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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:32 p.m.

**DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL
AND THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On successive motions of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5676, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROMOTING AND PROTECT-

ING PERSONS UTILIZING PSYCHIATRIC, NEUROLOGIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5677, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION, SALE, AND USE OF GLYPHOSATE IN THE PHILIPPINES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 5678, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION, SALE AND USE OF PARAQUAT IN THE PHILIPPINES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 5679, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR POOR LITIGANTS”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5680, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE TO INCLUDE THE MANDATORY DRUG TESTING BY THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA) FOR ALL CANDIDATES AS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE FILING OF THEIR CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY”

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5683, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD AND TRANSFERRING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MOTOR VEHICLES USER'S CHARGE”

By Representatives Tan (A.), Bravo (M.V.), Escudero, Deloso-Montalla and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5684, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE IRIGA ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, OWN, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN THE ENTIRE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF CAMARINES SUR”

By Representative Fortuno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1011, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE GILAS PILIPINAS MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 2017 SOUTHEAST ASIAN BASKETBALL (SEABA) CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES FROM MAY 12-18, 2017”

By Representatives Roa-Puno and Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1012, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING GILAS PILIPINAS TEAM FOR SWEEPING THE 2017 SOUTHEAST ASIA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SEABA) HELD AT THE SMART ARANETA COLISEUM, HENCE, BARGING INTO THE 2017 FIBA ASIA CUP”

By Representative Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1013, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE CURRENT RICE SUPPLY AND STOCK IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Bravo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1014, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HANDLING OF CASES INVOLVING SECRETARY AGUIRRE'S FORMER CLIENTS FROM SULU”

By Representative Arbison

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

With the permission of the Body, the following Members were made coauthors of the Bills and Resolutions hereunder indicated:

Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr. for House Bills No. 4334 and 5633;

Rep. Gary C. Alejano for House Bills No. 324,

1345, 1347, 1348, 2295, 3329, 3520, 3889, 4292, 4505, 4521, and 5514;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 4577, 4689, 4743, 4744, 4745, 4746, and 4809;

Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento for House Bill No. 5038;

Rep. Evelina G. Escudero for House Bills No. 177 and 5038;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 4129, 5242, 5387, 5530, and 5532, and House Resolutions No. 897, 902, 921, 933, and 967;

Reps. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe and Pedro B. Acharon Jr. for House Bill No. 177;

Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr. for House Bills No. 177, 3641, 5517, and 5519;

Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr. for House Bill No. 5347 and House Resolution No. 878;

Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bills No. 725 and 2697;

Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bill No. 4127;

Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte for House Bill No. 4742;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bills No. 5068 and 5685;

Rep. Pia S. Cayetano for House Bill No. 5661;

Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bill No. 5366;

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for House Bill No. 3817; and

Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda for House Bills No. 177 and 5038.

WITHDRAWAL OF COAUTHORSHIP

Rep. Greg G. Gasataya withdrew his coauthorship of House Bill No. 5636.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 23, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on May 22, 2017, designated Senators Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero,

Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Ralph G. Recto and Win Gatchalian as conferees should the House of Representatives ask for a conference upon approval of its counterpart version of Senate Bill No. 1304, entitled:

“AN ACT ACCELERATING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO TERTIARY EDUCATION BY PROVIDING FOR A TUITION SUBSIDY AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATIONS INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (TVIs) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 23, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on May 22, 2017, designated Senators Franklin M. Drilon, Sonny Angara and Joel Villanueva as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 14, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT INVOLVED, VALUE OF PROPERTY OR DAMAGE ON WHICH A PENALTY IS BASED AND THE FINES UNDER ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

and House Bill No. 5513, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE AMOUNTS OR THE VALUE OF PROPERTY ON WHICH A PENALTY IS BASED, AND THE FINES IMPOSED UNDER THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE REVISED PENAL CODE', AS AMENDED”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Government Reorganization and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 258), re H.B. No. 5707, entitled:

“AN ACT RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY”

recommending its approval in of House Bills Numbered 3781, 3838, 3871 and 3913

Sponsors: Representatives Lacson and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Rico B. Geron, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph. D., Sabiniano S. Canama, and Joey Sarte Salceda and likewise the delegates from the Guangxi People's Congress headed by H.E. Peng Qinghua.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 4:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:40 p.m. and upon Rep. Defensor's motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr. on a question of personal and collective privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. GONZALES (A.D.)

Rep. Gonzales reminded the Body that the so-called "big one" or a 7.2 magnitude earthquake was forthcoming as he observed that earthquakes of lower magnitude had already recently occurred in several provinces. Describing the epic catastrophe that such a mega-quake will create, he asked whether the disaster preparedness plans of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) were sufficient; and whether the Batasang Pambansa Complex buildings which lay only 800 meters from the West Valley Fault, had structural integrity.

Saying that he had already stood about the same issue in 2011, Rep. Gonzales urged the Body to formulate its own disaster plans and conduct structural audits especially in time for the President's 2017 State of the Nation Address (SONA) which will be attended by almost all of the officials of the government as well as the diplomatic corps. In order to reduce casualties and damages in a mega-quake, he recommended several measures such as enhancing risk and emergency management programs and promoting research and technology about earthquakes.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for a manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. MACEDA

Rep. Maceda manifested his support for the proposals of Rep. Gonzales (A.D.) as he cited the disaster preparedness programs and the structural integrity of buildings in Japan. He stressed that the government should ensure adequate communication facilities during calamities and Congress had to come up with measures to ensure the establishment of disaster preparedness programs.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair informed the Body that the previous Congress conducted a structural audit of the buildings in the Batasan Complex as well as retrofitted the same.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. CHIPECO

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Chipeco asked whether construction materials that were being used for buildings were in accordance with the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

Rep. Gonzales (A.D.) expressed his apprehension and doubts about the quality and strength of buildings especially in Metro Manila and agreed to co-file a resolution for an investigation thereon. He agreed with Rep. Chipeco that buildings should be properly monitored by agencies such as the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as he pointed out that he had filed a bill amending the civil engineering curriculum in order to address the issue of earthquake threats.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA

Rep. Atienza expressed agreement with the observations and suggestions of Rep. Gonzales (A.D.) especially as regards the buildings in the Batasan Complex due to the forthcoming SONA that will be held therein and will be attended by officials of the entire Philippine government. Both Members opined that the National Building Code should be amended and the inspection of all old buildings should be immediately conducted starting with those in the Batasan.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair reminded that Rep. Gonzales (A.D.) had already exceeded the time allotted to him.

EXTENSION OF REP. GONZALES' (A.D.) TIME

On motion of Rep. Marlyn B. Alonte, there being no objection, the Body extended Rep. Gonzales' time.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. BATAOIL

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Rep. Alonte, Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil said that the country's location along the Pacific Ocean makes it vulnerable to earthquakes; acknowledged the timeliness of Rep. Gonzales' (A.D.) speech; and inquired on the country's level of readiness during earthquakes. He recalled the powerful earthquake on July 16, 1990 that hit Northern and Central Luzon; his experience in Baguio City at that time as an assistant commandant of the cadets in the Philippine Military Academy; the reports of heavy casualties in the city but the lack of any order from the authorities such that he took the initiative of organizing rescue operations; and the visible and impressive response from other countries like Great Britain, Japan, and Singapore.

Rep. Gonzales expressed hope that with the delivery of his speech, they could relay to the leadership the need to prepare for and respond to such calamities to protect and save the lives of the people, especially the country's leaders.

REFERRAL OF REP. GONZALES' (A.D.) SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Rep. Gonzales to the Committee on Rules.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 229
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5636**

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5636, as contained in Committee Report No. 229 and reported out by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5, 6, 22, 24, 25, 31, 33, 34, 79, 84, 86, 99, 106, 107, 108, 109, 116, 148, 149, 155, 171, 232, 237, 238, 264 AND 288; CREATING NEW SECTIONS 148-A, 150-A, 237-A, 264-A, 264-B AND 265-A; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 35 AND 62, ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997.'”

Rep. Garcia (J.E.) stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate, and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, to sponsor the same.

POINT OF ORDER OF REP. LAGMAN

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Edcel C. Lagman said that pursuant to the Rules of the House, the Body should first call the Roll to establish the presence of a quorum before it could proceed with the business on the floor.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON
SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5636**

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5636.

ROLL CALL

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)

Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Aragones
Arbison
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Bernos
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Durano
Dy
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Espina
Espino
Estrella
Fariñas
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Flores
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Javier
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lazatin
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro

Nava
 Nieto
 Noel
 Nograles (J.J.)
 Nograles (K.A.)
 Nolasco
 Nuñez-Malanyaon
 Oaminal
 Ocampo
 Ong (E.)
 Ong (H.)
 Ortega (P.)
 Ortega (V.N.)
 Pacquiao
 Paduano
 Palma
 Pancho
 Panganiban
 Panotes
 Papandayan
 Pichay
 Pimentel
 Pineda
 Plaza
 Primicias-Agabas
 Quimbo
 Radaza
 Ramirez-Sato
 Ramos
 Relampagos
 Rodriguez (I.)
 Rodriguez (M.)
 Romualdo
 Roque (R.)
 Sacdalan
 Sagarbarria
 Sahali
 Salceda
 Salo
 Salon
 Sambar
 Sandoval
 Sarmiento (C.)
 Sarmiento (E.M.)
 Savellano
 Sema
 Siao
 Silverio
 Singson
 Suansing (E.)
 Suansing (H.)
 Suarez
 Sy-Alvarado
 Tambunting
 Tan (A.)
 Tan (M.)

Tejada
 Teves
 Ting
 Tinio
 Tugna
 Turabin-Hataman
 Ty
 Umali
 Unabia
 Ungab
 Unico
 Uy (J.)
 Uy (R.)
 Uybarreta
 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velasco-Catera
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villafuerte
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Villarica
 Yap (M.)
 Yu
 Zamora (M.C.)
 Zamora (R.)
 Zarate
 Zubiri

With 213 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5636

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5636, as contained in Committee Report No. 229 and reported out by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5, 6, 22, 24, 25, 31, 33, 34, 79, 84, 86, 99, 106, 107, 108, 109, 116, 148, 149, 155, 171, 232, 237, 238, 264 AND 288; CREATING NEW SECTIONS 148-A, 150-A, 237-A, 264-A, 264-B AND 265-A; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 35 AND 62, ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997.'”

Rep. Garcia (J.E.) stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate, and on his motion, the Chair recognized Reps. Cua and Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. TEVES

At the outset, Rep. Teves said that an additional excise tax on fuel would result in higher prices of all commodities thereby affecting the citizens in the grassroots level; and expressed support for reduced income taxes for minimum wage earners. After Rep. Cua cited the amount of revenues lost from smuggling, he then stressed that the government was meeting its revenue targets by raising taxes instead of improving the collection performance of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), and Customs (BoC).

Rep. Cua pointed out that tax reform was not about taxing the poor but (1) fixing what was wrong with the economy so that the economic fruits of the country will trickle down to the grassroots, (2) simplifying the tax system, (3) implementing administrative technology measures, and (4) reducing the income taxes paid by fixed-income earners.

Upon motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. Lagman for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Lagman first acknowledged that the government always needed more revenues to fund priority programs and projects but said that such did not warrant its failure to plug tax leakages, improve tax collection efficiency, and stamp out smuggling. He then contended that the proposed taxes under the proposed measure will be shouldered by the marginalized consumers; asked about the total incremental revenues that will be obtained from the increase in excise taxes and expansion of the coverage of the value-added tax; pointed out that the increase in taxes on sugar-sweetened beverages in Mexico had no effect on the health of its citizens; and sought data on the tax collection efficiency of the Philippines compared to other Asian countries.

The two Members agreed on the need to increase the country's tax collection efficiency. They then discussed the lowering of the income threshold, the increase in the VAT threshold, and the provision for a social benefits program as well as food, health, and transportation subsidies and unconditional cash transfers -- all of which will protect marginalized sectors

from the new tax burden -- and debated on the sustainability of a cash transfer program. They also tackled the rationale behind the new taxes on kerosene, LPG and bunker fuel, and the increased tax on asphalt, with Rep. Lagman stressing that the government must have rhyme and reason in imposing taxes and should consider programs that might be adversely affected by the new taxes.

Subsequently, Rep. Lagman proposed to insert provisions that will give the details of the aforesaid safeguards; and to rephrase the earmarking provision of the Bill in order to clarify the specific budget allotments and the qualified beneficiaries thereof. Rep. Cua said that the Committee will welcome the same.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

At this point, Deputy Speaker Abu cited Section 91 of the House Rules as he pointed out that Rep. Lagman had already consumed 53 minutes in his interpellation.

When the Chair pointed that the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Majority Leader had already explained the definition of said Section, Rep. Lagman said that his time should not be diluted by the time consumed by the Sponsor in answering his questions.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN (Continuation)

In further discussing the protective measures of the Bill, Rep. Lagman stressed that it should also include the specific amounts that will be allocated for public transportation, health, and education; as well as a mechanism for allocating revenues obtained from taxing sugar-sweetened beverages. Rep. Cua said that he will be happy to discuss how the Bill could be improved in this regard.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Lagman said that despite his plea about the computation of the time of his interpellation, the Chair was reminding him again to wind it up. He then reserved his right to interpellate the Sponsor for a second time.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5636

On motion of Rep. Arnel U. Ty, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5636.

**RECONSIDERATION OF THE
APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 187**

On motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 187 as contained in Committee Report NO. 256 and reported out by the Committee on Agrarian Reform in order to introduce perfecting amendments therein.

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

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESTRUCTURING AND CONDONATION OF UNPAID INTERESTS, PENALTIES, AND SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY FARMERS, FISHERFOLK AND AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR), THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), THE PEOPLE'S CREDIT AND FINANCE CORPORATION (PCFC), THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA), THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) AND THE QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION (QUEDANCOR).”

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments.

AMENDMENT OF REP. TY

As proposed by Rep. Ty and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved to amend Section 3, paragraph B, of the Bill to read as follows:

“AGRICULTURAL AND AGRARIAN REFORM CREDIT REFERS TO LOANS GRANTED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION; PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS AND EXPORTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE ACQUISITION OF WORK ANIMALS; FARM EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY; SEEDS; FERTILIZERS; POULTRY; LIVESTOCK; FEEDS AND OTHER SIMILAR ITEMS; ACQUISITION OF LANDS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE AGRARIAN REFORM CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND ITS AMENDMENTS; CONSTRUCTION,

ACQUISITION AND REPAIR OF AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES.”

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no other Committee or individual amendments, on motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 187, AS AMENDED**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 187, as amended.

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON
SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5636**

On motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5636, as contained in Committee Report No. 229 and reported out by the Committee on Ways and Means, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5, 6, 22, 24, 25, 31, 33, 34, 79, 84, 86, 99, 106, 107, 108, 109, 116, 148, 149, 155, 171, 232, 237, 238, 264 AND 288; CREATING NEW SECTIONS 148-A, 150-A, 237-A, 264-A, 264-B AND 265-A; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 35 AND 62, ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997'.”

Rep. Ty stated that the parliamentary status of the Bill was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate, and on his motion, the Chair recognized Reps. Cua and Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. CASILAO

Saying that he had consulted his constituents on the matter, Rep. Casilao stressed that he had always believed that the government needed taxes to fund projects and services but that it should not burden the poor and the marginalized in doing so. He discussed with the Sponsor the meaning of progressive and regressive taxation, the revenue losses as a result of lower income taxes; and the very big number of families falling below the minimum wage as compared to the rich sector. He then rued the regressive nature of the income tax package in the Bill where the rich sector will pay lesser income taxes every year; but Rep.

Cua disagreed therewith and explained that the purpose of tax reform was economic justice in favor of the poor sector.

Citing his experience as a former informal settler, Rep. Casilao then described the effect of the excise tax on the prices of basic goods and services as well as the impact of every peso increase on families living in hand-to-mouth existence. He informed the Sponsor that that he will propose pertinent amendments and reiterated that it will be the poor sector that will suffer from the tax reform package; but Rep. Cua reiterated as well that tax reform intended to protect the low income earners and to fix the tax system in order to increase the tax of the wealthy and fund more public service programs.

On motion of Rep. Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. VERGARA

Rep. Vergara said at the outset that she was afraid that the excise tax on fuel will increase the prices of transportation, basic commodities, agricultural inputs, and even water in cases of power failure. She then focused on the plight of people living in off-grid areas where small power utility groups (SPUGs) using diesel and bunker fuel for their generator sets, operate; and added that farmers, tricycle drivers, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities (PWDs) will be most affected by the aforesaid taxes and should be the ones to avail of the social benefits under the Bill.

Upon the suggestion of Rep. Vergara, Rep. Cua gave the assurance that the Department of Finance (DoF) will add additional lifeline subsidies to SPUGs; the beneficiaries of cash transfer program will be identified three months before the implementation of the same; the program will be spearheaded by the National Economic and Development Authority whose chairman is the President himself; and the Committee will welcome amendments to ensure that the tax exemption of marginalized sectors will be maintained.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. DE JESUS

Rep. De Jesus initially stressed that she was speaking on behalf of marginalized sectors, especially the women sector, which will be adversely affected by the proposed tax reform program.

At this point, Rep. De Jesus enumerated the following concerns: the persons and families who will be covered by the social benefits program of the instant measure; foregone revenues from big businesses in special economic zones (SEZs) due to the tax holidays given to them; the lengthy bureaucratic process in claiming benefits from social programs; and that loans will be involved in the tax reform package. Rep. Cua affirmed that the social benefits program could be expanded and foregone revenues in SEZs could have been used to fund the same; agreed that the increase in the excise tax on oil will pull up the prices of all products and services; and clarified that the proposed tax reform package will not be sourced from loans.

Rep. De Jesus then stated that she will vote against the Bill because the reforms that it was proposing will not improve the plight of the people in a sustainable and long-term way. She urged her colleagues to fully examine and reconsider the Bill.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5636

On motion of Rep. Ty, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5636.

RATIFICATION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5159 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1353

On further motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5159 and Senate Bill No. 1353, strengthening the Anti-Hospital Deposit Law.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

In accordance with the Rules governing inquiries in aid of legislation, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions on inquiries in aid of legislation to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

1. House Resolution No. 969, on the mass leave and resignation of Immigration Officers in the Bureau of Immigration (BOI) – to the Committee on Justice;

2. House Resolution No. 970, on the formation, operation and control of local water districts – to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
3. House Resolution No. 975, on the recent Quiapo blast incident that injured 14 individuals – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
4. House Resolution No. 976, on the discovery of the Commission on Human Rights of an alleged secret detention room in Manila Police District Station 1 – to the Committee on Human Rights;
5. House Resolution No. 977, on the impact of the importation, use, and sale of high fructose corn syrup (HFCS) – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
6. House Resolution No. 993, on the true state of rice inventory in the Philippines – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
7. House Resolution No. 999, on the alleged irregularities in the charging of rates by the Pannay Electric Company being imposed to its customers – to the Committee on Energy;
8. House Resolution No. 1000, on the spurious land deals perpetrated by unscrupulous real estate developers in Mariveles, Bataan – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
9. House Resolution No. 1003, on the existing system and processes of the Land Transportation Office with regard to the registration of electronic cars and vehicles – to the Committee on Transportation;
10. House Resolution No. 1004, on the report that overseas Filipino workers in Hong Kong are being forced to sleep in toilets, tiny cubbyholes, and on balconies by their employers – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs; and
11. House Resolution No. 1005, on the extraordinary delay and inaction of the Philippine Reclamation Authority on the issues preventing the completion of the construction of the

Cagayan de Oro Coastal Road Project – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 93, dated May 23, 2017.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 8:24 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Defensor.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 8:32 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 684

Thereupon, on successive motions of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 684 calendared under the Business for the Day, as contained in Committee Report No. 24 and submitted by the Committee on Public Information, amending Republic Act No. 53, as amended, by including within its coverage journalists from print, broadcast, news agencies and internet publications; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure as concurred by the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Information; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee amendments, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of Committee amendments.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered individual amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REP. GARCIA (J.E.)

As proposed by Rep. Garcia and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the following individual amendments:

1. To delete the phrase "INTERNET, OR" after the word "BROADCAST" and before the phrase "WIRE SERVICE ORGANIZATION" as it appeared on Section 1, lines 9 and 10; and on Section 2, lines 15 and 23; and
2. To amend the title of the Bill, to read as follows:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE' BY INCLUDING WITHIN ITS COVERAGE, JOURNALISTS FROM BROADCAST AND NEWS AGENCIES."

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS NO. 684, AS AMENDED

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 684, as amended.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On a subsequent motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, May 29, 2017.

It was 8:38 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on May 29, 2017

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

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

1. House Bill No. 187, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESTRUCTURING AND CONDONATION OF UNPAID INTERESTS, PENALTIES, AND SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY FARMERS, FISHERFOLK AND AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR), THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), THE PEOPLE'S CREDIT AND FINANCE CORPORATION (PCFC), THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA), THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) AND THE QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION (QUEDANCOR)"

2. House Bill No. 4149, entitled:

"AN ACT ALLOWING THE CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY OR A CLUSTER OF BARANGAYS WITH A LOCALLY GENERATED AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P250,000,000) INTO A COMPONENT CITY IF IT HAS EITHER A POPULATION OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (100,000) INHABITANTS OR A CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE KILOMETERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991'"

3. House Bill No. 5615, entitled:
 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL SPORTS TRAINING CENTER', AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES, AND THE ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTER”
4. House Bill No. 5635, entitled:
 “AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BRIGHT STAR BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7295, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE BRIGHT STAR BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”
5. House Bill No. 5660, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS 'NATIONAL ROTARY DAY’”
6. House Bill No. 5661, entitled:
 “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING FOR QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS”
7. House Bill No. 5663, entitled:
 “AN ACT DESIGNATING CASINOS AS COVERED PERSONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001', AS AMENDED”
8. House Bill No. 5665, entitled:
 “AN ACT GRANTING THE MALINDANG BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN MINDANAO”
9. House Bill No. 5670, entitled:
 “AN ACT STRENGTHENING ASSISTANCE TO ALL FARMERS BY PROVIDING FREE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEE AND ALL OTHER SIMILAR OR RELATED FEES OR CHARGES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION ACT, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8435, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
10. House Bill No. 1875, entitled:
 “AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN MUNTINLUPA CITY INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
11. House Bill No. 3710, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF EL SALVADOR, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'ARAW NG EL SALVADOR' ”
12. House Bill No. 5627, entitled:
 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
13. House Bill No. 5638, entitled:
 “AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARGARITA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS

FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'SANTA MARGARITA FOUNDATION DAY' ”

14. House Bill No. 5639, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'CALBAYOG CITY CHARTER DAY' ”

15. House Bill No. 5640, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SURRENDER OF THE JAPANESE MILITARY FORCES LED BY GENERAL TOMOYUKI YAMASHITA IN BAGUIO CITY”

16. House Bill No. 5641, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PADRE GARCIA, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY AND THE ANNUAL 'KABAKAHAN FESTIVAL' ”

17. House Bill No. 5643, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE POBLACION-CANIOGAN NATIONAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAY POBLACION AND BARANGAY BARAKANAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE AS THE ARSENIO ARCELO QUIBRANZA HIGHWAY”

18. House Bill No. 5646, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN BARANGAY MACARASCAS IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

19. House Bill No. 5647, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, IN THE ISLAND OF TICAO, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

20. House Bill No. 5654, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING A LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISE TO COTABATO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.-PPALMA (COTELCO-PPALMA) TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PIKIT, PIGCAWAYAN, ALEOSAN, LIBUNGAN, MIDSAYAP AND ALAMADA, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, AND ITS NEIGHBORING SUBURBS”

21. House Bill No. 5664, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE BICOL LIGHT AND POWER CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE TOWNS OF BAAO, BALATAN, BATO, BUHI, BULA, NABUA, AND THE CITY OF IRIGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR”

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ABAYA	BENITEZ	DEL MAR
ABAYON	BERNOS	DEL ROSARIO
ABELLANOSA	** BERTIZ	DELOSO-MONTALLA
ABU	BIAZON	DIMAPORO (A.)
ABUEG	BILLONES	**** DIMAPORO (M.K.)
ACHARON	BIRON	**** DUAVIT
ACOP	BOLILIA	DURANO
ACOSTA	BONDOC	DY
ACOSTA-ALBA	BORDADO	**** ELAGO
ADIONG	BRAVO (A.)	**** ENVERGA
ADVINCULA	BRAVO (M.V.)	ERICE
**** AGARAO	BROSAS	ERIGUEL
AGGABAO	* BULUT-BEGTANG	ERMITA-BUHAIN
**** AGLIPAY-VILLAR	CAGAS	** ESCUDERO
** ALBANO	CALDERON	ESPINA
**** ALCALA	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	ESPINO
ALEJANO	CAMINERO	ESTRELLA
ALMARIO	**** CAMPOS	**** EUSEBIO
**** ALMONTE	CANAMA	** EVARDONE
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* AMANTE	CASTRO (F.H.)	FERRIOL-PASCUAL
AMATONG	CATAMCO	**** FLOIRENDO
**** ANDAYA	CAYETANO	FLORES
ANGARA-CASTILLO	CELESTE	**** FORTUN
**** ANTONINO	**** CERAFICA	FORTUNO
**** ANTONIO	CERILLES	FUENTEBELLA
ARAGONES	CHAVEZ	GARBIN
ARBISON	CHIPECO	GARCIA (G.)
** ARCILLAS	* CO	GARCIA (J.E.)
ARENAS	COJUANGCO	**** GARCIA-ALBANO
ATIENZA	COLLANTES	GARIN (R.)
**** AUMENTADO	CORTES	**** GARIN (S.)
**** BAG-AO	CORTUNA	GASATAYA
BAGATSING	COSALAN	** GATCHALIAN
**** BAGUILAT	CRISOLOGO	GERON
* BANAL	CUA	* GO (A.C.)
* BARBERS	CUARESMA	GO (M.)
**** BARZAGA	CUEVA	GOMEZ
BATAOIL	DALIPE	**** GONZAGA
BATOCABE	**** DALOG	* GONZALES (A.P.)
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** BELMONTE (F.)	DE VENECIA	**** GORRICETA
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***** 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
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LOPEZ (M.L.)	RAMIREZ-SATO	TY
** LOYOLA	RAMOS	UMALI
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MACEDA	* REVILLA	UNGAB
MADRONA	***** ROA-PUNO	UNICO
MALAPITAN	* ROBES	UY (J.)
MANALO	**** ROCAMORA	UY (R.)
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***** MENDOZA	SALCEDA	VILLARICA
MERCADO	*** SALIMBANGON	***** VILLARIN
MIRASOL	SALO	***** VIOLAGO
MONTORO	SALON	***** YAP (A.)
NAVA	SAMBAR	YAP (M.)
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NUÑEZ-MALANYAON	SEMA	ZUBIRI
OAMINAL	SIAO	
OCAMPO	SILVERIO	

* Appeared before/after Roll Call

** On official mission

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

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

***** Absent without notice

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