority for check and balance, and how such interview revealed Representative Suarez' real motive in leading the Minority bloc.

In the said interview, according to Representative Erice, Representative Suarez allegedly uttered that 32 Members were applying to him as members of the Minority because of his known closeness to the new Speaker; he wanted to retire from this Congress as its Minority Leader; and he did not want to leave his office because he spent for its renovation.

Representative Erice asked how the credibility of the House can be maintained if personal reasons are used in electing a Minority Leader. Nevertheless, he stressed that he and the genuine Minority will continue to provide checks and balance in the Chamber even if they are removed from their seats or positions. This, as he disclosed that in 2018, he and other Congressmen who merely wanted to assert their independence did not receive their project budgets.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SUAREZ

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, the Chair recognized Representative Suarez who clarified that his remarks about his pride in his office and accomplishments were made after the CNN interview and off the record and were based on a desire to leave a legacy. He added that 80% of the work of the Minority is to check the performance of the Executive Department and he did and will continue to do the same for the 2018 and 2019 budget hearings, respectively. He stressed anew that his relationship with the leadership has always been constructive and not destructive and asked why the House should use the remaining months of the 17th Congress to quarrel despite many important issues it had to consider.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

With the permission of the Chair, Representative Erice said that the aforementioned interview was a live event and could be watched in CNN through YouTube.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, the Chair then recognized Representative Marcoleta

who asked whether the selection of a Minority Leader should be based on who was a better fiscalizer. Representative Erice clarified that the subject of his question of privilege was not the legality but morality of allowing a Member, who was very close to the Speaker and voted and campaigned for her, to be the Minority Leader; and that Representative Suarez was a member of the Majority and shared the Speaker's advocacy.

At this point, Representative Marcoleta asked how there can be a winner in the speakership when there was only one candidate or nominee for the same. He said that what happened was that Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo did not win but simply got the majority votes and became qualified to replace the incumbent Speaker.

Representative Erice remarked that many Members ran unopposed and won the elections and asked how Speaker Macapagal-Arroyo could have been elected if Representative Marcoleta says there was no election. He emphasized that in the pertinent session day, motions were made to declare the speakership vacant and to open the period of nomination and that nominal voting had occurred. He clarified that he was interested not on the legality but morality in the election of the Minority Leader.

REFERRAL OF THE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Erice's speech to the Committee on Rules.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 739 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7735

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Chair then considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7735 contained in Committee Report No. 739 as reported out by the Committees on Agriculture and Food, Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit: "AN ACT REPLACING THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON RICE WITH TARIFFS AND CREATING THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND."

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Before proceeding with the consideration of said Bill, Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of

the guests of Reps. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza, Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, Strike B. Revilla, Tom S. Villarín, Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, Amihilda J. Sangcopan, Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo, and Jorge “Bolet” Banal.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair then declared a recess at 4:19 p.m. upon Representative Roa-Puno’s motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:21 p.m.

Upon resumption of session, Representative Roa-Puno stated that the parliamentary status was that the Body was considering amendments to House Bill No. 7735.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee amendments, on successive motions of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to consider individual amendments, and the Chair recognized Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Food, to sponsor the measure and Representative Lagman, to present his individual amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

As proposed by Representative Lagman and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments in Sections 6, 9, and 15 of the Bill.

Representative Lagman also stated for the record that with the approval of his last amendment, the proceeds from the proposed Rice Fund will no longer be incorporated in the General Appropriations Act as these would be automatically appropriated.

At this juncture, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta for his individual amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE UYBARRETA

On motion of Representative Uybarreta and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments in Section 17; the insertion of a new Section 18 on “Implementing Rules and Regulations”; and in view thereof, the renumbering of the affected sections.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other amendments, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ROA-PUNO

At this point, Representative Roa-Puno moved to approve on Second Reading House Bill No. 7735.

QUESTION OF QUORUM

Rep. Antonio L. Tinio asked whether a quorum exists considering that the Body was about to vote.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:42 p.m. and on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Representative Tinio.

WITHDRAWAL OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO’S MOTION

Seeing that other Members were coming back to the floor, Representative Tinio withdrew his previous question of quorum.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7735

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body temporarily suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7735.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 752 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7773

On another motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7773 contained in Committee Report No. 752 as reported out by the Committees on Poverty Alleviation, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, 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.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza, Chairperson of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MENDOZA

Representative Mendoza said that House Bill No. 7773 seeks to make the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) a regular program of the government to help 60 percent of the total number of extremely poor households in the country.

He then expounded on the issues surrounding 4Ps which the measure seeks to address, to wit: 1) correct double entries, data errors and delayed cash releases, and prevent the occurrence of unpaid beneficiaries; 2) remedy the deficiencies in the basic services for children for both education and health and to ensure that they remain healthy and stay in school; 3) involve the private sector and civil society organizations in monitoring the implementation of the program and in providing feedback for proper action; and 4) strengthen the mechanism of accountability and transparency by requiring the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to post on the website a report of financial disclosures, information about beneficiaries, and to submit the same to Congress.

In recognizing that the 4Ps alone cannot guarantee poverty alleviation, Representative Mendoza believed that in convergence with other social protection programs particularly on health, education, housing, and livelihood, 4Ps should be implemented until the poor are able to stand on their own. He then called on his colleagues to unanimously push for the passage of the bill to give a fighting

chance for the next generation of marginalized Filipinos.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Tom S. Villarín for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Villarín initially said that according to World Bank data, poverty rate in the Philippines decreased by five percent from 2006 to 2015 due to the government’s Conditional Cash Transfer Program or 4Ps. According to a number of studies, Representative Villarín stated that the 4Ps is considered as one of the best targeted social safety nets in the world considering that the program maintains continuous education and treatment for the poor especially the children and their mothers. He then called on his colleagues for the immediate enactment of the 4Ps measure.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7773

On motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7773.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7735

On further motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7735 contained in Committee Report No. 739 as reported out by the Committees on Agriculture and Food, Ways and Means, and Appropriations, entitled: “AN ACT REPLACING THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON RICE WITH TARIFFS AND CREATING THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND.”

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7735

Thereupon, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7735 through *viva voce* voting.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 732
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7652**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7652 contained in Committee Report No. 732 as reported out by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology.

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

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

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, 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.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Victor A. Yap, Chairperson of the sponsorship Committee, for his sponsorship remarks.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF REPRESENTATIVE YAP (V.)**

Representative Yap emphasized that House Bill No. 7652 is a Consumer Welfare Bill that allows people to transfer their personal numbers between telecommunications providers. For this purpose, he moved to dispense with the reading of his sponsorship speech and asked that it be inserted into the records.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair suspended the session at 4:59 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:59 p.m.

**INSERTION INTO THE RECORDS
OF REPRESENTATIVE YAP’S (V.)
SPONSORSHIP SPEECH**

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno and with the concurrence of Representative Yap, there being no objection, the

Body inserted into the records the latter’s sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 7652.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7652**

Likewise, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7652.

**ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS
FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 7773**

On further motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bill No. 7773 the names of Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

**RATIFICATION OF THE
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6203**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified through *viva voce* voting the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6203, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE SORSOGON STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 6

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 6, dated August 1, 2018.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:00 p.m. upon motion of Representative Roa-Puno.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:03 p.m.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 508
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6770**

On successive motions of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6770 contained in Committee Report No. 508 as submitted

by the Committee on Labor and Employment, increasing the service incentive leave of employees, amending Article 95 of the Labor Code of the Philippines; adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure, with the concurrence of Rep. Randolph S. Ting, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee; and terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6770**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6770.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair suspended the session at 5:05 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:07 p.m.

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

Thereafter, on an omnibus motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills, calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday, contained in the Committee Reports as submitted by the Committees hereunder indicated; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the amendments contained in the Committee Reports or as presented on the floor, if any; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

Submitted by the Committees on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, and Appropriations:

1. House Bill No. 7477 as contained in Committee Report No. 688, establishing a multi-species marine hatchery in Batad, Iloilo;
2. House Bill No. 7478 as contained in Committee Report No. 689, establishing a multi-species marine hatchery in Carles, Iloilo;

3. House Bill No. 7480 as contained in Committee Report No. 691, establishing a fish port in Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte;
4. House Bill No. 7481 as contained in Committee Report No. 692, establishing a fish port in Buenavista, Agusan del Norte;
5. House Bill No. 7482 as contained in Committee Report No. 693, establishing a mariculture development park in Carmen, Nasipit, and Buenavista, Agusan del Norte;
6. House Bill No. 7486 as contained in Committee Report No. 697, establishing a multi-species marine hatchery in Estancia, Iloilo;
7. House Bill No. 7487 as contained in Committee Report No. 698, establishing a multi-species marine hatchery in San Dionisio, Iloilo;
8. House Bill No. 7488 as contained in Committee Report No. 699, establishing a multi-species marine hatchery in Ajuy, Iloilo;
9. House Bill No. 7489 as contained in Committee Report No. 700, establishing a multi-species marine hatchery in Barotac Viejo, Iloilo;
10. House Bill No. 7499 as contained in Committee Report No. 710, establishing a multi-species marine hatchery in Concepcion, Iloilo;

Submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations:

11. House Bill No. 7717 as contained in Committee Report No. 736, increasing the bed capacity of Tondo Medical Center in the City of Manila from 200 to 300 beds, upgrading its professional health care services and facilities, and authorizing the increase of its medical personnel;

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations:

12. House Bill No. 7761 as contained in Committee Report No. 748, establishing a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority training and accreditation center in San Dionisio, Iloilo;

Submitted by the Special Committee on Reforestation and Committee on Appropriations:

13. House Bill No. 7779 as contained in Committee Report No. 761, establishing an arboretum in Tagoloan, Lanao del Norte;
14. House Bill No. 7780 as contained in Committee Report No. 762, establishing the Mindanao State University-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College Arboretum in Ragain, Sultan Naga Dimaporo;
15. House Bill No. 7781 as contained in Committee Report No. 763, establishing an arboretum in the premises of the Community Environment and Natural Resources office in Kolambugan, Lanao del Norte;

Submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations:

16. House Bill No. 7784 as contained in Committee Report No. 764, creating the Bataan High School for the Arts in Bataan Province;

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government:

17. House Bill No. 7801 as contained in Committee Report No. 768, creating Barangay Panacan-2 in Narra, Palawan; and

Submitted by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations:

18. House Bill No. 7103 as contained in Committee Report No. 774, creating a class D district office of the Land Transportation Office in Pamplona, Camarines Sur

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair suspended the session at 5:09 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, August 8, 2018.

It was 5:13 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

(Sgd.) **MR. DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING**
Acting Secretary General

Approved on August 8, 2019.

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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE*Journal No. 8***Tuesday, August 07, 2018**

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

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

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

*** 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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