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CALL TO ORDER

This being the day fixed in accordance with the Constitution for the beginning of the First Regular Session of the 18th Congress, the Acting Secretary General of the House of Representatives under the 17th Congress, Mr. Dante Roberto P. Maling, called the session to order at ten o'clock in the morning.

INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Rep. Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” C. Villanueva of CIBAC Party-List delivered the following invocation:

Tayo pong lahat ay dumako sa diwa ng pananalangin.

Our Almighty God, the only God our beloved country worships, today, we come to You in humility and gratitude. We're humbled because we recognize our nothingness. We are just like any other Filipino seeking to make life better for our countrymen; and yet, by Your grand design, You willed that we are here today, the first day of the 18th Congress, to make a difference for the Philippines and for the Filipinos, as lawmakers. You have chosen each and every one of us here. We recognize that our wisdom is bound by human limitations but we rely on Your infinite wisdom because You said, “The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.”

We come to You, Almighty God, in humility. We shall be effective legislators only through Your help. We are grateful because this is a new day; we have a new beginning for hope; we have a new beginning for unity; we have a new beginning for making right everything that was wrong because You said, “Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.”

We come to you in gratitude because You have chosen us to be part of this new season. Help us, Lord, so that history would be kind to us as the future generation remembers this season in our country.

Bless all the Members of the 18th Congress with divine help, divine strength, and divine knowledge and wisdom in serving our country, including all their respective employees and staff.

All for Your glory in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thereafter, Mr. Arman Ferrer led the singing of the National Anthem.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Presiding Officer, Deputy Secretary General for Operations Atty. David Robert U. Amorin called the Roll of Members elected by legislative districts, apportioned among the provinces, cities, and municipalities; and party-list affiliations, to wit:

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR)

CALOOCAN CITY

First District

HON. DALE “ALONG” R. MALAPITAN

Second District

HON. EDGAR R. ERICE

LAS PIÑAS CITY

Lone District

HON. CAMILLE A. VILLAR

MAKATI CITY

First District

HON. ROMULO “KID” PEÑA JR.

Second District

HON. LUIS N. CAMPOS JR.

MALABON CITY

Lone District

HON. JOSEPHINE VERONIQUE R.
LACSON-NOEL

MANDALUYONG CITY

Lone District

HON. NEPTALI M. GONZALES II

CITY OF MANILA

First District

HON. MANUEL LUIS T. LOPEZ

Second District

HON. ROLANDO M. VALERIANO

Third District

HON. JOHN MARVIN “YUL SERVO” C.
NIETO

Fourth District

HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA

Fifth District

HON. CRISTAL L. BAGATSING

Sixth District

HON. BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE JR.

MARIKINA CITY

First District

HON. BAYANI F. FERNANDO

Second District

HON. STELLA LUZ A. QUIMBO

MUNTINLUPA CITY

Lone District

HON. ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON

NAVOTAS CITY

Lone District

HON. JOHN REYNALD M. TIANGCO

PARAÑAQUE CITY

First District

HON. ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

Second District

HON. JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING

PASAY CITY

Lone District

HON. ANTONINO G. CALIXTO

PASIG CITY

Lone District

HON. ROMAN T. ROMULO

QUEZON CITY

First District

HON. ANTHONY PETER “ONYX” D.
CRISOLOGO

Second District

HON. PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO

Third District

HON. ALLAN REYES

Fourth District

HON. JESUS “BONG” C. SUNTAY

Fifth District

HON. ALFRED D. VARGAS

Sixth District

HON. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y.
BELMONTE

SAN JUAN CITY

Lone District

HON. RONALDO B. ZAMORA

TAGUIG CITY/PATEROS

First District

HON. ALAN PETER “COMPAÑERO” S.
CAYETANO

Second District

HON. MARIA LAARNI CAYETANO

VALENZUELA CITY

First District

HON. WES GATCHALIAN

Second District

HON. ERIC M. MARTINEZ

REGION I (ILOCOS)

ILOCOS NORTE (with the City of Laoag)

First District

HON. RIA CHRISTINA G. FARIÑAS

Second District

HON. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA

ILOCOS SUR (with the Cities of Vigan and Candon)

First District

HON. DEOGRACIAS VICTOR “DV” B.
SAVELLANO

Second District

HON. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN

LA UNION

First District

HON. PABLO C. ORTEGA

Second District

HON. SANDRA Y. ERIGUEL, MD

PANGASINAN

First District

HON. ARNOLD “NOLI” D. CELESTE

Second District

HON. JUMEL ANTHONY I. ESPINO

Third District

HON. ROSE MARIE “BABY” J. ARENAS

Fourth District

HON. CHRISTOPHER V. P. DE VENECIA

Fifth District

HON. RAMON V. GUICO III

Sixth District

HON. TYRONE D. AGABAS

REGION II (CAGAYAN VALLEY)

BATANES

Lone District

HON. CIRIACO B. GATO JR.

CAGAYAN

First District

HON. RAMON C. NOLASCO JR.

Second District

HON. SAMANTHA LOUISE VARGAS
ALFONSO

Third District

HON. JOSEPH "JOJO" L. LARA

ISABELA

First District

HON. ANTONIO "TONYPET" T. ALBANO

Second District

HON. ED CHRISTOPHER S. GO

Third District

HON. IAN PAUL L. DY

Fourth District

HON. ALYSSA SHEENA P. TAN, CPA,
LAWYER

Fifth District

HON. FAUSTINO MICHAEL CARLOS T.
DY III

Sixth District

HON. FAUSTINO "INNO" A. DY V

NUEVA VIZCAYA

Lone District

HON. LUISA LLOREN CUARESMA

QUIRINO

Lone District

HON. JUNIE E. CUA

REGION III (CENTRAL LUZON)**AURORA**

Lone District

HON. ROMMEL RICO T. ANGARA

BATAAN

First District

HON. GERALDINE B. ROMAN

Second District

HON. JOSE ENRIQUE "JOET" S. GARCIA III

BULACAN

First District

HON. "KUYA" JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-
ALVARADO

Second District

HON. GAVINI "APOL" C. PANCHO

Third District

HON. LORNA C. SILVERIO

Fourth District

HON. HENRY R. VILLARICA

SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY

Lone District

HON. FLORIDA "RIDA" P. ROBES

NUEVA ECIJA

First District

HON. ESTRELLITA B. SUANSING

Second District

HON. MICAELA S. VIOLAGO

Third District

HON. ROSANNA "RIA" VERGARA

Fourth District

HON. MARICEL G. NATIVIDAD-
NAGAÑO

PAMPANGA

First District

HON. CARMELO “JON” B. LAZATIN II

Second District

HON. JUAN MIGUEL MACAPAGAL
ARROYO

Third District

HON. AURELIO “DONG” D. GONZALES JR.

Fourth District

HON. JUAN PABLO “RIMPY” P. BONDOC

TARLAC

First District

HON. CARLOS O. COJUANGCO

Second District

HON. VICTOR A. YAP

Third District

HON. NOEL L. VILLANUEVA

ZAMBALES

First District

HON. JEFFREY D. KHONGHUN

Second District

HON. CHERYL P. DELOSOMONTALLA

REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)

BATANGAS (with the City of Tanauan)

First District

HON. ELENITA MILAGROS “EILEEN”
ERMITA-BUHAIN

Second District

HON. RANEO “RANIE” E. ABU

Third District

HON. MA. THERESA V. COLLANTES

Fourth District

HON. LIANDA B. BOLILIA

Fifth District

HON. MARIO VITTORIO “MARVEY” A.
MARIÑO

Sixth District

HON. VILMA SANTOS-RECTO

**CAVITE (with the Cities of Cavite, Trece
Martires, and Tagaytay)**

First District

HON. FRANCIS GERALD AGUINALDO
ABAYA

Second District

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA

Third District

HON. ALEX “AA” L. ADVINCULA

Fourth District

HON. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA JR.

Fifth District

HON. DAHLIA A. LOYOLA

Sixth District

HON. LUIS “JON-JON” A. FERRER IV

Seventh District

HON. JESUS CRISPIN C. REMULLA

Eighth District

HON. ABRAHAM “BAMBOL” N.
TOLENTINO

LAGUNA (with the Cities of Cabuyao, San Pedro, and Sta. Rosa)

Second District

HON. JUAN FIDEL FELIPE F. NOGRALES

First District

HON. DAN S. FERNANDEZ

Second District

HON. RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ

Third District

HON. SOL ARAGONES

Fourth District

HON. BENJAMIN C. AGARAO JR.

BIÑAN CITY

Lone District

HON. MARLYN "LEN" B. ALONTE

CALAMBA CITY

Lone District

HON. JOAQUIN M. CHIPECO JR.

QUEZON (with the City of Lucena)

First District

HON. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA

Second District

HON. DAVID C. SUAREZ

Third District

HON. ALETA C. SUAREZ

Fourth District

HON. ANGELINA "HELEN" D.L. TAN, MD

RIZAL

First District

HON. MICHAEL JOHN R. DUAVIT

ANTIPOLO CITY

First District

HON. ROBERTO V. PUNO

Second District

HON. RESURRECCION M. ACOP

MIMAROPA REGION**MARINDUQUE**

Lone District

HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO

OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

Lone District

HON. JOSEPHINE RAMIREZ-SATO

ORIENTAL MINDORO (with the City of Calapan)

First District

HON. DOY C. LEACHON

Second District

HON. ALFONSO V. UMALI JR.

PALAWAN (with the City of Puerto Princesa)

First District

HON. FRANZ "CHICOY" E. ALVAREZ

Second District

HON. CYRILLE "BENG" F. ABUEG-ZALDIVAR

Third District

HON. GIL "KABARANGAY JR." A. ACOSTA

ROMBLON

Lone District

HON. ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA

REGION V (BICOL)

ALBAY (with the Cities of Legazpi, Ligao, and Tabaco)

First District

HON. EDCEL C. LAGMAN

Second District

HON. JOEY SARTE SALCEDA

Third District

HON. FERNANDO T. CABREDO

CAMARINES NORTE

First District

HON. JOSEFINA B. TALLADO

Second District

HON. MARISOL C. PANOTES

CAMARINES SUR (with the Cities of Naga and Iriga)

First District

HON. MARISSA ANDAYA

Second District

HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE JR.

Third District

HON. GABRIEL H. BORDADO JR.

Fourth District

HON. ARNIE B. FUENTEBELLA

Fifth District

HON. JOCELYN F. FORTUNO

CATANDUANES

Lone District

HON. HECTOR S. SANCHEZ

MASBATE (with the City of Masbate)

First District

HON. NARCISO R. BRAVO JR.

Second District

HON. ELISA "OLGA" T. KHO

Third District

HON. WILTON TAN KHO

SORSOGON (with the City of Sorsogon)

First District

HON. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO

Second District

HON. DITAS B. RAMOS

REGION VI (WESTERN VISAYAS)

AKLAN

First District

HON. CARLITO S. MARQUEZ

Second District

HON. TEODORICO T. HARESCO JR.

ANTIQUÉ

Lone District

HON. LOREN LEGARDA

CAPIZ (with the City of Roxas)

First District

HON. EMMANUEL "TAWI" BILLONES

Second District

HON. FREDENIL "FRED" H. CASTRO

GUIMARAS

Lone District

HON. MA. LUCILLE L. NAVA, MD

ILOILO (with the City of Passi)

First District

HON. JANETTE L. GARIN

Second District

HON. MICHAEL B. GORRICETA

Third District

HON. LORENZ R. DEFENSOR

Fourth District

HON. BRAEDEN JOHN Q. BIRON

Fifth District

HON. RAUL "BOBOY" C. TUPAS

ILOILO CITY

Lone District

HON. JULIENNE "JAM" BARONDA

NEGROS OCCIDENTAL (with the Cities of San Carlos, Cadiz, Bago, La Carlota, Silay, Kabankalan, Sagay, Victorias, Escalante, Sibalay, and Himamaylan)

First District

HON. GERARDO P. VALMAYOR JR.

Second District

HON. LEO RAFAEL M. CUEVA

Third District

HON. JOSE FRANCISCO B. BENITEZ

Fourth District

HON. JULIET MARIE DE LEON FERRER

Fifth District

HON. MA. LOURDES T. ARROYO

Sixth District

HON. GENARO M. ALVAREZ JR.

BACOLOD CITY

Lone District

HON. GREG G. GASATAYA

REGION VII (CENTRAL VISAYAS)**BOHOL (with the City of Tagbilaran)**

First District

HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO

Second District

HON. ERICO ARISTOTLE C.
AUMENTADO

Third District

HON. KRISTINE ALEXIE B. TUTOR

CEBU

First District

HON. EDUARDO "EDDIE" R. GULLAS

Second District

HON. WILFREDO "WILLY" S.
CAMINERO

Third District

HON. PABLO JOHN F. GARCIA

Fourth District

HON. JANICE Z. SALIMBANGON

Fifth District

HON. VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO

Sixth District

HON. EMMARIE M. OUANO-DIZON

Seventh District

HON. PETER JOHN D. CALDERON

CEBU CITY

First District

HON. RAUL V. DEL MAR

Second District

HON. RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA

LAPU-LAPU CITY

Lone District

HON. PAZ C. RADAZA

NEGROS ORIENTAL

First District

HON. JOCELYN SY LIMKAICHONG

Second District

HON. MANUEL T. SAGARBARRIA

Third District

HON. ARNOLFO "ARNIE" A. TEVES JR.

SIQUIJOR

Lone District

HON. JAKE VINCENT VILLA

REGION VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS)

BILIRAN

Lone District

HON. GERRYBOY J. ESPINA JR.

EASTERN SAMAR

Lone District

HON. MARIA FE R. ABUNDA

LEYTE

First District

HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G.
ROMUALDEZ

Second District

HON. LOLITA T. JAVIER

Third District

HON. VICENTE S.E. VELOSO

Fourth District

HON. LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ

Fifth District

HON. CARL NICOLAS C. CARI

NORTHERN SAMAR

First District

HON. PAUL R. DAZA

Second District

HON. JOSE "JUN" L. ONG JR.

SAMAR

First District

HON. EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO

Second District

HON. SHAREE ANN TEE TAN

REGION IX (ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA)

ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE

First District

HON. ROMEO M. JALOSJOS JR.

Second District

HON. GLONA G. LABADLABAD

Third District

HON. ISAGANI S. AMATONG

ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY

First District

HON. WILTER “SHARKY” WEEPALMAII

Second District

HON. ANN K. HOFER

ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR

First District

HON. DIVINA GRACE C. YU

Second District

HON. LEONARDO L. BABASA JR.

ZAMBOANGA CITY

First District

HON. CESAR “JAWO” L. JIMENEZ JR.

Second District

HON. MANUEL JOSE “MANNIX” M.
DALIPE**REGION X (NORTHERN MINDANAO)****BUKIDNON (with the Cities of Malaybalay and
Valencia)**

First District

HON. MA. LOURDES ACOSTA-ALBA

Second District

HON. JONATHAN KEITH T. FLORES

Third District

HON. MANUEL F. ZUBIRI

Fourth District

HON. ROGELIO NEIL P. ROQUE

CAMIGUIN

Lone District

HON. XAVIER JESUS D. ROMUALDO

LANAO DEL NORTE

First District

HON. MOHAMAD KHALID Q.
DIMAPORO

Second District

HON. ABDULLAH D. DIMAPORO

ILIGAN CITY

Lone District

HON. FREDERICK W. SIAO

MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL

First District

HON. DIEGO C. TY

Second District

HON. HENRY S. OAMINAL

MISAMIS ORIENTAL

First District

HON. CHRISTIAN S. UNABIA

Second District

HON. JULIETTE T. UY

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

First District

HON. ROLANDO “KLAREX” A. UY

Second District

HON. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ

REGION XI (DAVAO REGION)

COMPOSTELA VALLEY

First District

HON. WAY KURAT ZAMORA

Second District

HON. RUWEL PETER S. GONZAGA

DAVAO DEL NORTE

First District

HON. PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

Second District

HON. ALAN “ALDU” R. DUJALI

DAVAO OCCIDENTAL

Lone District

HON. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN

DAVAO ORIENTAL

First District

HON. CORAZON T. NUÑEZ-
MALANYAON

Second District

HON. JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO

DAVAO DEL SUR

Lone District

HON. MERCEDES “DIDI” C. CAGAS

DAVAO CITY

First District

HON. PAOLO Z. DUTERTE

Second District

HON. VINCENT J. GARCIA

Third District

HON. ISIDRO T. UNGAB

REGION XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)

**NORTH COTABATO (with the City of
Kidapawan)**

First District

HON. JOSELITO “JOEL” S. SACDALAN

Second District

HON. RUDY S. CAOAGDAN, DPA

Third District

HON. JOSE “PINGPING” I. TEJADA

SARANGANI

Lone District

HON. ROGELIO “RUEL” D. PACQUIAO

SOUTH COTABATO (with Koronadal City)

Second District

HON. FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ

SULTAN KUDARAT	TAWI-TAWI
First District	Lone District
HON. BAI RIHAN M. SAKALURAN*	HON. RASHIDIN H. MATBA
Second District	<u>CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (CAR)</u>
HON. HORACIO P. SUANSING JR.	ABRA
<u>BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)</u>	Lone District
BASILAN	HON. JOSEPH STO. NIÑO B. BERNOS
Lone District	APAYAO
HON. MUJIV S. HATAMAN	Lone District
LANAO DEL SUR	HON. ELIAS C. BULUT JR.
First District	BENGUET
HON. ANSARUDDIN ABDUL MALIK A. ADIONG	Lone District
Second District	HON. NESTOR B. FONGWAN
HON. YASSER ALONTO BALINDONG	BAGUIO CITY
MAGUINDANAO (with Cotabato City)	Lone District
First District	HON. MARK O. GO
HON. DATU ROONIE Q. SINSUAT SR.	IFUGAO
Second District	Lone District
HON. ESMAEL G. MANGUDADATU	HON. SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO
SULU	KALINGA
First District	Lone District
HON. SAMIER A. TAN	HON. ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG
Second District	MOUNTAIN PROVINCE
HON. MUNIR M. ARBISON	Lone District
	HON. MAXIMO Y. DALOG JR.

CARAGA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVES

AGUSAN DEL NORTE

1PACMAN (One Patriotic Coalition of Marginalized Nationals)

First District

HON. LAWRENCE “LAW” H. FORTUN

HON. MICHAEL L. ROMERO, PHD

HON. ENRICO A. PINEDA

Second District

HON. MA. ANGELICA M. AMANTE-MATBA

A TEACHER (Advocacy for Teacher Empowerment Through Action, Cooperation and Harmony Towards Educational Reform)

HON. MA. VICTORIA V. UMALI

AGUSAN DEL SUR (with the City of Bayugan)

AAMBIS-OWA (Ang Asosasyon Sang Mangunguma Nga Bisaya-OWA, Mangunguma-Inc.)

First District

HON. ALFELITO “ALFEL” M. BASCUG

HON. SHARON S. GARIN

Second District

HON. ADOLPH EDWARD G. PLAZA

ABANG LINGKOD (Abang Lingkod, Inc.)

HON. JOSEPH STEPHEN “CARAPS” S. PADUANO

DINAGAT ISLANDS

ABONO

Lone District

HON. ALAN I B. ECLEO

HON. CONRADO M. ESTRELLA III

SURIGAO DEL NORTE

ACT-CIS (Anti-Crime and Terrorism Community Involvement and Support, Inc.)

First District

HON. FRANCISCO JOSE “BINGO” F. MATUGAS II, CPA, CESO, LLB

HON. ERIC GO YAP

HON. JOCELYN P. TULFO

Second District

HON. ROBERT ACE S. BARBERS

HON. NIÑA TADURAN

SURIGAO DEL SUR

ACT TEACHERS

First District

HON. PROSPERO A. PICHAY JR.

HON. FRANCE L. CASTRO

Second District

HON. JOHNNY TY PIMENTEL

AGAP (Agricultural Sector Alliance of the Philippines)

HON. RICO B. GERON

AKO BICOL (Ako Bicol Political Party)

HON. ELIZALDY S. CO

HON. ALFREDO A. GARBIN JR.

AKO BISAYA (Ako Bisaya, Inc.)

HON. SONNY “SL” L. LAGON

AKO PADAYON (Ako Padayon Pilipino)

HON. ADRIANO A. EBCAS

ALONA (Alliance of Organizations, Networks and Associations of the Philippines, Inc.)

HON. ANNA MARIE VILLARAZA-SUAREZ

AMIN (Anak Mindanao)

HON. AMIHILDA J. SANGCOPAN

AN WARAY

HON. FLORENCIO G. NOEL

ANAKALUSUGAN (Alagaan natin ating Kalusugan)

HON. MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR

ANG PROBINSYANO (Alyansa ng mga Mamamayang Probinsyano)

HON. ALFRED C. DELOS SANTOS

HON. RONNIE L. ONG

APEC (Association of Philippine Electric Cooperatives)

HON. SERGIO C. DAGOOC

BAHAY (Bahay Para sa Pamilyang Pilipino, Inc.)

HON. NAEALLA ROSE BAINTO-AGUINALDO

BAYAN MUNA

HON. CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE

HON. FERDINAND R. GAITE

HON. EUFEMIA “KA FEMIA” C. CULLAMAT

BH (Bagong Henerasyon)

HON. BERNADETTE “BH” HERRERA-DY

BHW (Barangay Health Wellness)

HON. ANGELICA NATASHA CO

BUHAY (BUHAY HAYAAN YUMABONG)

HON. JOSE L. ATIENZA JR.

CIBAC (Citizens’ Battle Against Corruption)

HON. EDUARDO “BRO. EDDIE” C. VILLANUEVA

HON. DOMINGO C. RIVERA

COOP-NATCCO (Cooperative NATCCO Network Party)

HON. SABINIANO S. CANAMA

CWS (Construction Workers’ Solidarity)

HON. ROMEO S. MOMO SR.

DIWA (Democratic Independent Workers’ Association)

HON. MICHAEL EDGAR Y. AGLIPAY*

DUMPER PTDA (Dumper Philippines Taxi Drivers Association, Inc.)

HON. CLAUDINE DIANA D. BAUTISTA

GABRIELA (Gabriela Women’s Party)

HON. ARLENE D. BROSAS

GP (Galing sa Puso Party)

HON. JOSE GAY G. PADIERNOS

KABATAAN (KABATAAN PARTY-LIST)

HON. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO

KABAYAN (Kabalikat ng Mamamayan)

HON. RON P. SALO

KALINGA (KALINGA-Advocacy for Social Empowerment and Nation-Building Through Easing Poverty, Inc.)

HON. IRENE GAY F. SAULOG

KUSUG TAUSUG

HON. SHERNEE A. TAN-TAMBU

LPGMA (LPG Marketers Association, Inc.)

HON. RODOLFO B. ALBANO

MAGDALO (Magdalo Para sa Pilipino)

HON. MANUEL DG. CABOCHAN III

MAGSASAKA (Magkakasama sa Sakahan, Kaunlaran)

HON. ARGEL JOSEPH T. CABATBAT

MANILA TEACHERS' (Manila Teachers' Savings and Loan Association, Inc.)

HON. VIRGILIO S. LACSON

MARINO (Marino Samahan ng mga Seaman, Inc.)

HON. CARLO LISANDRO L. GONZALEZ

HON. JOSE ANTONIO G. LOPEZ*

OFW FAMILY (OFW Family Club, Inc.)

HON. ALBERTO "BOBBY" D. PACQUIAO

PATROL (Public Safety Alliance for Transformation and Rule of Law, Inc.)

HON. JORGE ANTONIO P. BUSTOS

PBA (Pwersa ng Bayaning Atleta)

HON. JERICHO JONAS B. NOGRALES

PHILRECA (Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc.)

HON. PRESLEY C. DE JESUS

PROBINSYANO AKO

HON. RUDYS CAESAR G. FARIÑAS I

HON. JOSE "BONITO" C. SINGSON JR.

RAM (Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa)

HON. ALOY LIM

RECOBODA (Rural Electric Consumers and Beneficiaries of Development and Advancement, Inc.)

HON. GODOFREDO N. GUYA

SAGIP (Social Amelioration and Genuine Intervention on Poverty)

HON. RODANTE D. MARCOLETA

TGP (Talino at Galing ng Pinoy)

HON. JOSE "BONG" J. TEVES JR.

TINGOG SINIRANGAN

HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ

TUCP (Trade Union Congress Party)

HON. RAYMOND DEMOCRITO C. MENDOZA

* Absent

With 297 Members responding to the Call, the Presiding Officer declared the presence of a quorum.

DESIGNATION OF ACTING FLOOR LEADER

To ensure orderly proceedings, the Presiding Officer designated Rep. Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu as Acting Floor Leader.

PERIOD OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Abu, there being no objection, the Body proceeded

to the period of nominations for the position of Speaker of the House; and the Presiding Officer then recognized Rep. Paolo Z. Duterte for his nomination speech.

NOMINATION SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DUTERTE

Representative Duterte initially manifested that the term-sharing agreement was between Reps. Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, and Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, and President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. Even as he was against any term-sharing agreement, he however said it was imperative for the Body to elect a new Speaker should the elected Speaker resign after 15 months.

In nominating Representative Cayetano as Speaker of the House of Representatives, Representative Duterte expressed belief that the former is a leader who understands local and national governance, can bridge the different branches of the government, can ably and fearlessly represent the House of Representatives and the Philippines in the international arena, and can best implement the agenda of the Duterte Administration.

SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE VELASCO

On motion of Representative Abu, the Presiding Officer recognized Representative Velasco who seconded the motion for nomination of Representative Cayetano (A.P.) as Speaker of the House. He stated further that by being united and by electing a Speaker known for his integrity, the Body can push for real change and achieve national progress.

SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

Next recognized by the Presiding Officer on Representative Abu’s motion, Representative Romualdez seconded the motion to nominate Representative Cayetano (A.P.) as Speaker of the House.

NOMINATION SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)

Upon motion of Representative Abu, the Presiding Officer recognized Rep. Janette L. Garin

who nominated Rep. Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. as Speaker of the House, whom she believed can best represent the 18th Congress.

SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GARBIN

On motion of Representative Abu, the Presiding Officer recognized Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. who seconded the motion to nominate Representative Abante as Speaker of the House. He stated that Representative Abante is a veteran legislator, a principled advocate, a fiscalizer, a bishop, and a pastor who will not only be a voice of an independent House of Representatives but also a voice of conscience and moral integrity.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD FOR NOMINATIONS

There being no other nominations for the position of Speaker of the House, upon motion of Representative Abu, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of nominations.

NOMINAL VOTING ON THE NOMINEES FOR SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Abu, there being no objection, the Members proceeded to the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Presiding Officer then directed Deputy Secretary General Amorin to call the Roll for nominal voting for the Speaker of the House and requested each Member to state the name of the candidate he or she will vote for.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TAN (A.S.)

During the voting, Rep. Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, CPA, Lawyer requested that her explanation of vote in favor of Representative Cayetano (A.P.) be inserted into the records.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

For Rep. Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano:

Abante	Abu
Abaya	Abueg-Zaldivar
Abellanosa	Abunda

Acop	Cayetano (M.L.)	Gatchalian	Nolasco
Acosta	Celeste	Gato	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Acosta-Alba	Chatto	Geron	Oaminal
Adiong	Chipeco	Go (Ed)	Olivarez
Agabas	Chungalao	Go (Mark)	Ong (Jose)
Agarao	Cojuangco	Gonzaga	Ong (Ronnie)
Albano (A.)	Collantes	Gonzales (A.)	Ortega
Albano (R.)	Crisologo	Gonzales (N.)	Ouano-Dizon
Almario	Cua	Gonzalez	Pacquiao (A.)
Alonte	Cuaresma	Gorriceta	Pacquiao (R.)
Alvarez (F.)	Cueva	Guico	Padiernos
Alvarez (G.)	Dalipe	Gullas	Palma
Alvarez (P.)	Dalog	Haresco	Pancho
Amante-Matba	Daza	Hataman	Panotes
Andaya	De Jesus	Hernandez	Peña
Angara	de Venecia	Herrera-Dy	Pichay
Aragones	Defensor (L.)	Hofer	Pimentel
Arbison	Defensor (M.)	Jalosjos	Pineda
Arenas	Del Mar	Javier	Plaza
Arroyo (J.M.)	Delos Santos	Jimenez	Puno
Arroyo (M.L.)	Deloso-Montalla	Kho (E.)	Radaza
Aumentado	Dimaporo (A.)	Kho (W.)	Ramirez-Sato
Babasa	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Khonghun	Ramos
Bagatsing	Duavit	Labadlabad	Remulla
Bainto-Aguinaldo	Dujali	Lacson	Revilla
Balindong	Duterte	Lacson-Noel	Reyes
Barba	Dy (F.I.)	Lagon	Rivera
Barbers	Dy (F.M.)	Lara	Robes
Baronda	Dy (I.)	Lazatin	Rodriguez
Barzaga	Ebcas	Leachon	Roman
Bascug	Ecleo	Legarda	Romero
Bautista	Enverga	Lim	Romualdez (F.M.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Erice	Lopez (M.L.)	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Benitez	Eriguel	Loyola	Romualdo
Bernos	Ermita-Buhain	Maceda	Romulo
Biazon	Escudero	Madrona	Roque
Billones	Espina	Malapitan	Sacdalán
Biron	Espino	Mangaoang	Sagarbarria
Bolilia	Estrella	Mangudadatu	Salceda
Bondoc	Fariñas (R.C.)	Marcoleta	Salimbangon
Bravo	Fariñas I (R.C.)	Mariano-Hernandez	Salo
Bulut	Fernandez	Mariño	Sanchez
Bustos	Ferrer (J.)	Marquez	Sangcopan
Cabredo	Ferrer (L.)	Martinez	Santos-Recto
Cagas	Flores	Matba	Sarmiento
Calderon	Fongwan	Matugas	Savellano
Calixto	Fortuno	Mendoza	Siao
Caminero	Frasco	Momo	Silverio
Campos	Fuentebella	Natividad-Nagaño	Singson-Meehan
Canama	Garcia (J.E.)	Nava	Sinsuat
Caoagdan	Garcia (P.J.)	Nieto	Suansing (E.)
Cari	Garcia (V.)	Noel	Suansing (H.)
Castelo	Garin (S.)	Nogralés (J.J.)	Suarez (A.)
Castro (F.H.)	Gasataya	Nogralés (J.F.F.)	Suarez (D.)

Suntay	Uy (R.)
Sy-Alvarado	Valeriano
Taduran	Valmayor
Tallado	Vargas
Tambunting	Vargas Alfonso
Tan (A.S.)	Velasco
Tan (A.)	Veloso
Tan (S.)	Vergara
Tan-Tambut	Villa
Tejada	Villafuerte
Teves (J.)	Villanueva (E.)
Tiangco	Villanueva (N.)
Tolentino	Villar
Torres-Gomez	Villaraza-Suarez
Tulfo	Villarica
Tupas	Violago
Tutor	Yap (E.)
Ty	Yap (V.)
Umali (A.)	Yu
Unabia	Zamora (R.)
Ungab	Zamora (W.K.)
Uy (J.)	Zubiri

For Rep. Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.:

Advincula	Fortun
Amatong	Gaite
Belmonte	Garbin
Bordado	Garin (J.)
Brosas	Guya
Cabatbat	Limkaichong
Castro (F.L.)	Paduano
Cayetano (A.P.)	Quimbo
Co (A.N.)	Saulog
Co (E.)	Singson
Cullamat	Tan (S.A.)
Dagooc	Teves (A.)
Elago	Umali (M.V.)
Fernando	Zarate

Abstained:

Atienza
Cabochan

No vote:

Lagman

With 266 Members voting for Representative Cayetano (A.P.), 28 voting for Representative Abante, two abstaining, and one registering a no vote, the Presiding Officer declared Representative

Cayetano as the duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 18th Congress.

COMMITTEE ON NOTIFICATION

On subsequent motion of Representative Abu, there being no objection, the Body constituted a committee composed of the following Members to notify Representative Cayetano (A.P.) of his election as Speaker of the House and to escort the Speaker-elect to the rostrum for his oath-taking: Reps. Duterte, Velasco, Romualdez (F.M.), Roberto V. Puno, Luis Raymund “Lray” F. Villafuerte Jr., Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., Michael John R. Duavit, and Michael L. Romero, PhD.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Presiding Officer *motu proprio* suspended the session at 12:24 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 12:27 p.m.

At this juncture, the Members led by Rep. Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” C. Villanueva laid their hands on Speaker-elect Cayetano (A.P.) and prayed over him.

Whereupon, the Presiding Officer requested Rep. Braeden John Q. Biron to ascend the rostrum to administer the oath of office to the Speaker-elect.

OATH-TAKING OF SPEAKER CAYETANO (A.P.)

Thereafter, Representative Biron administered the oath of office to Representative Cayetano as Speaker of the House of Representatives in the presence of the members of his family and the House Members.

At this juncture, the Presiding Officer relinquished the Chair to Speaker Cayetano who delivered the following acceptance speech.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF SPEAKER CAYETANO (A.P.)

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and everything shall be added unto you.”

As we seek to win the campaign against drugs, crime, and corruption, we also seek to destroy and win the battle against poverty and other things that are ailing the Filipino people and our nation.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte or Mayor Rody, as he is fondly called, wants a safe and comfortable life for all.

The House of Representatives, the House of the People, are partners with the Duterte Administration. We are partners in pursuing a better life for all Filipinos whether we talk about teachers, about senior citizens, about young people, OFWs, professionals, government workers, workers in the private sector, our out-of-school youth, rich or poor, young or old, of whatever persuasion, of whatever religion, we are all connected and united.

Regardless of our religious beliefs, of our personal circumstances, the verse I started with is actually a guide and a fundamental truth. In layman's terms, it is very simple, when we say seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, we are saying, gawin natin kung ano iyong tama, let us do what is right.

People love their Congressmen but they love to hate Congress. This is something I ask all of you, in unison, let us change that because this is the House of the People. We should respect and love our Congressman but we should also feel that the House of Representatives is the House of the People. Tayo po ang takbuhan ng sambayanan. We will do what is right so that we will have a Congress that is relevant, responsive and reliable. United, we commit to God and our people the work of the 18th Congress.

Sa lahat po sa inyo, sa mga Miyembro ng 18th Congress, sa lahat po ng nagdadasal sa ating Kongreso, maraming, maraming salamat po sa inyong tiwala. Sana po ako ay maging worthy at sana po ay tulungan ninyo ako para sa loob po ng 15 buwan ay mapagsilbihan po natin ang ating mga kababayan nang mabuti at lahat po ng nasa legislative agenda, ubusin na natin at ipasa na natin dahil mas magandang magawa na natin ito kaagad.

Again, maraming, maraming salamat sa inyo.

ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL RULES OF THE HOUSE

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Abu, there being no objection, the Body adopted the Rules of the 17th Congress as the Provisional Rules of the House to govern its proceedings until the adoption of the House Rules for the 18th Congress.

OATH-TAKING OF MEMBERS

On motion of Representative Abu, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the oath-taking of the Members of the House.

Thereafter, Speaker Cayetano (A.P.) administered the oath of office to all the Members of the House of the 18th Congress.

NOMINATION SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ABU

At this point, Representative Abu said that the man he was about to nominate has a reputation of being a conscientious builder, tough, hardworking, fair, and most importantly generous of mind, heart, and spirit, whom the House of Representatives needs in these crucial and critical three years. He then cited his nominee's academic achievements, experiences in the private sector, as well as achievements in the public service as a three-term Representative of the First District of Leyte.

Representative Abu expressed belief that as a doting father to four children and as a loving husband to his wife, Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, his nominee, by virtue of being a family man, will serve the Chamber and the country to the greatest of his ability and with utmost dedication and sincerity because the latter believes in helping shape a better future for his children.

With the firmest of conviction and with great honor and pride, Representative Abu said that the majority Members of the House of Representatives nominate Rep. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez as Majority Leader of the House for the 18th Congress.

**ELECTION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)
AS MAJORITY LEADER**

Upon motion of Representative Abu, there being no objection, the Body elected Representative Romualdez as Majority Leader of the House.

**REMARKS OF MAJORITY
LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)**

Majority Leader Romualdez thanked all his colleagues and vowed to serve them all and the Republic of the Philippines.

**OATH-TAKING OF MAJORITY
LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)**

Representative Romualdez ascended the rostrum with his family and took his oath of office before Speaker Cayetano (A.P.) as Majority Leader of the House.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKERS

On motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members as Deputy Speakers of the House: Reps. Paolo Z. Duterte, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Evelina G. Escudero, Loren Legarda, Conrado M. Estrella III, Prospero A. Pichay Jr., Roberto V. Puno, Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” C. Villanueva, Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., Johnny Ty Pimentel, and Luis Raymund “Lray” F. Villafuerte Jr.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL

On further motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body elected Atty. Jose Luis G. Montales as the Secretary General of the House.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

On motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body elected

retired Police Deputy Director General Ramon C. Apolinario as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

**OATH-TAKING OF
THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

Upon request of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), Atty. Jose Luis G. Montales, together with his family, ascended the rostrum and took his oath as the Secretary General of the House, before Speaker Cayetano (A.P.).

**OATH-TAKING OF
THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Upon further request of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), retired Police Deputy Director General Apolinario ascended the rostrum with the members of his family, and took his oath as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House before the Speaker.

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF
HOUSE RESOLUTIONS NO. 73 AND 74 AND
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2**

On successive motions of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions and Concurrent Resolution; dispensed with the reading of the texts thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House; and unanimously adopted said measures, entitled:

1. House Resolution No. 73, entitled: “RESOLUTION INFORMING THE SENATE THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AND HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS”;

2. House Resolution No. 74, entitled: “RESOLUTION INFORMING PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AND HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS”; and

3. House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, entitled: “CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO HOLD A JOINT SESSION TO HEAR THE MESSAGE OF THE

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.”

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Whereupon, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), the session was suspended at 1:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 1:01 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

On motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Secretary General read the following Message from the Senate which the Chair referred to the Archives:

Message dated July 22, 2019 informing the House that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Resolution No. 1.

ADOPTION OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

On successive motions of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body considered Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House, and adopted the measure, entitled: “CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT CONGRESS, NOW CONVENED FOR ITS FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, IS READY TO HEAR HIS STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS IN A JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES.”

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Whereupon, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), the session was suspended at 1:04 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 1:04 p.m.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON NOTIFICATION

With the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body designated Deputy Speakers Duterte, Hernandez, Escudero, and Legarda to notify the President that Congress was already convened and ready to receive his message in a joint session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Whereupon, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), the session was suspended at 1:06 p.m. to allow the Joint Committee on Notification to perform its assigned task and report back its accomplishment to the House.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 1:08 p.m.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE REMULLA AS SENIOR DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Jesus Crispin C. Remulla as Senior Deputy Majority Leader.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

On successive motions of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Isidro T. Ungab as Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations; and Rep. Abraham “Bambol” N. Tolentino as Chairperson of the Committee on Accounts.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

Whereupon, Majority Leader Romualdez informed the Body that the House had received a report from the Joint Committee on Notification that President Duterte had been informed that Congress will convene in Joint Session at four o'clock that afternoon to hear his State of the Nation Address. He also reminded the Members to be in the Session

Hall before the four o'clock joint session, preferably before three o'clock as there will be a lockdown.

Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

The Chair duly noted Majority Leader Romualdez's remarks.

It was 1:11 p.m.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Thereafter, the Chair reminded the Deputy Speakers who were elected earlier to take their oath right after the adjournment of the session.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the


ATTY. JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

Approved on July 23, 2019.