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CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. called the session to order.

INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Members observed a minute of silent prayer and thereafter sang the National Anthem.

DEFERMENT OF ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Aglipay, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions, including the Communications, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4221, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUMMARY TITLING OF REAL PROPERTIES USED AS SITES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS”

By Representative Rodriguez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4222, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC AND CABLE WIRES, AND POSTS BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING”

By Representative Go (Mark)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4223, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 8794 ENTITLED 'AN ACT IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER’S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4224, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BRAULIO E. DUJALI, DAVAO DEL NORTE FROM A FOURTH-CLASS INTO A FIRST-CLASS MUNICIPALITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dujali

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4225, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SIBUCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LUNDAY ANNEX IN BARANGAY LUNDAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUCO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE SIBUCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LUNDAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4226, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIOCON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS

SIOCON SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4227, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING LABASON
CENTRAL SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
LOPOC, MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL
NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED
SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LABASON
INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4229, entitled:

“AN ACT FOR THE STEWARDSHIP AND
CONSERVATION OF BUILT CULTURAL
HERITAGE”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4230, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING
MALASAKIT CENTERS TO
COMPLEMENT THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
'UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT'
BY REQUIRING PHILHEALTH TO
ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
MALASAKIT CENTERS IN ALL DOH,
LGU, SUC AND DND HOSPITALS
IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representatives Yap (Eric), Tulfo and Taduran
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4231, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL
BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL
REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CANDIJAY, AND
AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF VALENCIA,
BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE

KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,' AS
AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tutor
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4232, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOL
HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICE
IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN
THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING
ITS MANDATES, MANPOWER
COMPLEMENT, AND FUNDING, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tutor
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4233, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE
INDISCRIMINATE DISPOSAL OF
ELECTRONIC WASTE AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4234, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LA PAZ
DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVINCE
OF ABRA INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL
UNDER THE FULL AUTHORITY AND
TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO BE
KNOWN AS THE LA PAZ GENERAL
HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED
CAPACITY FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25)
TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bernos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4235, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL
MEASUREMENT INFRASTRUCTURE
SYSTEM (NMIS) AMENDING RA 9236
ALSO KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL
METROLOGY ACT OF 2003 AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan,
Martinez and Valeriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4236, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS IN THE BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING (BPO) INDUSTRY”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4237, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A STANDARD OF CARE FOR THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH BLEEDING DISORDERS, ESTABLISHING TREATMENT CENTERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4238, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUUK, PROVINCE OF SULU, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF SULU, TO BE KNOWN AS LUUK AIRPORT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Arbison
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4239, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE JCT. MAYOR DEMOCRITO D. PLAZA II AVENUE-LEMON-ANTONGALON ROAD-JCT. DAANG MAHARLIKA (SURIGAO-AGUSAN SECTION) IN BUTUAN CITY INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4240, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE JCT. MAYOR DEMOCRITO D. PLAZA II AVENUE-LEMON - MAGUINDA - FLORIDA ROAD IN BUTUAN CITY-BONIFACIO ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAS NIEVES, AGUSAN DEL NORTE INTO A

NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4241, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE EVICTION OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS OR THE DEMOLITION OF THEIR DWELLINGS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992' ”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4242, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000' ”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4243, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SYSTEM OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR ADDRESSING THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE PROVIDING FOR ITS PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 4244, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SYSTEM OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEOPLE’S COUNCIL IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 4245, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ON-SITE, IN-CITY OR NEAR-CITY RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PEOPLE’S PLAN AND MANDATING RELOCATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PROVIDE OTHER BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD COMPONENTS IN FAVOR OF THE RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992' ”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4246, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 449, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COCKFIGHTING LAW OF 1974, AS AMENDED, AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1802-A IN ORDER TO RATIONALIZE AND STRENGTHEN THE REGULATION OF COCKFIGHTING BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS”

By Representative Garcia (Pablo John)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 4247, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE THIRD DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATALAM, PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tejada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4248, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS IN THE CITY OF BALANGA, PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATAAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia (Jose Enrique)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4249, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS IN EVERY REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia (Jose Enrique)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4250, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAYS”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4251, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER, IRRIGATION, SEWAGE AND SANITATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4252, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND TRAUMA CENTER AT THE LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL LOCATED AT ABATAN, BAUKO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE CHANGING ITS NAME FROM LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND TRAUMA CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dalog
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4253, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILD WELFARE CENTER IN EVERY CAPITAL TOWN, AND CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Panotes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 4254, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION SKILLS AND

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY -
LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY PROVINCIAL TRAINING
CENTER (TESDA-LLDA PTC) IN
CALAUAN, LAGUNA, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aragones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4255, entitled:

“AN ACT REVITALIZING THE PHILIPPINE
MOVIE INDUSTRY THROUGH
INCREASED SCREENING TIME IN
MOVIE THEATERS AND OTHER
INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 4256, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING RURAL BANKS
IN THE PHILIPPINES AMENDING
FURTHER FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7353 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE RURAL BANKS ACT
OF 1992, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Garin (Sharon), Garbin and
Bautista
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL
INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4257, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PARTY-
LIST SYSTEM, AMENDING REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7941, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE 'PARTY-LIST SYSTEM ACT' ”

By Representative Garin (Sharon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 4258, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILAND
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK
CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH,
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Silverio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4259, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING GOOD
MANNERS AND RIGHT CONDUCT

AND CHARACTER EDUCATION IN THE
CURRICULUM OF ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY LEVEL”

By Representative Silverio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4260, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
CONVERSION OF THE PIGDAULAN-
MAHAY ROAD – JCT. MAYOR
DEMOCRITO D. PLAZA II
AVENUE IN BUTUAN CITY INTO A
NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4261, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL DEEP-
WELL OWNERS AND OPERATORS,
INCLUDING APPLICANTS FOR
WATER EXTRACTION PERMITS TO
INCORPORATE, CONSTRUCT AND
INSTALL ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE
WELLS SO THAT THE WATER THEY
EXTRACT FROM THE AQUIFERS WILL
BE REPLENISHED THUS HELPING
MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE EL
NIÑO, CLIMATE CHANGE AND OTHER
PROBLEMS ON FRESH WATER, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4262, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS IN THE INTEGRATION
OF ROTC AND CAT PROGRAMS IN
THEIR RESPECTIVE CURRICULUMS
TO BRING ABOUT THE REALIZATION
OF FUNDAMENTAL IDEALS OF
PATRIOTISM AND PUBLIC SERVICE IN
OUR YOUTH”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4263, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE
ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY,

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Go (Mark)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MICRO, SMALL AND
MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4264, entitled:

“AN ACT STANDARDIZING THE
CLASSIFICATION OF HOSPITALS IN
THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
4226, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
HOSPITAL LICENSURE ACT”

By Representative Roman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4265, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL
BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS
ORIENTAL TO BE STATIONED AT THE
MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (K) OF BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS
AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (Juliette)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4266, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
MANDATORY INSPECTION,
VERIFICATION, TESTING AND
CERTIFICATION FOR ALL OIL AND
FUEL PRODUCTS, TO CURTAIL
SMUGGLING, TO MEET THE GLOBAL
BENCHMARK FOR QUALITY AND
INTEGRITY, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 4267, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE
NUCLEAR REGULATORY AND
RESEARCH COMMISSION, PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 4268, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7042,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FOREIGN
INVESTMENTS ACT OF 1991, TO
AUGMENT FOREIGN INVESTMENT, TO
PROMOTE SUPPLEMENTARY SOURCE
OF REVENUE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4269, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND ACCELERATE
FARM LAND LEVELING AND
RECONSTRUCTION IN AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTION AREAS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Romero and Pineda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4270, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
CONVERSION OF THE JCT. BUTUAN
CITY–MALAYBALAY ROAD–DULAG–
SIMBALAN–JCT. BUENAVISTA–
BUHAGUT ROAD IN BUTUAN CITY
INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4271, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING STANDARDIZED
SALARY AND OTHER BENEFITS TO
BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY
HEALTH WORKERS’ BENEFITS AND
INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995”

By Representative Suarez (Aleta)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4272, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
EDUCATION SCHOOL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BANAYBANAY,
PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL
TO BE KNOWN AS BANAYBANAY
CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTER AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4273, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
EDUCATION SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
LUZON, MUNICIPALITY OF
GOVERNOR GENEROSO, PROVINCE
OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN
AS LUZON CENTRAL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4274, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
EDUCATION SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
LA UNION, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN
ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO
ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS LA
UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTER AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4275, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
EDUCATION SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
DAWAN, CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE
OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN
AS DAWAN CENTRAL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4276, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
EDUCATION INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY CENTRAL, CITY OF MATI,
PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO
BE KNOWN AS RABAT - ROCAMORA
OF MATI SPECIAL EDUCATION

INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4277, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
EDUCATION SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
MACANGAO, MUNICIPALITY OF
LUPON, PROVINCE OF DAVAO
ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS
MACANGAO CENTRAL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4278, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
EDUCATION SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
DAHICAN, CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE
OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN
AS DON LUIS RABAT SR. ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4279, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE IGAY-
MONTALBAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN
THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE,
PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4280, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RENTAL
SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL
SETTLER FAMILIES (ISFs)”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 280, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEES ON JUSTICE; REVISIONS

OF LAWS; AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 10592 WITH THE END IN VIEW OF AMENDING THE SAME IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THOSE PRISONERS WHO TRULY DESERVE TO BE THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE LAW SHALL BE GRANTED ACCORDINGLY”

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 281, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE 2019 METROBANK FOUNDATION TEN OUTSTANDING FILIPINO AWARDEES”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 282, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE ORDER OF PRESIDENT DUTERTE DIRECTING THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT CONVICTED EX-MAYOR ANTONIO SANCHEZ BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MASS RELEASE OF CONVICTS, PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 10592”

By Representative Suarez (Aleta)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Resolution No. 283, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DIRE IMPACTS OF THE RICE LIBERALIZATION AND TARIFFICATION LAW (RA 11203) ON RICE FARMERS, RICE MILLERS, RETAILERS, CONSUMERS AND ON THE FINANCIAL SECTOR”

By Representatives Brosas, Zarate, Castro (France), Go (Ed), Dy (Faustino Michael), Dy (Faustino Inno) and Cabatbat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 284, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE

OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE INVENTION OF THE UNIVERSAL STRUCTURAL HEALTH EVALUATION AND RECORDING (USHER) SYSTEM BY MAPUA UNIVERSITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR INDUSTRY, ENERGY AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT”

By Representative Crisologo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Resolution No. 285, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10592, OPPOSING MOVES TO RELEASE PRISONERS CONVICTED OF HEINOUS CRIMES INCLUDING FORMER CALAUAN, LAGUNA MAYOR ANTONIO SANCHEZ”

By Representatives Brosas, Zarate, Gaita, Cullamat, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 286, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, ON THE APPARENT FAILURE OF MARINA AND THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD TO ENSURE THE SEAWORTHINESS OF M/V LITE FERRY 16 THAT CAUGHT ABLAZE WHICH RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF LIVES AND PROPERTIES AND THE ACTUAL DELAY IN THE RESCUE OF PASSENGERS WHO WERE ADRIFT AT OPEN SEA”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 287, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MILITARY ENCAMPMENT OF CIVILIAN FACILITIES AND HOMES BY THE ARMY’S 9TH SPECIAL FORCES

AND THE 26TH INFANTRY BATTALION
IN THE LUMAD COMMUNITY IN BRGY.
DIATAGON, LIANGA, SURIGAO DEL
SUR”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaité,
Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 288, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE EXTRA-
JUDICIAL KILLINGS OF ALCADEV
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITO
SAMARCA, MANOBO LUMAD
LEADERS DIONEL CAMPOS AND DATU
JUVELLO SINZO, ON SEPTEMBER 1,
2015 IN LIANGA, SURIGAO DEL SUR,
PERPETRATED BY MEMBERS OF THE
PARA-MILITARY GROUP MAGAHAT-
BAGANI AND THE PHILIPPINE ARMY”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaité,
Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 289, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A
PROFOUND COMMENDATION TO
MAJOR ROMULO G. DIMAYUGA II
PN(M) AND POLICE COLONEL EDWIN
A QUILATES AS RECIPIENTS OF THE
2019 METROBANK FOUNDATION
OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 290, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE
HOUSE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
REPUBLIC ACT 11203, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE RICE TARIFFICATION
LAW”

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 291, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OUR
SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR THE
INAUGURATION AND OPENING OF

THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO MUSEUM ON
AUGUST 31, 2019”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 292, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE
ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT, AND
OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES
TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF OUR
COUNTRY’S IMMIGRATION AND
LABOR LAWS BY POGO OPERATORS
WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING
LAWS TO REGULATE OFFSHORE
GAMING OPERATIONS”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 293, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
AND COMMENDING POLICE MAJOR
ROBERT A. REYES, A SON OF
ROSARIO, BATANGAS, AS ONE OF THE
OUTSTANDING POLICE OFFICERS OF
2019 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK
FOUNDATION”

By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 294, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, TO REVISIT THE
MANDATE OF THE LANDBANK OF THE
PHILIPPINES (LBP) WITH RESPECT
TO THE NEEDS OF AGRICULTURAL
SECTORS”

By Representative Geron
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 295, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48, S. 2001”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 296, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PDBF - PHILIPPINE PARADRAGON ELITE TEAM COMPOSING OF ATHLETES FROM THE PADS ADAPTIVE DRAGON BOAT TEAM OF CEBU CITY FOR WINNING FOUR GOLD MEDALS AND A NEW WORLD RECORD AT THE 14TH INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION WORLD DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN PATTAYA, THAILAND LAST AUGUST 20-25, 2019”

By Representative Del Mar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 297, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ALDREAN PAUL ELVIRA ALOGON FOR BEING AWARDED WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS FREEMAN ASIAN SCHOLARSHIP AT THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTICUT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

By Representative Lagon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 298, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAYOR FRANCISCO 'ISKO MORENO' DOMAGOSO FOR HIS DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANILA WHOSE DECISIVE PROGRAMS AND ACTIONS IN HIS FIRST FEW WEEKS IN OFFICE RAISED THE BAR IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE ESPECIALLY IN METRO MANILA”

By Representative Lagon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Resolution No. 299, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF MRS. MIGDONIA ARREZA PICHAY, MOTHER OF DEPUTY SPEAKER PROSPERO PICHAY, JR., REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Abante
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 300, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE UTMOST CONCERN AND COMPASSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES IN LAOAG CITY AND SEVERAL MUNICIPALITIES IN ILOCOS NORTE BROUGHT ABOUT BY SEVERE TROPICAL STORM 'INENG' ”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand), Abante, Fariñas (Rudys Caesar) and Fariñas (Ria)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 301, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE REGINA PAZ 'GINA' L. LOPEZ, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Abante
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated June 24, 2019 of Atty. Roy L. Ursal, Regional Director, Commission on Audit, Regional Office No. XI, Davao City, furnishing the House of Representatives with a copy of the 2018 Annual Audit Reports (AARs) of the following Water Districts and Stand Alone Agency:

A. Water Districts

1. Bansalan Water District, Bansalan, Province of Davao del Sur;
2. Davao City Water District, Davao City;
3. Digos Water District, Digos City, Province of Davao del Sur;
4. Hagonoy Water District, Hagonoy, Province of Davao del Sur;
5. IGACOS Water District, Island Garden City of Samal (IGACOS), Province of Davao del Norte;
6. Kiblawan Water District, Kiblawan, Province of Davao del Sur;
7. Panabo Water District, Panabo City, Province of Davao del Norte;

8. Tagum Water District, Tagum City, Province of Davao del Norte;
9. Asuncion Water District, Asuncion, Province of Davao del Norte;
10. Baganga Water District, Baganga, Province of Davao Oriental;
11. Braulio E. Dujali Water District, B.E. Dujali, Province of Davao del Norte;
12. Carmen Water District, Carmen, Province of Davao del Norte;
13. Compostela Water District, Compostela, Province of Davao de Oro;
14. Kapalong Water District, Kapalong, Province of Davao del Norte;
15. Lupon Water District, Lupon, Province of Davao Oriental;
16. Mati Water District, Mati City, Province of Davao Oriental;
17. Nabunturan Water District, Nabunturan, Province of Davao de Oro;
18. New Corella Water District, New Corella, Province of Davao del Norte;
19. San Isidro Water District, San Isidro, Province of Davao Oriental; and
20. Tarragona Water District, Tarragona, Province of Davao Oriental.

B. Stand Alone Agency

1. Southern Philippines Development Authority, Davao City, Province of Davao del Sur.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 9, 2019 of Maria Gleda E. Lim, State Auditor V, Supervising Auditor, Audit Groups CGS I and II – Water Districts and Other CGS Stand Alone Agencies, Regional Office No. VI, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with a copy of the Annual Audit Report on the Bugasong Water District, Bugasong, Antique for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 11, 2019 of Jose A. Fabia, Commissioner, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2018 Consolidated Annual Audit Reports/ Annual Audit Reports on the following national government agencies:

A. Consolidated Annual Audit Reports

1. Bureau of Internal Revenue;
2. Bureau of Local Government Finance;
3. Bureau of the Treasury – National Government;
4. Bureau of the Treasury – Proper;

5. Department of Budget and Management;
6. National Economic and Development Authority;
7. Philippine Statistics Authority;
8. Procurement Service;
9. Securities and Exchange Commission; and
10. Bureau of Customs.

B. Annual Audit Reports

1. Anti-Money Laundering Council;
2. Central Board of Assessment Appeals;
3. Department of Finance;
4. Government Procurement Policy Board – Technical Support Office;
5. Insurance Commission;
6. Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council;
7. Municipal Development Fund Office;
8. National Tax Research Center;
9. Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency;
10. Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute;
11. Privatization and Management Office;
12. Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines; and
13. Tariff Commission.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 22, 2019 of Josephine R. Santiago, Director General, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, furnishing the House of Representatives the Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) on Audit Observation and Recommendations for Calendar Year 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Letter dated July 25, 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the transmitted 2018 Consolidated Annual Audit Report/Annual Audit Reports on the following national government agencies:

A. Consolidated Annual Audit Report

1. Commission on Audit.

B. Annual Audit Reports

1. Senate of the Philippines;
2. Commission on Appointments;
3. House of Representatives;
4. Supreme Court of the Philippines;
5. Court of Appeals;
6. Sandiganbayan; and
7. Court of Tax Appeals.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 29, 2019 of Mario G. Lipana, Director III, Officer-in-Charge, Regional Office No. IV-A, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports (AARs) on the following Water Districts:

1. Tagkawayan Water District, Tagkawayan, Quezon (CY 2015-2018);
2. Silang Water District, Silang, Cavite;
3. Trece Martires City Water District, Trece Martires City, Cavite;
4. San Pedro Water District, San Pedro City, Laguna;
5. Tagaytay City Water District, Tagaytay City, Cavite;
6. Batangas City Water District, Alangilan, Batangas City;
7. Calamba Water District, Calamba City, Laguna;
8. San Pablo City Water District, San Pablo City, Laguna; and
9. Candelaria Water District, Candelaria, Quezon (CY 2015-2018).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 19, 20, 22 and 23 August 2019 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Docketing, Monitoring and Records Division, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-056 dated 9 August 2019;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-057 dated 13 August 2019;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-058 dated 14 August 2019;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-059 dated 19 August 2019; and
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-060 dated 19 August 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Alfred C. Delos Santos, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abante
Abellanosa

Abu
Abueg-Zaldivar

Abunda
Acop
Acosta
Advincula
Agabas
Agarao
Aglipay
Aguinaldo
Albano (A.)
Almario
Alvarez (G.)
Amatong
Andaya
Angara
Arbison
Arenas
Arroyo
Atienza
Aumentado
Babasa
Bagatsing
Balindong
Barba
Barbers
Baronda
Barzaga
Bascug
Bautista
Bautista-Bandigan
Benitez
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo
Brosas
Bustos
Cabatbat
CaboChan
Cabredo
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Caoagdan
Cari
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano (A.P.)
Cayetano (M.L.)
Celeste
Chatto

Chipeco
Chungalao
Co (A.N.)
Collantes
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Cullamat
Dagooc
Dalipe
Dalog
De Jesus
de Venecia
Defensor (L.)
Del Mar
Delos Santos
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dujali
Duterte
Dy (F.)
Dy (F.M.C.)
Ebcas
Ecleo
Elago
Eric
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Estrella
Fariñas (R.C.)
Fariñas I (R.C.)
Ferrer (J.M.)
Ferrer (L.)
Flores
Fongwan
Fortun
Fortuno
Frasco
Fuentebella
Gait
Garbin
Garcia (P.J.)
Garin (J.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Gato
Geron
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.)

Gonzalez	Radaza
Guico	Ramirez-Sato
Gullas	Ramos
Guya	Remulla
Haresco	Revilla
Hataman	Reyes
Hernandez	Rivera
Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez
Javier	Romualdez (F.M.)
Jimenez	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Kho (E.)	Romualdo
Kho (W.)	Roque
Khonghun	Sacdalan
Lacson	Sagarbarria
Lacson-Noel	Salimbangon
Lagman	Salo
Lagon	Sanchez
Lara	Sangcopan
Legarda	Sarmiento
Lim	Saulog
Limkaichong	Savellano
Lopez	Singson
Loyola	Singson-Meehan
Macapagal Arroyo	Sinsuat
Maceda	Suansing (E.)
Mangaoang	Suansing (H.)
Mangudadatu	Suarez (D.)
Mariano-Hernandez	Suntay
Mariño	Sy-Alvarado
Marquez	Taduran
Matugas	Tallado
Mendoza	Tambunting
Momo	Tan (A.S.)
Natividad-Nagaño	Tan (S.A.)
Nieto	Tejada
Noel	Teves (J.)
Nolasco	Tiangco
Oaminal	Tolentino
Ong (J.)	Torres-Gomez
Ong (R.)	Tulfo
Ortega	Tupas
Ouano-Dizon	Tutor
Pacquiao (A.)	Ty
Pacquiao (R.)	Umali (A.)
Padiernos	Umali (M.V.)
Paduano	Unabia
Palma	Ungab
Pancho	Uy (J.)
Panotes	Uy (R.)
Peña	Valeriano
Pimentel	Valmayor
Pineda	Vargas
Plaza	Vargas Alfonso
Quimbo	Velasco

Veloso	Yu
Villanueva (E.)	Zamora (R.)
Villanueva (N.)	Zamora (W.K.)
Villar	Zarate
Yap (E.)	

With 229 Members responding to the call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Sharee Ann Tee Tan, Edgar M. Chatto, and Irene Gay F. Saulog.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Johnny Ty Pimentel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 304

On motion of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 304 contained in Committee Report No. 4 as submitted 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 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 42, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 73, 108, 121, 122, 123, 174, 176, 179, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, and 199; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 127, 175, 177, 178, 180, 192, AND 193; ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Representative Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing, senior vice chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means and a principal author of the Bill, to sponsor the measure.

**TERMINATION OF PERIOD
OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 304**

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

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON
SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 304**

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 304.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 78**

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 78 contained in Committee Report No. 5 and submitted by the Committee on Economic Affairs.

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

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PUBLIC SERVICE ACT', AS AMENDED.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

Representative Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Sharon S. Garin, chairperson of the sponsoring committee, to sponsor the measure.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (S.)**

Representative Garin explained why certain provisions of the 1936 Public Service Act were already outdated and there was an urgent need to amend it to match recent developments such as globalization, rapid technological advancement, and increased economic competition among countries. In this regard, she called for the immediate enactment of the Bill.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON
SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78**

Thereupon, on further motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4157**

On another motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4157 contained in Committee Report No. 2 as reported out by the Committees on Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5, 20, 22, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 117, 204, 222, 237, 237-A, 255, 256, 257, 258, 261, 263, 264, 266, 275, 290, 291, 292 AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 6-A, 282-A, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315 AND 316 ALL UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Representative Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, and a principal author of House Bill No. 4157, to sponsor the same.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA

Representative Salceda requested that his Explanatory Note on House Bill No. 4157 be inserted into the records as his sponsorship speech on the measure. He stated that the Bill is the biggest tax reform structure that would ensure competitiveness and level the playing field for businesses thus having an enormous impact on consumers.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Bondoc, Rep. Arlene D. Brosas initially stated that the Corporate Income Tax and Incentives Rationalization Act or CITIRA should first be understood by the common people and opined that the country's tax reform system was flawed. She then discussed with the Sponsor the state of the Philippine economy as well as the reasons for lowering corporate income tax (CIT) even if corporations are enjoying rising profits due to their current tax incentives. This, as she noted that there are other problems that could discourage investments such as inefficiency in the government bureaucracy and lack of necessary infrastructure.

In response, Representative Garin (S.) whom the Chair recognized, argued that aside from the Bill, there were other measures filed and existing government programs that would address the said issues. The Members then exchanged views on the benefits from lowering CIT and those who would gain from these.

Representative Brosas thereafter expressed apprehension over the possibility that micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) cannot be included in the Strategic Investment Priorities Plan (SIPP), but Representative Garin assured her that the Bill did not make any qualification about the size of companies that could avail of fiscal incentives. They also debated on the role of large corporations in, and the need for a comprehensive strategy for, national development and industrialization.

Representative Brosas finally said that she does not support the CITIRA because it will only benefit big corporations and might plunge the poor deeper into poverty.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman sought clarification on CITIRA's objective to generate jobs vis-à-vis the Tax Reform for Attracting Better and High Quality Opportunities (TRABAHO) Bill which the House approved on Third Reading during the 17th Congress. They debated on the matter of changing the name of the measure from TRABAHO to CITIRA even if they are the same. His succeeding questions looked into the Explanatory Notes on the various bills filed by Representative Salceda and consolidated in House Bill No. 4157. Representative Lagman pointed out that they did not mention anything about job generation.

Subsequently, the Members discussed about the projected savings of corporations under the CITIRA, the empirical basis thereto, and the option of corporations to use the said savings to expand investments. Representative Lagman also pointed out that there are other considerations for investments, such as ease of doing business, peace and order, confidence of investors in government policies, and human rights issues.

In his subsequent points, Representative Lagman stressed that low CIT does not necessarily mean high foreign direct investment inflows.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Salceda, the Chair suspended the session at 7:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:38 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN (Continuation)

Thereafter, Representative Lagman pointed out that under the Bill, foregone revenues from the decrease of CIT would be very high by its 10th year.

He then suggested that instead of projected deficit, suspension of lowering CIT rate in a given year should be based on actual deficit. The Sponsor agreed to consider an amendment on the matter during the period of amendments.

Representatives Lagman and Salceda continued to discuss the constitutionality of the Bill with regard to its provisions on the reduction of CIT and rationalization of fiscal incentives, and its corresponding amendments to the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC).

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA-DY

At this point, Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy reminded Representative Lagman to wrap up his interpellation because his allotted time was already up.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN (Continuation)

Representative Lagman noted that Representative Rodriguez was allowed to interpellate on the measure for almost three hours. He thereafter stated that he would be willing to continue with his interpellation at another time.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. for a manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE

Minority Leader Abante manifested that he would be submitting his questions with regard to House Bill No. 4157 and requested that the Sponsor provide him with a written response. He likewise manifested that the Minority would be submitting some amendments and hoped that the Sponsor would take some time to study them to have a better or modified Bill.

Although he manifested to submit the list of questions, Minority Leader Abante enumerated some of the points that he would be asking about, including the penalties on divulging confidential information, and the need to rationalize the tax burden between corporations and individuals.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4157

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4157.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 304

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 304 contained in Committee Report No. 4 as reported out by the Committee on Ways and Means, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 42, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 73, 108, 121, 122, 123, 174, 176, 179, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, AND 199; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 127, 175, 177, 178, 180, 192, AND 193; ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Representative Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of amendments; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Salceda, chairperson of the sponsoring committee and a principal author of the Bill, to sponsor the measure.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA

Stating that there were no committee amendments to be introduced, Representative Salceda explained that the substitute bill for House Bill No. 304, copies of which had been distributed earlier, serves as the committee amendments pursuant to Section 104 of the provisional House Rules.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION

Pursuant to Section 104 of the provisional Rules of the House, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved to amend by substitution the entire Bill as contained in Committee Report No. 4 with the contents of the substitute Bill, copies of which had been distributed to the Members earlier.

PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

On further motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the period of individual amendments, to give ample time to the Members to study the substituted measure.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 304

Representative Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status of House Bill No. 304 as substituted and amended was that it was in the period of individual amendments; and on his motion, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the consideration of House Bill No. 304.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4157

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4157 contained in Committee Report No. 2 as reported out by the Committees on Ways and Means, and Appropriations, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5, 20, 22, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 117, 204, 222, 237, 237-A, 255, 256, 257, 258, 261, 263, 264, 266, 275, 290, 291, 292 AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 6-A, 282-A, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315 AND 316 ALL UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

On motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Representative Salceda, chairperson of the sponsoring committee and a principal author of the Bill, to defend the measure.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION

Pursuant to Section 104 of the provisional Rules of the House, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved to amend by substitution the entire Bill as contained in Committee Report No. 2 with the contents of the substitute Bill, copies of which had been distributed to the Members earlier.

PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

On further motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the period of individual amendments, to give the Members the chance to collate their individual amendments.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4157

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4157.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4228

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of House Bill No. 4228, from the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Appropriations.

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 10

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval of Journal No. 10 dated August 13, 2019, to amend page 33 thereof, by replacing the name “Rep. Faustino 'Inno' A. Dy V,” as member of the Committee on Energy, with REP. FAUSTINO MICHAEL CARLOS T. DY III.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 10, AS AMENDED

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 10 dated August 13, 2019, as amended.

CORRECTION IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved to correct the records referring to the election to the Committee on Local Government on August 27, 2019, to indicate the election of Reps. Esmael G. Mangudadatu, Datu Roonie Q. Sinsuat Sr., and Jose “Bong” J. Teves Jr. as VICE CHAIRPERSONS instead of “members.”

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body continued its consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78 contained in Committee Report No. 5 as reported out by the Committee on Economic Affairs, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PUBLIC SERVICE ACT', AS AMENDED.”

Representative Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDO

Representative Romualdo explained that House Bill No. 78, seeks to amend the 83-year old Public Service Act by clearly defining the term “public utilities” to cover only the distribution and transmission of electricity as well as water pipeline distribution or sewerage pipeline systems.

He believed that the Bill, which would clearly distinguish between the terms “public utilities” and “public service,” would address confusion among industries and could therefore attract foreign investments leading to employment opportunities and competitive industries.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Representative Herrera-Dy for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA-DY

Representative Herrera-Dy first cited a business report on the poor mass transportation and telecommunications services in the Philippines. She then said that the main idea of House Bill No. 78 is to make the trade and investment environment more open and competitive by reducing market entry barriers. She also said that amending the Public Service Act could lead to enhanced market capital and would clarify that if a government agency which is engaged in the operation of a public utility awards a concession, the concessionaire is likewise deemed to be engaged in the operation of a public utility.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4157

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4157 contained in Committee Report No. 2 as reported out by the Committees on Ways and Means, and Appropriations, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5, 20, 22, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 117, 204, 222, 237, 237-A, 255, 256, 257, 258, 261, 263, 264, 266, 275, 290, 291, 292 AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 6-A, 282-A, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, AND 316, ALL UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Representative Bondoc stated that the Bill was in the period of individual amendments and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Salceda to sponsor the measure and Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo to present her proposals.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO

Representative Quimbo manifested her desire to propose an amendment on Section 4 of the NIRC.

With her indulgence, however, the Chair recognized Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez for his anterior amendment, upon Representative Bondoc's motion.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ

Representative Rodriguez proposed an amendment on Section 2 of the Bill which sought to amend Section 4 of the NIRC. The Sponsor did not accept the proposal.

VIVA VOCE VOTING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ

On motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair submitted the proposed amendment of Representative Rodriguez to a vote. With the *nays* having preponderance, the proposed amendment was lost.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ

Thereafter, as proposed by Representative Rodriguez and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the following amendments in Section 11 on page 19 of the Bill: (1) line 9, to change the phrase "AVOIDANCE OF TAXES" with the phrase EVASION OF TAXES; and (2) line 24, to replace the words "TAX AVOIDANCE" with the term TAX EVASION.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ

At this point, Representative Rodriguez thanked Rep. Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay for citing particular attention to the definition of the term "tax evasion."

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ

On page 34 between lines 6 and 7, to insert the sentence: "THE BOI SHALL PROCESS AND EVALUATE ALL INCENTIVES AVAILMENT OF REGISTERED PROJECT UPON THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONCERNED IPA OR THE INVESTMENT PROMOTIONS AGENCY."

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA

Representative Salceda said he was willing to increase the role of the Board of Investments (BOI)

just to put some checks and balance on the Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB). He then suggested that Representative Rodriguez provide him with a copy of his proposed amendments so he can study them.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ

In response, Representative Rodriguez stressed that he did not intend to delay the proceedings which was why he was merely asking for a reply of acceptance or rejection of his proposed amendments. He however thanked the Sponsor for his suggestion that they go through his proposals.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ

Whereupon on successive motions, Representative Rodriguez proposed to amend several provisions of Section 30.

Representative Salceda rejected the proposed amendments which, on behalf of the Majority, Representatives Bondoc and Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II concurred with.

VIVA VOCE VOTING ON REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ' PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Chair called for a *viva voce* voting on the proposed amendments of Representative Rodriguez, and with majority of the Members voting against, the same were lost.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ

With the permission of the Chair, Representative Rodriguez thanked the Sponsor for approving at least one of his proposed amendments which was to substitute the words "TAX AVOIDANCE" with TAX EVASION.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4157

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4157.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 304

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration

on Second Reading of House Bill No. 304 contained in Committee Report No. 4 as reported out by the Committee on Ways and Means, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 42, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 73, 108, 121, 122, 123, 174, 176, 179, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 195, 198, AND 199; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 127, 175, 177, 178, 180, 188, 192, AND 193; ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Representative Bondoc stated that the measure was in the period of individual amendments, and thereafter, on his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Suansing (E.), vice chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, and Representative Garin (S.) for sponsorship and individual amendments, respectively.

AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (S.)

As proposed by Representative Garin and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendment on Section 27 (D) (4) regarding “Intercorporate Dividends.”

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 304, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 304, as amended.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 300

On a subsequent motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded

to the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 300 contained in Committee Report No. 3 as submitted by the Committees on Economic Affairs, and Trade and Industry.

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

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7042, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ACT OF 1991'.”

On motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Representative Garin (S.), chairperson of the Committee on Economic Affairs, and Rep. France L. Castro, for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

Representative Castro clarified with Representative Garin (S.) whether the Bill seeks to include or exclude the “practice of professions” in the coverage of the Foreign Investment Negative List (FINL) under the Foreign Investments Act (FIA) but at the same time allowing foreign professionals to practice in the country. They also delved into the implication of the said provision, with Representative Castro noting that there are professions of which practice is reserved to Filipinos.

Deputy Speaker Pimentel relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.).

Representative Garin yielded the floor to Rep. Victor A. Yap who reiterated that the Bill does not seek to exempt foreign practitioners from the regulations of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and that the proposed removal of the “practice of profession” in the FINL assumes that it is considered as investment.

Representative Castro expressed concern that opening up the practice of professions to foreigners in the country would result to lesser opportunities and benefits to local professionals in terms of salaries, hiring, and transfer of technology, as well as lead to competition among local and foreign professionals.

Representative Yap explained that foreign professionals are still bound by the PRC regulations,

and in terms of salaries and other benefits, reciprocity agreement between the Philippines and other countries will be implemented. He underscored that the sole intent of the Bill was to separate foreign investment from foreign professions and cited Section 14, Article XII of the Constitution on the development of national talents to regulate the transfer of technology.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Castro (F.L.), the Chair suspended the session at 9:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 9:36 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.) (Continuation)

Representatives Castro and Yap (V.) then discussed the paid-in equity capital between Philippine nationals and non-Philippine nationals for small and medium-sized domestic market enterprises.

In closing, Representative Castro expressed apprehension in opening up the country to foreign professional practice, to which Representative Yap said that at the proper time, he would be willing to accept amendments and he would ask reports from the PRC to address the former's concern.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Representative Quimbo for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO

At the outset, Representative Quimbo sought clarification on the working definition of the term "profession."

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Yap (V.), the Chair suspended the session at 9:41 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 9:42 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO (Continuation)

The Members discussed the requirements from foreign professionals to be able to practice in the

country. Representative Quimbo also pointed out and suggested thereon that college teachers should be considered as professionals despite the non-requirement of board examination prior to their teaching practice.

In closing, Representative Quimbo also proposed to define the term "professionals" but Representative Yap (V.) maintained that the interpretation is bound by regulatory laws on professions and thus, he could not deviate from that interpretation.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no committee amendments, on successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of committee amendments and then proceeded with the period of individual amendments. The Chair next recognized Representative Yap (V.).

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE YAP (V.)

As proposed by Representative Yap and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments on pages 1 to 3, and on the title of the measure.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 300, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 300, as amended.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following Communication:

COMMUNICATION

Resolution of the Third Division of the Sandiganbayan re: Case No. SB-17-CRM-0273, including all attached documents.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Resolution No. 300, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE UTMOST CONCERN AND COMPASSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES IN LAOAG CITY AND SEVERAL MUNICIPALITIES IN ILOCOS NORTE BROUGHT ABOUT BY SEVERE TROPICAL STORM 'INENG'," with Rep. Angelo Marcos Barba as additional coauthor;
2. House Resolution No. 299, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF MRS.

MIGDONIA ARREZA PICHAY, MOTHER OF DEPUTY SPEAKER PROSPERO PICHAY, JR., REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR"; and

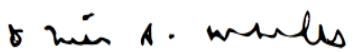
3. House Resolution No. 301, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE REGINA PAZ 'GINA' L. LOPEZ, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION," in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 251, 255 and 258.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until five o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, September 9, 2019.

It was 9:58 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

Approved on September 9, 2019.

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Quezon City, Philippines

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ABANTE	BORDADO	DY (F.)
* ABAYA	BRAVO	DY (F.M.C.)
ABELLANOSA	BROSAS	* DY (I.P.)
ABU	**** BULUT	EBCAS
ABUEG-ZALDIVAR	BUSTOS	ECLEO
ABUNDA	CABATBAT	ELAGO
ACOP	CABOCHAN	* ENVERGA
ACOSTA	CABREDO	ERICE
* ACOSTA-ALBA	** CAGAS	**** ERIGUEL
* ADIONG	CALDERON	ERMITA-BUHAIN
** ADVINCULA	CALIXTO	ESCUDERO
** AGABAS	CAMINERO	ESPINA
** AGARAO	CAMPOS	ESPINO
AGLIPAY	CANAMA	ESTRELLA
AGUINALDO	CAOAGDAN	FARIÑAS (R.C.)
ALBANO (A.)	CARI	FARIÑAS I (R.C.)
**** ALBANO (R.)	**** CASTELO	**** FERNANDEZ
** ALMARIO	CASTRO (F.L.)	* FERNANDO
**** ALONTE	CASTRO (F.H.)	FERRER (J.M.)
**** ALVAREZ (F.)	** CAYETANO (A.P.)	** FERRER (L.)
** ALVAREZ (G.)	** CAYETANO (M.L.)	FLORES
**** ALVAREZ (P.)	CELESTE	FONGWAN
**** AMANTE-MATBA	CHATTO	** FORTUN
AMATONG	** CHIPECO	FORTUNO
ANDAYA	CHUNGALAO	FRASCO
ANGARA	CO (A.N.)	FUENTEBELLA
*** ARAGONES	**** CO (E.)	GAITE
ARBISON	**** COJUANGCO	GARBIN
ARENAS	COLLANTES	**** GARCIA (J.E.)
ARROYO	CRISOLOGO	GARCIA (P.J.)
ATIENZA	CUA	* GARCIA (V.)
AUMENTADO	CUARESMA	GARIN (J.)
BABASA	CUEVA	GARIN (S.)
BAGATSING	CULLAMAT	GASATAYA
BALINDONG	DAGOOC	GATCHALIAN
BARBA	DALIPE	GATO
BARBERS	DALOG	** GERON
BARONDA	* DAZA	**** GO (E.C.)
BARZAGA	DE JESUS	GO (M.)
BASCUG	** DE VENECIA	GONZAGA
BAUTISTA	DEFENSOR (L.)	GONZALES (A.)
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	* DEFENSOR (M.)	**** GONZALES (N.)
* BELMONTE	DEL MAR	GONZALEZ
BENITEZ	DELOS SANTOS	*** GORRICETA
**** BERNOS	DELOSO-MONTALLA	GUICO
**** BIAZON	DIMAPORO (A.)	GULLAS
BILLONES	**** DIMAPORO (M.K.)	GUYA
**** BIRON	* DUAVIT	** HARESCO
BOLILIA	DUJALI	HATAMAN
BONDOC	** DUTERTE	HERNANDEZ

HERRERA-DY	PACQUIAO (A.)	** SUAREZ (D.)
**** HOFER	PACQUIAO (R.)	SUNTAY
**** JALOSJOS	PADIERNOS	** SY-ALVARADO
JAVIER	PADUANO	TADURAN
JIMENEZ	PALMA	TALLADO
KHO (E.)	PANCHO	TAMBUNTING
KHO (W.)	PANOTES	TAN (A.S.)
KHONGHUN	PEÑA	**** TAN (A.)
* LABADLABAD	**** PICHAY	**** TAN (S.)
LACSON	PIMENTEL	TAN (S.A.)
LACSON-NOEL	PINEDA	* TAN-TAMBU
LAGMAN	PLAZA	TEJADA
LAGON	**** PUNO	**** TEVES (A.)
LARA	QUIMBO	TEVES (J.)
**** LAZATIN	RADAZA	TIANGCO
* LEACHON	RAMIREZ-SATO	TOLENTINO
LEGARDA	RAMOS	TORRES-GOMEZ
LIM	REMULLA	TULFO
** LIMKAICHONG	REVILLA	TUPAS
LOPEZ	REYES	TUTOR
LOYOLA	RIVERA	TY
MACAPAGAL ARROYO	* ROBES	UMALI (A.)
MACEDA	** RODRIGUEZ	UMALI (M.V.)
**** MADRONA	**** ROMAN	UNABIA
**** MALAPITAN	**** ROMERO	** UNGAB
MANGAOANG	ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)	UY (J.)
MANGUDADATU	ROMUALDEZ (Y.M.)	UY (R.)
**** MARCOLETA	ROMUALDO	VALERIANO
MARIANO-HERNANDEZ	**** ROMULO	VALMAYOR
MARIÑO	ROQUE	VARGAS
MARQUEZ	SACDALAN	VARGAS ALFONSO
**** MARTINEZ	SAGARBARRIA	VELASCO
* MATBA	**** SAKALURAN	VELOSO
MATUGAS	* SALCEDA	** VERGARA
MENDOZA	SALIMBANGON	**** VILLA
MOMO	SALO	* VILLAFUERTE
NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO	SANCHEZ	VILLANUEVA (E.)
**** NAVA	SANGCOPAN	VILLANUEVA (N.)
NIETO	**** SANTOS-RECTO	VILLAR
NOEL	SARMIENTO	* VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
* NOGRALES (J.J.)	SAULOG	** VILLARICA
**** NOGRALES (J.F.F.)	** SAVELLANO	**** VIOLAGO
NOLASCO	*** SIAO	YAP (E.)
*** NUÑEZ-MALANYAON	* SILVERIO	* YAP (V.)
OAMINAL	SINGSON	YU
* OLIVAREZ	SINGSON-MEEHAN	** ZAMORA (R.)
ONG (J.)	SINSUAT	ZAMORA (W.K.)
ONG (R.)	SUANSING (E.)	ZARATE
ORTEGA	SUANSING (H.)	**** ZUBIRI
OUANO-DIZON	**** SUAREZ (A.)	

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** Section 71, Rule XI of the Rules of the House

(Attended committee meetings as authorized by the Committee on Rules/Attended meetings of the CA, HRET, or bicameral conference committees/

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