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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, Representative Florida “Rida” P. Robes delivered an invocation.

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

On successive motions of Rep. Christina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, the Chair suspended the session at 4:04 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:15 p.m.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, 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 Report from the President, Messages from the Senate, Communications, Subpoena *Duces Tecum*, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees or consigned to the Archives as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5692, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FOOD PACKAGING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION PROGRAM, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FOOD

PACKAGING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5693, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 24 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'ARAW NG SIBUGAY' ”

By Representative Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5694, entitled:

“AN ACT PLACING THE UBAY AIRPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BCDA) TO BE UTILIZED FOR OTHER PRODUCTIVE AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES”

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5695, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

By Representatives Defensor and Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5696, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL TEXT-BOOK DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO/TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN BICOLOR REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5697, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS OF APPLIANCES, GADGETS AND DEVICES TO PROVIDE ENERGY EFFICIENCY INFORMATION LABELS”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5701, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING INNOVATION AS VITAL COMPONENT OF THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT POLICIES TO DRIVE INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5698, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5702, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TIRAD PASS RADIO TV BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8070, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE TIRAD PASS RADIO TV BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL AM-FM RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

House Bill No. 5699, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 7 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

By Representative Singson (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5700, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RADIO SORSOGON NETWORK INCORPORATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7635 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING RADIO SORSOGON

House Bill No. 5703, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING AN EQUITABLE WAGE RATE FOR BOTH URBAN AND RURAL WORKERS THEREBY CLOSING THE URBAN-RURAL WAGE GAP AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5704, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FREE PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO DAY CARE WORKERS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5705, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY', AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 5706, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE OF JUST SHARE OF TAXES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE DUES IMPOSED BY THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY AND BUREAU OF CUSTOMS”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 5708, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING EMPLOYEES THREE DAYS PAID LEAVE TO ATTEND SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THEIR CHILDREN”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5709, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CRISIS CENTER FOR STREET CHILDREN IN EVERY REGION OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5710, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5711, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BEREAVEMENT LEAVE OF FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS WITH FULL PAY TO EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS IN THE EVENT OF DEATH OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 5712, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING ALL RETIRED AND ACTIVE MILITARY AND POLICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING OFFICERS, FROM BEING APPOINTED IN A CONCURRENT

OR ANY OTHER CAPACITY TO THE POSITIONS OF SECRETARY, UNDERSECRETARY, HEAD OR MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODIES OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND AGENCIES AND OTHER EQUIVALENT POSITIONS”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 5713, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POLICE LAW ENFORCEMENT COURTS, GRANTING THESE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND PNP RULES OF ENGAGEMENT COMMITTED BY THE POLICE, AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Hernandez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5714, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING AND PREVENTING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES OR SCOOTERS IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES THROUGH THE USE OF BIGGER PLATE NUMBERS AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS, REGULATION OF BACKRIDERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Hernandez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5718, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES IN THE CITY OF MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL, AMENDING

FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5719, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL TECH-VOC DAY”

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5720, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING ILIGAN CITY AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Siao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5721, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF TACTILE PAVING IN ALL PUBLIC SPACES AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco-Catera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 5722, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF DAY CARE WORKERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5723, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8484, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT REGULATING THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF ACCESS DEVICES, PROHIBITING FRAUDULENT ACTS COMMITTED RELATIVE THERETO, PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 5724, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEM OF PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6735, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF' ”

By Representative Abu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5725, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING BARANGAY MUZON IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO FOUR DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MUZON EAST, BARANGAY MUZON WEST, BARANGAY MUZON SOUTH AND BARANGAY MUZON PROPER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1016, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF R.A. 10913 OR THE ANTI-DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT PENDING

CLARIFICATION OF THE PRESENT IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR)”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 1017, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LONG QUEUES ON THE IMMIGRATIONS LANES OF THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1018, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BRO. EDUARDO V. MANALO, THE EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF THE INGLESIA NI CRISTO, FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ORDINATION OF SIXTEEN (16) NEW MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL IN A HISTORICAL WORSHIP SERVICE HE OFFICIATED IN ROME, ITALY ON MAY 13, 2017”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1019, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE SUCCESSFUL STAGING OF THE 60TH PALARONG PAMBANSA IN THE PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE”

By Representative Lacson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bills No. 12, 865, 1853, 2157, 2319, 2622, 2624, 2474, 2953, 3556, 3557, 3632, 3945, 4127, and 4749;

Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for House Bills No. 14, 64, 187, 225, 335, 918, 2542, 4149, and 5560;

Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes for House Bills No. 31, 34, 1087, and 2565 and House Resolution No. 168;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 4093, 5188, 5190, 5271, 5317, 5347, 5360, 5395, 5573, 5575, and House Resolution No. 962;

Rep. Gary C. Alejano for House Bills No. 17, 187, 302, 349, 585, 586, 588, 589, 683, 807, 1018, 1019, 1021, 1022, 1256, 1333, 1392, 1396, 1427, 1429, 1587, 1706, 1715, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1776, 1778, 1940, 2738, 2768, 2769, 2770, 2982, 3115, 3795, 4361, 5507, and 5509;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 32, 187, 684, 5536, 5544, 5547, 5551, 5552, 5615, 5660, and 5670;

Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB. for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, and 3641;

Rep. Victor A. Yap for House Bills No. 5560 and 5670;

Reps. Abdullah D. Dimaporo and Eric L. Olivarez for House Bill No. 177;

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bill No. 1471;

Reps. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D., Manuel F. Zubiri, and Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba for House Bill No. 2553;

Rep. Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas for House Bills No. 4106 and 4462;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bill No. 4462;

Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna for House Bills No. 12, 438, and 2467;

Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr. for House Bills No. 187, 4302, 4342, 4343, and 5663;

Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bills No. 133, 163, 2867, and 3870;

Rep. Geraldine B. Roman for House Bill No. 4117;

Reps. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, Romeo M. Acop, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Alfred D. Vargas, and Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema for House Bill No. 4774;

Reps. Marisol C. Panotes, Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo, Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D., and Fernando V. Gonzalez for House Bill No. 5038;

Rep. Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta for House Bills No. 2622 and 2624;

Rep. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, 4106, 4462, and 5097;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 5572 and 5586;

Reps. Salvio B. Fortuno, Fernando V. Gonzalez, Edcel C. Lagman, Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, Sabiniano S. Canama, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Marisol C. Panotes, Arlene B. Arcillas, Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III, and Sol Aragonas for House Bill No. 5006;

Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bills No. 187, 2542, 4676, and 4786;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 3161, 4560, 5318, 5417, 5423, 5426, and 5467;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 1304, 2622, 2624, 3732, and 3733;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 2143, 4136, and 4323;

Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, and 2881;

Rep. Jesus "Boying" F. Celeste for House Bill No. 180;

Rep. Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV for House Bill No. 2881;

Rep. Doy C. Leachon for House Bill No. 116;

Rep. Benhur L. Salimbangon for House Bills No. 177, 2192, 2193, 2286, 2627, 2628, and 5107, and House Resolution No. 769 and House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for House Bill No. 187;

Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. for House Bill No. 4772;

Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco for House Bill No. 904;

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta for House Bills No. 5715, 5716, and 5717;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No. 62, 2436, and 3488;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bills No. 133 and 5745;

Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel for House Bill No. 5576;

Reps. Ramon “Red” H. Durano VI, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr., Wilfredo S. Caminero, Benhur L. Salimbangon, Rodrigo A. Abellanosa, Aileen C. Radaza, Jonas C. Cortes, and Peter John D. Calderon for House Bill No. 5688; and

Reps. Ramon C. Nolasco, Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, and Luisa Lloren Cuaresma for House Bill No. 1988.

WITHDRAWAL OF COAUTHORSHIP

Rep. Wes Gatchalian withdrew his coauthorship of House Bill No. 5636.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Report relative to Proclamation No. 216 dated 23 May 2017 entitled, “Declaring a State of Martial Law and Suspending the Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus in the Whole of Mindanao”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REP. TINIO

At this point, the Chair recognized Rep. Antonio L. Tinio who observed that the Chair had referred the Report from the President on Proclamation No. 21, to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair thus amended his previous statement and referred the said Report to the Committee on Rules.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS (Continuation)

With the indulgence of Rep. Tinio who wanted to take the floor, on motion of Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., there being no objection, the Body continued with its Reference of Business.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 24, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1353, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE REFUSAL OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS TO ADMINISTER APPROPRIATE INITIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY OR SERIOUS CASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMAND OF DEPOSITS OR ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS IN CERTAIN CASES' AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8344, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 5159, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE SERVICE TO PATIENTS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 702, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMAND OF DEPOSITS OR ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS IN CERTAIN CASES' ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 24, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1277, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FREE INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM IN PUBLIC SPACES IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

and House Bill No. 5225, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PROVISION OF FREE WI-FI INTERNET ACCESS IN PUBLIC AREAS”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated May 2, 2017 of Allan S. Borromeo, OIC-Regional Director, Regional Office XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, submitting their Monthly Progress Status Report for the month of April 2017 of projects implemented by their office.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Report of 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. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1112 and House Bill No. 3504, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10923)

2. House Bill No. 3408, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

(Now Republic Act No. 10924)

3. House Bill No. 4631, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS GMA NETWORK, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7252, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES' ” and

4. House Bill No. 4637, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (FORMERLY SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7294, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SMART) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ COMPUTER/ELECTRONIC SERVICES, AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

TO THE ARCHIVES

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 10 February 2017 issued by Ray Patrick M. Arce, Assistant Special

Prosecutor I, re Crim. Case Nos. SB-16-CRM-0242 to 0248, directing to submit within five (5) days from receipt, the certified true copy of Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALN) of Arrel Reyes Olaño (from 2006 to 2008), former Representative of the First District of Davao del Norte.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena *Duces Tecum* dated 15th February 2017 issued by Gerard A. Mosquera, Deputy Ombudsman, re Case No. FF-C-16-0702, directing to submit within five (5) days from receipt hereof, clear and authenticated copy of the following documents pertaining to Mar-Len Abigail "Abby" S. Binay-Campos, former Representative, 2nd District of Makati:

1. Certificate of Yearly Compensation, paid expense vouchers, journal vouchers, checks, report of collections and disbursements and other similar supporting documents pertaining to the Salaries, Bonuses, Allowances and Other Remunerations received for the CYs 2015 to 2016;
2. Liquidation Statements and supporting documents relative to said travel/s, if any; and
3. Report on Salaries and Allowances including its supporting documents.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena *Duces Tecum* dated 17th February 2017 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Director, General Investigation Bureau-B, FIO I, re Case No. FF-C-14-0060, directing to submit within five (5) days of receipt hereof clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) Projects Initiated, Funding Requirements and/or Allocations made by Cong. Philip A. Pichay (Surigao del Sur 1st District) for CYs 2007-2009:

1. List of Proposed Projects and intended beneficiaries;
2. Project Proposals and its attachments (to include the nature or description of the project, project location, fund requirement or project cost, and implementing agency);

3. Letters requesting for approval by the House Committee on Appropriations;
4. Special Allotment Release Orders (SARO) and its attachments.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena *Duces Tecum* dated 15 February 2017 issued by Gerard A. Mosquera, Deputy Ombudsman, re Case No. FF-C-16-0702, directing to submit within five (5) days from receipt hereof, clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Mar-Len Abigail Binay-Campos, former Representative of the 2nd District of Makati:

1. Latest Personal Data Sheet with picture;
2. Service Record;
3. Appointment Paper;
4. Oath of Office;
5. Authority to Travel/Travel Records – Foreign and Local; and
6. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALNs) for Calendar Years 2007-2016.

and likewise directed to submit the Entry SALN of Congressman Luis Jose Angel N. Campos, Jr. re Case No. FF-C-16-0702.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena *Duces Tecum* dated 06 January 2017 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, re Case No. FF-C-16-0824, directing to submit within five (5) days from receipt, the following documents pertaining to Henry Canega Ong, Representative, 2nd District, Leyte:

1. Updated Service Record;
2. Personal Data Sheet (latest on file); and
3. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN) for CYs 2005 to 2015.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena *Duces Tecum* dated 5th Day of December 2016 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Supervising Director, Special LSC Panel of Investigators, re Case No. FF-C-16-0795, directing to

submit within five (5) days from receipt hereof, clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Congressman Rodolfo T. Albano III of the 2nd District of the Province of Isabela:

1. Latest Personal Data Sheet with picture;
2. Service Record;
3. Appointment Paper;
4. Oath of Office;
5. Authority to Travel/Travel Records – Foreign and Local;
6. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALNs) from Calendar Years 2004-2015, if applicable; and
7. Certification of Yearly Compensation, Salary and other Remunerations from start of service up to 2015, if applicable.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 27 January 2017 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Supervising Director, LSC Case Build-up Teams, re Case No. FF-C-16-0449, directing to submit within five (5) days upon receipt, the following documents pertaining to Arnulfo Palma Fuentesbella, Representative, 4th District of Camarines Sur:

1. Updated Service Record;
2. Personal Data Sheet (latest on file); and
3. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN) for CY 2005 to 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 259), re H.B. No. 5715, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CEBU BROADCASTING COMPANY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7963, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE CEBU BROADCASTING

COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4302

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 260), re H.B. No. 5716, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE TO VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7529, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8069”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5479

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 261), re H.B. No. 5717, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE ASSIGNED TO PBN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8158, ENTITLED 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO JORGE D. BAYONA UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIFTY-SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE, ASSIGNING IT IN FAVOR OF PBN BROAD-

CASTING NETWORK, INC., AND RENEWING THE TERM THEREOF FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3243

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 262), re H.B. No. 5745, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 62, 102, 164, 301, 557, 2175, 2266, 2749, 2833, 2840, 3523, 4089, 4224, 4286, 4632 and 4803

Sponsors: Representatives Panganiban, Garin (S.), Nograles (K.A.), Tan (A.) and Lobregat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 263), re H.B. No. 5747, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING PILIS FALLS IN BANGAY PALILI, MUNICIPALITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 614

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

It being a Monday, on motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ATIENZA

Rep. Atienza sought clarification on and asked the Body to react to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's recent pronouncement that he would lift martial law in Mindanao only upon the consent, advice, or decision of the military and the Philippine National Police (PNP) and would not abide by any decision of the Supreme Court thereon. He said that he supported the President's decision to declare martial law on May 23, 2017 despite negative reaction from various quarters as well as his wish for peace and order and socio-economic development in the country. He however contended that the aforecited statement violated the laws of the land especially the Constitution and urged the Chief Executive to clarify the same, as he recalled the abuse of power that occurred when martial law was declared in 1972.

REFERRAL OF REP. ATIENZA'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Upon Rep. Roa-Puno's motion, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Atienza's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the Privilege Hour.

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acop
Acosta

Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cerilles
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan

Lee	Sambar
Limkaichong	Sandoval
Lobregat	Santos-Recto
Lopez (B.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Savellano
Loyola	Sema
Madrona	Siao
Manalo	Silverio
Mangaoang	Singson
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suansing (E.)
Marcoleta	Suansing (H.)
Marcos	Suarez
Mariño	Sy-Alvarado
Marquez	Tambunting
Martinez	Tan (A.)
Mercado	Tan (M.)
Nava	Teves
Nieto	Ting
Noel	Tinio
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tolentino
Nolasco	Tugna
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tupas
Oaminal	Ty
Olivarez	Umali
Ong (E.)	Unabia
Ortega (P.)	Ungab
Ortega (V.N.)	Unico
Pacquiao	Uy (J.)
Palma	Uy (R.)
Pancho	Vargas
Pichay	Vargas-Alfonso
Pimentel	Velasco
Pineda	Velasco-Catera
Primicias-Agabas	Veloso
Quimbo	Vergara
Radaza	Villanueva
Ramirez-Sato	Villaraza-Suarez
Ramos	Villarica
Relampagos	Villarin
Revilla	Violago
Roa-Puno	Yap (M.)
Robes	Yu
Rodriguez (I.)	Zamora (R.)
Rodriguez (M.)	Zarate
Roman	Zubiri
Romualdez	
Romualdo	
Roque (H.)	
Roque (R.)	
Sacdalan	
Sahali	
Salceda	
Salimbangon	
Salo	
Salon	

With 220 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

Thereafter, on further motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Tinio for his parliamentary inquiry.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REP. TINIO

Rep. Tinio said that the Body should not consider the Report from the President on Proclamation No. 216 dated May 23, 2017 and entitled, “Declaring a State of Martial Law and Suspending the Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus in the Whole of Mindanao” as an ordinary report to be processed by the Committee on Rules and the pertinent Committees. He relayed the query of the citizenry on why Congress had not yet done its duty to convene a joint session to examine, debate, or vote on the Proclamation. Speaking in Filipino, he informed the Body that the Executive Department was already giving a briefing to the Senate thereon and opined that the President had not adequately justified the declaration of martial law.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas on a point of order.

POINT OF ORDER OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

Rep. Fariñas stated that under the Rules, any matter pending in the Committee could not be discussed on the floor. He then convened the members of the Committee on Rules to a meeting and assured the Body that he will come back thereafter in order to announce the Committee’s decision on the aforesaid Report from the President.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

On motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following measures:

1. House Bill No. 3182 - from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments to the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms;
2. House Bill No. 3278 - from the Committee on Public Works and Highways to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Public Works and Highways; and
3. House Bills No. 434 and 3356 - from the Committee on Agriculture and Food to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Agriculture and Food.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Roa-Puno acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Salvio B. Fortuno, Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu, Reps. Rico B. Geron, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. and Sabiniano S. Canama.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 94, dated May 24, 2017.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:56 p.m., the session resumed and the Chair recognized Majority Leader Fariñas to report on the meeting of the Committee on Rules that had been convened earlier that evening.

MOTION OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

Rep. Fariñas adverted to the Report from the President on Proclamation No. 216 which the Committee on Rules had just deliberated on. Pursuant to Rule XVIII, Section 137 of the Rules of the House and on behalf of said Committee, he moved that the House be constituted into a Committee of the Whole in order to conduct an executive briefing with the various department heads of the Executive Department, in relation to said Proclamation.

OBJECTIONS OF REPS. LAGMAN AND TINIO

Reps. Edcel C. Lagman and Tinio objected to Rep. Fariñas’ motion.

MOTION OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

For his part, Rep. Fariñas moved for the division of the House.

OBJECTION OF REP. LAGMAN

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Lagman stated that his objection was anchored on the following reasons: (1) the Constitution did not require the conversion of the House into a Committee of the Whole but rather the voting of the House of Representatives and the

Senate in joint session and by absolute majority on whether or not to revoke the proclamation of martial law; and (2) the joint session should be immediately held because the Constitution mandated it.

Expounding on his arguments, Rep. Lagman said that (1) the President was given only 48 hours to report to Congress on his declaration of martial law so that Congress could immediately meet in joint session to deliberate on the same; (2) the Constitution provided that if Congress was not in session, it should meet in a joint session without need of any call within 24 hours from said proclamation; and (3) because martial law was already being enforced in Mindanao, there must be no undue delay in the congressional assessment of the merits, factual basis, and territorial coverage of the proclamation.

Rep. Lagman then said that the report that some Members were not disposed to revoke the declaration must not be used as an alibi by the leadership of both Chambers not to convene the joint session. He stressed the need for a collective decision of a majority of all the Members voting jointly, whether or not to junk or delimit the imposition of martial law. He added that Congress cannot validate the separate and individual persuasions of the Members of both Houses in the absence of a joint session. He maintained that having a Committee of the Whole or an executive session will deprive the public of knowing the reasons why martial law was imposed, and deny the Members information on the lack of merits or validity of said imposition.

Thereupon, Rep. Lagman called on the House and Senate leaderships to exercise their constitutional obligation to call for a joint session to allow a joint voting.

OBJECTION OF REP. TINIO

Rep. Tinio also objected to Majority Leader Fariñas' motion.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair said that the House was about to divide on Majority Leader Fariñas' motion to convert the House into a Committee of the Whole and then recognized the latter to respond to Rep. Lagman's objection.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

Rep. Fariñas pointed out that Rep. Lagman had read into the records some statements that were not

contained in the Constitution and had stated that Congress within 24 hours should convene in joint session.

Rep. Fariñas then cited from Section 18, Article VII of the Constitution which provided that (1) the President shall be the Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines and may call out such armed forces to prevent or suppress lawless violence, invasion or rebellion; (2) in case of invasion or rebellion, when the public safety requires it, the President may, for a period not exceeding 60 days, suspend the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* or place the country or any part of it under martial law; (3) the President shall submit a report in person or in writing to Congress, within 48 hours from his proclamation of martial law or suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus*; (4) voting jointly, by a vote of at least a majority of all its Members in regular or special session, Congress may revoke said proclamation or suspension; and (5) Congress may extend such proclamation or suspension for a period to be determined by it, if the invasion or rebellion persists and public safety requires it.

He concluded that it was in accordance with the abovementioned provisions of the Constitution that the President proclaimed martial law at 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 through Proclamation No. 216 and submitted his written report thereon to the Senate President and the Speaker of the House at 9:55 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

Stating that Rep. Lagman was twisting some provisions, Rep. Fariñas thereupon clarified that what the Constitution stated was that if Congress was not in session, it shall convene without a call within 24 hours of the proclamation of martial law or suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus*; and not that it should convene in joint session. He reminded the Body that in accordance with the Rules of the House, Congress was a bicameral body that convened separately; and that while the Senate had already convened, there was no need for the House to convene because it was still in regular session until Wednesday, May 31, 2017. He explained that if the President proclaimed martial law while the House was adjourned on June 1, 2017, then Congress will have to convene separately.

Concluding his statement, Rep. Fariñas explained that the Senate had already taken up the aforesaid Report and had met in executive session with the commanders on the ground who reported to them about the situation in Mindanao and on their course of action against the enemies of the State. He said that the Committee of the Whole in the House will also become an executive session if topics involving national security will be discussed.

MOTION OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

Rep. Fariñas thereupon reiterated his motion to call for a Committee of the Whole to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 to receive and consider the report of the President on his proclamation of martial law in Mindanao.

He also moved to invite the following government officials to said meeting:

1. Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea;
2. Department of Justice (DOJ) Secretary Vitaliano N. Aguirre II;
3. Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Emmanuel F. Piñol;
4. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Mark A. Villar;
5. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Secretary Silvestre Bello III;
6. Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana;
7. Department of Health (DOH) Secretary Paulyn Jean B. Rosell-Ubial;
8. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Ramon M. Lopez;
9. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Judy Taguiwalo;
10. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Officer-in-Charge Catalino Cuy;
11. Department of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Wanda Corazon Teo;
12. Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Arthur Tugade;
13. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Alfonso G. Cusi;
14. Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Rodolfo A. Salalima;
15. National Security Adviser (NSA) Secretary Hermogenes C. Esperon Jr.;
16. Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) Governor Mujiv S. Hataman;
17. Supreme Court (SC) Administrator Jose Midas P. Marquez; and
18. Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Chairperson Jose Luis Martin "Chito" Gascon

MANIFESTATION OF REP. TIÑO

Rep. Tino stated that he wanted to be given time to explain his objection to the motion of the Majority Leader.

MOTION OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS
(Continuation)

Rep. Fariñas moved anew for a division of the House.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. TINIO

Rep. Tinio again sought recognition to rise on a point of order.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair stated that the Body was in the process of voting, but inquired on Rep. Tinio's point of order.

POINT OF ORDER OF REP. TINIO

Rep. Tinio cited Section 137 of the Rules of the House which stated that the House could constitute itself into a Committee of the Whole on motion of the Majority Leader to act upon a bill or resolution. He pointed out that the motion of the Majority Leader pertained not to a specific bill or resolution but to the Report from the President; and concluded this was not covered by Section 137.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

Rep. Fariñas disagreed with Rep. Tinio, explaining that the Report from the President was referred to the Committee on Rules and that the latter sponsored the consideration of the Report. He opined that the proper forum to discuss the Report was in a Committee of the Whole. He added that the latter will be held in the morning of May 31, 2017 to enable the House to hold plenary session in the afternoon and continue deliberating on House Bill No. 5636 or the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Bill which was just certified by the President as an urgent measure.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Lagman sought recognition from the Chair, at this point.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair stated that the House was about to vote on the motion to constitute the House into a Committee of the Whole; and that Rep. Lagman was given the opportunity to explain his objection and the Majority Leader was given the time to respond to the same.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Lagman sought recognition from the Chair in order to rebut some of the statements of the Majority Leader.

RULING OF THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled that the Body will proceed with the division of the House.

REMARKS OF REP. LAGMAN

Saying that the Majority Leader accused him of twisting the Constitution, Rep. Lagman clarified that he was quoting the exact provisions of the Constitution which he interpreted by saying that Congress had to convene, had to make a joint votation if it indeed convened, and had to hold a joint session for such a votation.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair stated that Rep. Lagman had already explained his rebuttal and the Body had to proceed with the division of the House.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. TINIO

Rep. Tinio sought recognition from the Chair on a point of order.

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE

On a previous motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Chair called for a division of the House, and with the “Aye” votes having preponderance, the motion was carried.

DESIGNATION OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thereafter, pursuant to Section 138, Rule XVIII of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Chair designated Rep. Fariñas as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole.

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

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5636, as contained in Com-

mittee 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. Defensor 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. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, and Tom S. Villarín for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. VILLARIN

To Rep. Villarín’s concern on the disposition of revenues generated under the proposed measure, Rep. Cua assured him that they will not be used to support the abuses under a martial law administration. To his colleague’s proposal on taxing the passive income of the wealthy, the Sponsor welcomed amendments thereon. On why the real estate tax was reduced, he explained that the Department of Finance (DOF) wanted to end the practice of arbitrage and to help the poor sectors pay estate taxes.

After stressing the need for progressive taxation, Rep. Villarín commended the Committee for maintaining the tax exemption of cooperatives; and allowing women to also claim exemptions for their dependents, which was the subject of a bill that he had filed. He also stated his suggestion to allocate a portion of excise taxes on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) for the Mental Health Bill and for sugar-producing provinces, for which the Sponsor expressed support.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

The Chair asked whether the next Members who had been listed for interpellation, Reps. Manuel Luis T. Lopez and Jose L. Atienza Jr., were present in the Session Hall. Informed that they were not, he then recognized Rep. Lagman upon Rep. Defensor’s motion.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Lagman said that he will forego with his second round of interpellations and will just discuss his proposed amendments with the Sponsor of the Bill and DOF Undersecretary.

The Chair noted Rep. Lagman's manifestation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. TEVES

Upon recognition by the Chair, Reps. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. and Cua discussed the tax collection deficits of both the Bureau of Customs (BoC) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the need to identify and run after those who were not paying the right taxes. The former stressed that the government should run after them instead of levying additional taxes to be borne by the public even as the latter explained that the proposed Bill has provided for stiffer penalties for tax evaders and corrupt tax collectors.

Thereupon, Rep. Teves asked on the status of corporations or individuals that were delinquent in paying taxes and on the President's awareness of smuggling and tax evasion. Rep. Cua said that the pertinent cases were already in the courts, the tax gap was also due to other factors such as wrong tax policies which the tax reform package aimed to fix, the President considered taxes as a necessary fuel for development, and the intention of the Bill was not to burden the public but to correct the tax system and make it more just and progressive.

After Rep. Cua's subsequent explanation on the efficiency measures proposed in the Bill such as the fuel marking system, Rep. Teves opined that the tax reform package will still protect the smugglers and give leeway to tax evaders while burdening the poor. He proposed to lower taxes not only on SSBs but on all sugar products and pointed out that the prices of goods and services will rise if the fuel excise tax was increased. He stressed that he will not support the Bill unless the fuel excise tax was removed and BoC collections were improved.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LOBREGAT

Rep. Lobregat manifested his support for the retention of tax exemption provisions of cooperatives in the Tax Reform Bill as he cited the success and vibrancy of cooperatives in his district. He commended the efforts of Reps. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D.,

Sabiniano S. Canama, and Rico B. Geron in this regard and asked the Body to approve the amendments proposed by the Representatives from the cooperative sector.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. BAGATSING

Reps. Bagatsing and Cua discussed the removal of the low-cost and socialized housing tax exemption. The latter cited the DOF's proposed voucher system that will benefit those who were genuinely poor and welcomed his colleague's proposal to implement a qualification system thereon. The former expressed support for the Bill but said that some of her constituents might not be able to afford the cost of houses and lots in other localities.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Oscar "Richard" S. Garin Jr., the Chair recognized Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. BIAZON

Rep. Biazon acknowledged that the Bill was needed to close the tax gap, collect revenues, and implement development programs and projects; but asked why the Committee deleted six provisions in the DOF's original version of the measure.

Rep. Cua said that the current form of the Bill contained the inputs of the Committee, other Members of the House, and all stakeholders. As regards the deleted provisions, he explained that the Committee wanted to protect those earning income below the value-added tax (VAT) threshold as well as prevent tax evasion; to apply the principle of equal taxation in the case of corporations and those earning income above the VAT threshold; to more efficiently assess the effect of taxation; and to help the automobile industry survive the wave of new taxes. On the itemization of special laws that will be repealed in the proposed measure, he said that the Committee will submit to the wisdom of the Body.

Rep. Biazon took into account the Sponsor's citation of the principles of equal taxation and equal competition as he thereafter debated with him about (1) the taxation of SSBs, saying that an SSB tax based on volume capacity would result in higher prices and suggesting that the consideration thereof should be deferred in order to include all sugar products in its coverage; and (2) the taxation of business revenues, with Rep. Biazon opining that an 18 percent rate threatened the survival of beverage companies thus resulting in lesser taxes paid to local government units. Rep. Cua

asserted that the aforementioned taxes were thoroughly studied, discussed, and reviewed as well as deemed manageable, fair, and concise.

INSERTION OF THE MANIFESTATION OF REP. LOPEZ (M.L.)

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to insert the manifestation of Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez into the Record of the House.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no further interpellations, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 5636.

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

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

DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES

On successive motions of Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members as conferees to the Bicameral Committees to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of the measures hereunder indicated:

1. House Bill No. 5648 and Senate Bill No. 1449, on extending the validity period of driver's license: Reps. Cesar V. Sarmiento, Johnny Ty Pimentel, Romeo M. Acop, Vilma Santos-Recto, Enrico A. Pineda, Salvador B. Belaro Jr., and Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.; and
2. House Bill No. 64 and Senate Bill No. 1317, on strengthening compliance with occupational safety and health standards: Reps. Randolph S. Ting, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, Emmi A. De Jesus, Strike B. Revilla, Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno, and Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III.

RATIFICATION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5633 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1304

On further motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House

Bill No. 5633 and Senate Bill No. 1304, promoting universal access to quality tertiary education.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Reps. Garin (R.)/Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on the dates mentioned herein, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the amended Provisional Rules of the House:

Distributed on May 24, 2017:

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. 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";

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acop

Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Catamco
Cerilles
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan

Lee	Sambar
Limkaichong	Sandoval
Lobregat	Santos-Recto
Lopez (B.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Savellano
Loyola	Sema
Madrona	Siao
Manalo	Silverio
Mangaoang	Singson
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suansing (E.)
Marcoleta	Suansing (H.)
Marcos	Suarez
Mariño	Sy-Alvarado
Marquez	Tambunting
Martinez	Tan (A.)
Mercado	Tan (M.)
Nava	Teves
Nieto	Ting
Noel	Tinio
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tolentino
Nolasco	Tugna
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tupas
Oaminal	Ty
Olivarez	Umali
Ong (E.)	Unabia
Ortega (P.)	Ungab
Ortega (V.N.)	Unico
Pacquiao	Uy (J.)
Palma	Uy (R.)
Pancho	Vargas
Pichay	Vargas-Alfonso
Pimentel	Velasco
Pineda	Velasco-Catera
Primicias-Agabas	Veloso
Quimbo	Vergara
Radaza	Villanueva
Ramirez-Sato	Villaraza-Suarez
Ramos	Villarica
Relampagos	Villarin
Revilla	Violago
Roa-Puno	Yap (M.)
Robes	Yu
Rodriguez (I.)	Zamora (R.)
Rodriguez (M.)	Zarate
Roman	Zubiri
Romualdez	
Romualdo	
Roque (H.)	<i>Negative:</i>
Roque (R.)	
Sacdalan	None
Sahali	
Salceda	
Salimbangon	<i>Abstention:</i>
Salo	
Salon	None

With 219 affirmative votes, no negative votes and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on May 24, 2017:

3. 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”;
4. 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 (₱250,000,000) 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'”;
5. 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”;
6. 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’”;
7. House Bill No. 5660, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS 'NATIONAL ROTARY DAY’”;
8. House Bill No. 5661, entitled: “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING FOR QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS’”;

Distributed on May 25, 2017:

9. House Bill No. 684, entitled: “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’”;

Distributed on May 24, 2017:

10. 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’”;
11. 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'";
12. 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";
13. 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";
14. 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";
15. 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'";
16. 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";
17. 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'";
18. 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";
19. 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'";
20. 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";
21. House Bill No. 5647, entitled: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, IN THE ISLAND OF TICAPO, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"; and
22. 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."
- The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
 Abellanosa
 Abu
 Abueg
 Acop
 Acosta
 Acosta-Alba
 Advincula
 Agarao
 Aggabao
 Albano
 Alejano
 Almario
 Almonte
 Alvarez (F.)
 Alvarez (M.)
 Alvarez (P.)
 Amatong
 Angara-Castillo
 Antonio
 Aragones
 Arbison
 Arcillas
 Arenas
 Atienza
 Bagatsing
 Baguilat
 Banal
 Barzaga
 Bataoil
 Batocabe
 Bautista-Bandigan
 Belaro
 Belmonte (F.)
 Belmonte (J.C.)
 Belmonte (R.)
 Bernos
 Bertiz
 Biazon
 Billones
 Biron
 Bolilia
 Bondoc
 Bordado
 Bravo (A.)
 Bravo (M.V.)
 Brosas
 Bulut-Begtang

Cagas
 Calderon
 Calixto-Rubiano
 Caminero
 Campos
 Cari
 Castelo
 Castro (F.L.)
 Catamco
 Cerilles
 Chipeco
 Co
 Cojuangco
 Collantes
 Cortes
 Cortuna
 Cosalan
 Cua
 Cuaresma
 Cueva
 Dalipe
 Daza
 De Jesus
 De Venecia
 De Vera
 Defensor
 Del Mar
 Del Rosario
 Deloso-Montalla
 Dimaporo (M.K.)
 Durano
 Dy
 Elago
 Erice
 Eriguel
 Ermita-Buhain
 Escudero
 Espina
 Estrella
 Evardone
 Fariñas
 Fernando
 Ferrer (J.)
 Flores
 Fortuno
 Fuentebella
 Garbin
 Garcia (G.)
 Garcia (J.E.)
 Garin (R.)
 Gasataya
 Gatchalian
 Geron
 Go (A.C.)
 Go (M.)
 Gonzaga

Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Madrona
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
Mercado
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogales (J.J.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Palma
Pancho
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Roman
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque (H.)
Roque (R.)
Sacdalan
Sahali
Salceda
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Teves
Ting
Tinio
Tolentino
Tugna
Tupas
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (M.)

Yu
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 220 affirmative votes, no negative votes and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Garin (R.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following Committee Reports and the Chair made the corresponding references:

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 264), re H.B. No. 5748, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOVELLAR IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 625

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Report by the Committee on Public Order and Safety (Committee Report No. 265), re H.B. No. 5750, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE OFFENSES OF DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF FIREARMS AND PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 254 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS

AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED PENAL CODE', AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 176, 1348 and 3837

Sponsors: Representatives Acop, Nograles (K.A.), Nograles (J.J.) and Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 266), re H.B. No. 5754, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE RIZAL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES-SANTOR EXTENSION IN BANGAY SANTOR, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE RIZAL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SANTOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 385

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 267), re H.B. No. 5755, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DON BOSCO EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DON BOSCO, PARAÑAQUE CITY, FROM THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DON BOSCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1640

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 268), re H.B. No. 5756, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DEPASE, MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS DEPASE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2091

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Cerilles

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 269), re H.B. No. 5757, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SAN ANTONIO HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO, PARAÑAQUE CITY, FROM THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ANTONIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PARAÑAQUE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3510

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 270), re H.B. No. 5758, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BOKOD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DAKLAN EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TUBLAY CENTER, MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE BOKOD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DAKLAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5059

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 271), re H.B. No. 5777, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN, ADOLESCENT GIRLS OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE AND TEEN-AGE MOTHERS, INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE FIRST 1,000 DAYS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 760, 761, 765, 875, 888, 899, 1340, 1662, 1805, 2512, 2928, 3105, 3358, 3564, 3643, 3967, 4323 and 4365

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Aglipay-Villar, Espina, Villaraza-Suarez, Villafuerte, Angara-Castillo, Eriguel, Montoro, Garin (S.), Baguilat, Rodriguez (M.), Antonio, Olivarez and Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 272), re H.B. No. 5780, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9832, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DHV-TSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4650

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF
BILLS APPROVED ON THIRD READING**

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Garin (R.), there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit to the Senate copies of the Bills that had just been approved on Third Reading.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Garin (R.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

It was 9:01 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on May 30, 2017.

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Date: May 29, 2017**

**** ABAD	BELMONTE (R.)	DEFENSOR
* 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
* ALONTE	CARI	FARIÑAS
ALVAREZ (F.)	***** CASILAO	FERNANDO
ALVAREZ (M.)	CASTELO	FERRER (J.)
ALVAREZ (P.)	CASTRO (F.L.)	* FERRER (L.)
* 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.)
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
BELARO	DE JESUS	***** GONZALEZ
BELMONTE (F.)	DE VENECIA	**** GORRICETA
BELMONTE (J.C.)	DE VERA	***** GULLAS

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	* TURABIN-HATAMAN
LOPEZ (M.L.)	RAMIREZ-SATO	TY
LOYOLA	RAMOS	UMALI
***** MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	RELAMPAGOS	UNABIA
* MACEDA	REVILLA	UNGAB
MADRONA	ROA-PUNO	UNICO
* MALAPITAN	ROBES	UY (J.)
MANALO	* ROCAMORA	UY (R.)
MANGAOANG	RODRIGUEZ (I.)	***** UYBARRETA
* MANGUDADATU (S.)	RODRIGUEZ (M.)	VARGAS
MANGUDADATU (Z.)	ROMAN	VARGAS-ALFONSO
MARCOLETA	***** ROMERO	***** VELARDE
MARCOS	ROMUALDEZ	VELASCO
MARIÑO	ROMUALDO	VELASCO-CATERA
MARQUEZ	ROQUE (H.)	VELOSO
MARTINEZ	ROQUE (R.)	VERGARA
**** MATUGAS	SACDALAN	***** VILLAFUERTE
* MELLANA	***** SAGARBARRIA	VILLANUEVA
**** MENDING	SAHALI	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
* MENDOZA	SALCEDA	VILLARICA
MERCADO	SALIMBANGON	VILLARIN
**** MIRASOL	SALO	VIOLAGO
* MONTORO	SALON	**** YAP (A.)
NAVA	SAMBAR	YAP (M.)
NIETO	SANDOVAL	* YAP (V.)
NOEL	SANTOS-RECTO	YU
NOGRALES (J.J.)	SARMIENTO (C.)	**** ZAMORA (M.C.)
* NOGRALES (K.A.)	SARMIENTO (E.M.)	ZAMORA (R.)
NOLASCO	SAVELLANO	ZARATE
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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