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CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Neptali M. Gonzales II called the session to order.

INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Rep. Julienne “Jam” Baronda delivered the invocation and thereafter, the Members sang the National Anthem.

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

On successive motions of Rep. Ria Christina G. Fariñas, 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 Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4281, entitled:

“AN ACT MODERNIZING, BROADENING AND STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC ATTORNEY’S OFFICE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987’, AS AMENDED, AND AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9406, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nograles (Juan)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4282, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AT BARANGAY SAN CARLOS, CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE KNOWN AS SAN CARLOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roque
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4283, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AT BARANGAY KAHAPONAN, CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE KNOWN AS KAHAPONAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roque
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4284, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AT BARANGAY BAGONTAAS, CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE KNOWN AS BAGONTAAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roque
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4285, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BISLIG ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF, AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4286, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINETY-NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE ENTITLED, 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD AS AN ARMED AND UNIFORMED SERVICE ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, THEREBY REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5173, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4287, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING FURTHER THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9993 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD LAW OF 2009' ”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4288, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NEW PASSPORT LAW, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996' ”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4289, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS 'LA UNION DAY' ”

By Representative Ortega
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4290, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF ILOCOS TRAINING AND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FROM

THREE HUNDRED (300) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ortega
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4291, entitled:

“AN ACT CLASSIFYING THE SAN FERNANDO BYPASS ROAD AND SAN FERNANDO BYPASS EXTENSION ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION, INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ortega
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4292, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE SOUTHERN ISABELA MEDICAL CENTER IN SANTIAGO CITY, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, FROM THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (350) TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS, AND INCREASING ITS MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES”

By Representative Tan (Alyssa)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4293, entitled:

“AN ACT FAST TRACKING COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT BY STRENGTHENING THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN JH CERILLES STATE COLLEGE IN THE CAMPUSES OF MATI, SAN MIGUEL AND DUMINGAG, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Yu and Babasa
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4294, entitled:

“AN ACT FAST TRACKING COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT BY UPGRADING THE 15 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT II OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR INTO NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL AND ESTABLISHING SCIENCE LABORATORY THEREOF, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Babasa
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4295, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER
17 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL
NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL
SUR TO BE KNOWN AS ARAW NG
ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR”

By Representative Babasa
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4296, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE
LOCALLY-FUNDED NAGPAYONG
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
PINAGBUHATAN, PASIG CITY, METRO
MANILA INTO A NATIONALLY-
FUNDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
RETAINING ITS NAME NAGPAYONG
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4297, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE
NAGPAYONG HIGH SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY PINAGBUHATAN,
PASIG CITY, METRO MANILA INTO
A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS NAGPAYONG NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4298, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PASIG
CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY MAYBUNGA, PASIG CITY,
METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONAL
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN
AS PASIG CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4299, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
EDUCATION CENTER IN PASIG
CITY BEING ATTACHED TO THE
PASIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY SAN NICOLAS, PASIG
CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN
AS PASIG CITY SPECIAL EDUCATION
(SPED) CENTER AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4300, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL
EDUCATION AND SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)
MUNICIPAL TRAINING CENTER
IN SAN ANTONIO, QUEZON, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Suarez (David) and
Villaraza-Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4301, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT
OF DISASTER RESILIENCE DEFINING
ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Suarez (David) and
Villaraza-Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON
DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 4302, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER EXPANDING THE
BENEFITS OF PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS
AMENDED, LIKEWISE KNOWN AS THE
MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY”

By Representative Crisologo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 4303, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE
KNOWN AS BARANGAY H-2 IN THE
CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF
CAVITE”

By Representative Barzaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4304, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO DECLARE CERTAIN AREAS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AS STRATEGIC FOR THE SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4305, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS ABS-CBN CORPORATION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7966, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4306, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9502, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE CHEAPER AND QUALITY MEDICINES ACT OF 2008' ”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4307, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES' ”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4308, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL

REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4309, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7796, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TESDA ACT OF 1994 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4310, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STRUCTURES AND OTHER MECHANISMS FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF VOTING IN ALL NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS WITHIN THE PREMISES OF SHOPPING MALLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 4311, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY SHOPPING MALL SITUATED AT URBANIZED CITIES IN THE COUNTRY TO PROVIDE FOR A DOG STATION”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4312, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY OFFICER OR ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ON ANY CHARGE BEFORE THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, COURT OR ANY COMPETENT BODY ARISING FROM AN INCIDENT OR INCIDENTS

RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF
OFFICIAL DUTY”

By Representative Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4313, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT
OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING
ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON
DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 4314, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE GRANT
GIVEN TO SENIOR CITIZENS FROM
TWENTY PERCENT (20%) TO TWENTY-
FIVE PERCENT (25%) DISCOUNT,
FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE
THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR
CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING,
GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Abueg-Zaldivar
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 4315, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL
SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN
SERVICE PROGRAM FOR DESERVING
STUDENTS AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4316, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE APPLICATION
OF LOCAL CHARGES (AT ORIGIN
AND DESTINATION) IMPOSED BY
INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING LINES
TO COMPLY WITH EXISTING LAWS
ON OBLIGATIONS AND CONTRACTS
AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL
TERMINOLOGY (INCOTERMS)
ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES
THEREFOR”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4317, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE REGULATORY
AND COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS OF
THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY
(PPA) BY CONVERTING IT INTO
PHILIPPINE PORTS CORPORATION FOR
DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND
OPERATION OF PUBLIC PORTS WITHIN
ITS SYSTEM AND TRANSFERRING
THE REGULATORY FUNCTIONS
TO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY
AUTHORITY (MARINA)”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND
PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4318, entitled:

“THE REVISED ANIMAL WELFARE ACT
OF THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING
FOR THE PURPOSE THE ANIMAL
WELFARE BUREAU UNDER THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
TO INSTITUTIONALIZE AND
STRENGTHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION,
GOVERN ITS OPERATION AND ITS
ENFORCEMENT”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4319, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE PROVISIONS
OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PUBLIC
SERVICE ACT' TOWARDS PUBLIC
INTEREST AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4320, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE
ELIGIBILITY TO GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES, GRANTING CONDITIONS,
WHOSE STATUS OF APPOINTMENT IS
EITHER CASUAL OR CONTRACTUAL
AND WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL
OF FIVE (5) YEARS OF EFFICIENT
SERVICE”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 4321, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AMONG
HIGH RISK YOUTH”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4322, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY
SYSTEM FOR PERSONS WITH
HEARING DISABILITIES AND
PERSONS WITH SPEECH DISABILITIES
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 4323, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ADDITIONAL
DIVISIONS IN THE COURT OF
APPEALS, INCREASING THE NUMBER
OF COURT OF APPEALS JUSTICES
FROM SIXTY-NINE (69) TO SEVENTY-
EIGHT (78), AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG
129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 302, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT
AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE ANOMALIES
AND VIOLATIONS SURROUNDING
THE RENEWAL PROCESS FOR
THE FINANCIAL OR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT (FTAA)
OF OCEANAGOLD PHILIPPINES INC.
(OGPI)”

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

House Resolution No. 303, entitled:

“RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE
BUSINESSMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST
DOMINIC LIM SYTIN AND
COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY

EFFORT OF THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE TO SUPPORT THE
IMMEDIATE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE FOR
THE BEREAVED FAMILY”

By Representatives Ong (Ronnie), Delos Santos,
Santos-Recto, Gonzales (Aurelio), Robes,
Torres-Gomez, Romulo, Cua and Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 304, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID
OF LEGISLATION ON THE PROPRIETY
AND LEGALITY OF MANDATING
PASSENGERS AT THE PUBLIC PORT
OF DANA O CITY TO PASS THROUGH
THE PRIVATE WAITING LOUNGE OF
SANDS GATEWAY MALL, DANA O
CITY, CEBU, AND TO PAY LOUNGE
FEES IN ADDITION TO TERMINAL
FEES, UNJUSTLY ADDING FINANCIAL
BURDEN AND UNDULY HAMPERING
PASSENGERS’ CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHT TO TRAVEL”

By Representative Frasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 305, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE AUGUST 3, 2019
SEA TRAGEDY AT THE GUIMARAS-
ILOILO STRAIT, WHICH RESULTED
IN THE LOSS OF THIRTY-ONE (31)
LIVES AND A MARITIME TRANSPORT
CRISIS IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE
OF GUIMARAS, WITH THE END IN
VIEW OF LEGISLATING MEASURES
TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF
FUTURE MARITIME TRAGEDIES AND
ITS OTHER EFFECTS”

By Representative Nava
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 306, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO
STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
AN AMBUCYCLE SYSTEM AS A
NATIONWIDE FIRST RESPONDER”

By Representative Defensor (Michael)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Resolution No. 307, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 9511, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISE OF THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NGCP), AS WELL AS ITS 2008 CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM), NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION (TRANSCO), AND RELATED TRANSACTION AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS, AND INVESTIGATE THEREON, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGEDLY ILLEGAL, ANOMALOUS, AND UNAUTHORIZED ACTS OF THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES CONTRARY TO OR IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW AND AGREEMENTS HEREIN REFERRED TO, AND TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION”

By Representatives Suarez (David), Villaraza-Suarez and Suarez (Aleta)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 308, entitled:

“RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2019”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand), Romulo, Go (Mark), Tupas and Bravo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated June 28, 2019 of Nuni A. Cantillo, State Auditor IV, Audit Team Leader, Audit Team R5-04, Stand Alone Agencies, Commission on Audit, transmitting to the House of Representatives copy of CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports on the following Colleges:

1. Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges, Nabua, Camarines Sur; and
 2. Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology, Naga City, Camarines Sur.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 15, 2019 of Evelyn S. Marañon, State Auditor V, Supervising Auditor, Regional Satellite Audit Office – Negros Island and Siquijor, Corporate Government Sector III, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with two copies of the 2017-2018 Biennial Audit Reports on the following Water Districts (WDs):

1. Binalbagan Water District, Binalbagan, Negros Occidental;
2. Escalante Water District, Escalante City, Negros Occidental;
3. Manapla Water District, Manapla, Negros Occidental; and
4. Sagay Water District, Sagay City, Negros Occidental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 29, 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies:

1. Department of Agriculture;
2. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
3. Agricultural Credit Policy Council;
4. Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority;
5. Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries;
6. National Meat Inspection Service;
7. Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
8. Environmental Management Bureau;
9. Mines and Geosciences Bureau;
10. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority;
11. National Water Resources Board;
12. Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission;
13. Department of Agrarian Reform;
14. Department of Trade and Industry;
15. Board of Investments;
16. Philippine Trade Training Center;
17. Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines;
18. Design Center of the Philippines; and
19. Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 2, 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the

CY 2018 Consolidated/Annual Audit Reports (AARs) on the following government agencies:

- A. Consolidated Annual Audit Report
 1. Road Board (MVUC Funds).
- B. Annual Audit Reports
 1. Department of Energy;
 2. Energy Regulatory Commission;
 3. Intramuros Administration;
 4. National Parks Development Committee;
 5. Toll Regulatory Board;
 6. Civil Aeronautics Board;
 7. Office of Transportation Cooperatives;
 8. Office for Transportation Security;
 9. Maritime Industry Authority;
 10. Philippine Coast Guard; and
 11. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 2, 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 a copy of the Annual Audit Report on the Banate Water District, Banate, Iloilo, for the years ended December 31, 2015 to 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 5, 2019 of Susan C. Ramirez, Director III, OIC-Regional Director, Regional Office No. II, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports, Management Letters and CY 2017-2018 Biennial Audit Reports on the following Water Districts:

- A. Annual Audit Reports
 1. Abulug Water District, Abulug, Cagayan;
 2. Amulung Water District, Amulung, Cagayan;
 3. Aparri Water District, Aparri, Cagayan;
 4. Gattaran Water District, Gattaran, Cagayan;
 5. Lal-lo Water District, Lal-lo, Cagayan;
 6. Metropolitan Tuguegarao Water District, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan;
 7. Peñablanca Water District, Peñablanca, Cagayan;
 8. Angadanan Water District, Angadanan, Isabela;
 9. Aurora Water District, Aurora, Isabela;
 10. Benito Soliven Water District, Benito Soliven, Isabela;
 11. Cabagan Water District, Cabagan, Isabela;
 12. City of Ilagan Water District, Ilagan City, Isabela;

13. Cordon Water District, Cordon, Isabela;
 14. Reina Mercedes Water District, Reina Mercedes, Isabela;
 15. Roxas Water District, Roxas, Isabela;
 16. Santiago Water District, Santiago City, Isabela;
 17. Diffun Water District, Diffun, Quirino;
 18. Maddela Water District, Maddela, Quirino; and
 19. Kasibu Water District, Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya.
- B. Management Letters
 1. Calayan Water District, Calayan, Cagayan (CY 2017-2018);
 2. Lasam Water District, Lasam, Cagayan (CY 2017-2018); and
 3. Luna Water District, Luna, Isabela (CY 2018).

- C. Biennial Audit Reports (CY 2017-2018)
 1. Claveria Water District, Claveria, Cagayan;
 2. Gonzaga Water District, Gonzaga, Cagayan;
 3. Sanchez Mira Water District, Sanchez Mira, Cagayan;
 4. Santa Ana Water District, Santa Ana, Cagayan;
 5. Sta. Praxedes Water District, Sta. Praxedes, Cagayan;
 6. Alicia Water District, Alicia, Isabela;
 7. Gamu Water District, Gamu, Isabela;
 8. Naguilian Water District, Naguilian, Isabela;
 9. San Manuel Water District, San Manuel, Isabela;
 10. Tumauni Water District, Tumauni, Isabela;
 11. Cauayan City Water District, Cauayan City, Isabela;
 12. Ramon Water District, Ramon, Isabela;
 13. San Guillermo Water District, San Guillermo, Isabela;
 14. Aglipay Water District, Aglipay, Quirino; and
 15. Diadi Water District, Diadi, Nueva Vizcaya.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 13, 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 a copy of the Annual Audit Report on the Metro Kalibo Water District, Andagao, Kalibo, Aklan, for the years ended December 31, 2016 to 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Metro Kidapawan Water District, Kidapawan City for the year ended December 31, 2018.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 8), re H.B. No. 4228, entitled:

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

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Ungab, Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand), Ermita-Buhain, Salceda, Cua, Cojuangco, Tejada, Violago, Vargas, Gasataya, Sy-Alvarado, Jalosjos, Suansing (Horacio), Matugas, Garcia (Jose Enrique), Gonzaga, Biazon, Nuñez-Malanyaon, Haresco, Cuaresma, Uy (Juliette), Macapagal Arroyo, Daza, Limkaichong, Zubiri, Sagarbarria, Bautista-Bandigan, Calderon, Duavit, Dalipe, Campos, Suarez (David), Go (Ed), Gonzalez, Fariñas (Rudys Caesar), Momo, Frasco and Zamora (Way Kurat)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abante	Alvarez (F.)
Abaya	Alvarez (G.)
Abellanosa	Alvarez (P.)
Abu	Amante-Matba
Abueg-Zaldivar	Amatong
Acop	Angara
Acosta	Aragones
Advincula	Arenas
Agarao	Arroyo
Aglipay	Atienza
Albano (A.)	Babasa
Almario	Bagatsing

Balindong	Deloso-Montalla
Barba	Dimaporo (A.)
Baronda	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Barzaga	Duavit
Bascug	Dujali
Bautista	Duterte
Bautista-Bandigan	Dy (F.M.C.)
Belmonte	Ebcas
Benitez	Elago
Bernos	Eriguel
Biazon	Ermita-Buhain
Billones	Escudero
Biron	Espina
Bolilia	Espino
Bondoc	Estrella
Bordado	Fariñas (R.C.)
Bravo	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Brosas	Fernandez
Bulut	Ferrer (J.M.)
Bustos	Ferrer (L.)
Cabatbat	Flores
Cabochan	Fongwan
Cabredo	Fortuno
Cagas	Frasco
Calderon	Fuentebella
Calixto	Gaite
Caminero	Garbin
Campos	Garcia (J.E.)
Canama	Garcia (P.J.)
Caoagdan	Garin (J.)
Cari	Garin (S.)
Castelo	Gasataya
Castro (F.L.)	Gato
Castro (F.H.)	Geron
Cayetano (A.P.)	Go (M.)
Cayetano (M.L.)	Gonzales (A.)
Celeste	Gonzales (N.)
Chatto	Gonzalez
Chipeco	Gorriceta
Chungalao	Guico
Co (A.N.)	Gullas
Co (E.)	Guya
Collantes	Haresco
Cua	Hataman
Cuaresma	Hernandez
Cullamat	Herrera-Dy
Dagooc	Hofer
Dalipe	Jalosjos
Dalog	Jimenez
De Jesus	Kho (E.)
de Venecia	Kho (W.)
Defensor (L.)	Khonghun
Defensor (M.)	Lacson
Del Mar	Lacson-Noel

Lagman	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Lagon	Romualdo
Lara	Romulo
Lazatin	Roque
Leachon	Sacdalan
Legarda	Sagarbarria
Lim	Salimbangon
Limkaichong	Salo
Lopez	Sanchez
Loyola	Sarmiento
Macapagal Arroyo	Saulog
Maceda	Savellano
Malapitan	Siao
Mangaoang	Silverio
Mangudadatu	Singson
Marcoleta	Singson-Meehan
Mariño	Suansing (E.)
Marquez	Suansing (H.)
Matugas	Suarez (A.)
Momo	Suarez (D.)
Natividad-Nagaño	Suntay
Noel	Taduran
Nograles (J.J.)	Tallado
Nograles (J.F.F.)	Tambunting
Nolasco	Tan (A.S.)
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tan (S.A.)
Oaminal	Tejada
Olivarez	Tiangco
Ong (J.)	Tolentino
Ong (R.)	Tulfo
Ortega	Tutor
Pacquiao (A.)	Umali (A.)
Pacquiao (R.)	Umali (M.V.)
Padiernos	Ungab
Paduano	Uy (J.)
Palma	Uy (R.)
Pancho	Valeriano
Panotes	Valmayor
Peña	Vargas
Pichay	Vargas Alfonso
Pimentel	Velasco
Pineda	Veloso
Plaza	Vergara
Puno	Villa
Quimbo	Villanueva (N.)
Radaza	Villar
Ramirez-Sato	Villarica
Ramos	Yap (E.)
Remulla	Yu
Revilla	Zamora (R.)
Reyes	Zamora (W.K.)
Rivera	Zarate
Rodriguez	Zubiri
Romualdez (F.M.)	

With 239 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 15

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 15 dated September 3, 2019.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 300

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 300, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 5, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House.

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

“AN ACT FURTHER PROMOTING THE ENTRY OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN THE COUNTRY BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7042, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ACT OF 1991'.”

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

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

During the nominal voting, Rep. France L. Castro manifested her intent to explain her negative vote.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abellanosa	Alvarez (F.)
Abueg-Zaldivar	Alvarez (P.)
Acop	Amante-Matba
Acosta	Amatong
Aglipay	Angara
Albano (A.)	Arenas

Arroyo	Ecleo	Mangaoang	Sagarbarria
Babasa	Eriguel	Mangudadatu	Salceda
Bagatsing	Ermita-Buhain	Marcoleta	Salimbangon
Balindong	Escudero	Mariano-Hernandez	Salo
Barba	Espina	Mariño	Sanchez
Baronda	Espino	Marquez	Sarmiento
Barzaga	Estrella	Matugas	Saulog
Bascug	Fariñas (R.C.)	Momo	Savellano
Bautista-Bandigan	Fariñas I (R.C.)	Natividad-Nagaño	Silverio
Belmonte	Fernandez	Nieto	Singson
Benitez	Ferrer (J.M.)	Noel	Singson-Meehan
Bernos	Flores	Nograles (J.J.)	Suansing (E.)
Biazon	Fongwan	Nograles (J.F.F.)	Suansing (H.)
Billones	Fortuno	Nolasco	Suarez (D.)
Biron	Frasco	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Suntay
Bolilia	Fuentebella	Oaminal	Taduran
Bondoc	Garcia (P.J.)	Olivarez	Tallado
Bravo	Garcia (V.)	Ong (R.)	Tambunting
Bulut	Garin (J.)	Ortega	Tejada
Bustos	Garin (S.)	Pacquiao (A.)	Tiangco
Cabatbat	Gasataya	Pacquiao (R.)	Tolentino
Cabredo	Gato	Padiernos	Tulfo
Calderon	Geron	Palma	Tutor
Calixto	Go (E.C.)	Panotes	Umali (A.)
Caminero	Go (M.)	Peña	Umali (M.V.)
Campos	Gonzaga	Pichay	Uy (J.)
Canama	Gonzales (A.)	Pineda	Uy (R.)
Caoagdan	Gonzalez	Puno	Valeriano
Cari	Gorriceta	Quimbo	Valmayor
Castelo	Guico	Radaza	Vargas
Castro (F.H.)	Guya	Ramos	Veloso
Celeste	Haresco	Remulla	Vergara
Chatto	Hataman	Revilla	Villa
Chipeco	Herrera-Dy	Reyes	Villanueva (N.)
Chungalao	Jalosjos	Rivera	Villar
Co (A.N.)	Javier	Rodriguez	Villarica
Collantes	Jimenez	Romualdez (F.M.)	Violago
Crisologo	Kho (E.)	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Yap (E.)
Cua	Kho (W.)	Romualdo	Zamora (R.)
Cuaresma	Khonghun	Romulo	Zamora (W.K.)
Dagooc	Labadlabad	Sacdalan	
Dalipe	Lacson		
Dalog	Lacson-Noel	<i>Negative:</i>	
Daza	Lagon		
De Jesus	Lara	Brosas	Elago
de Venecia	Lazatin	Castro (F.L.)	Gaite
Defensor (L.)	Legarda	Cullamat	Zarate
Defensor (M.)	Lim		
Del Mar	Limkaichong	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Deloso-Montalla	Lopez		
Duavit	Loyola	Atienza	Plaza
Dujali	Macapagal Arroyo	Bordado	Roque
Dy (F.M.C.)	Maceda	Cabochan	Zubiri
Ebcas	Malapitan	Lagman	

With 201 affirmative votes, six negative votes, and seven abstentions, the Body approved House Bill No. 300 on Third Reading.

QUERY OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. asked the Secretariat to repeat the voting as he noted the difference between the roll call result of 239 Members and the total of 214 Members who participated in the voting. He then asked if the remaining 22 Members boycotted the voting process.

The Chair explained that several Members were on official business in Malacañang as part of the delegation welcoming the President of Singapore; hence the said Members were considered present although they would not be able to vote.

Moreover, he said that Representative Atienza would be provided with the needed information later after the voting process which he stressed should not be interrupted unless he was explaining his vote. The Chair said that he would respond to the matter but he would have to recognize Rep. France L. Castro who earlier reserved her right to explain her vote.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

The following Members explained their votes:

1. Representative Castro (F.L.) voted “No” to House Bill No. 300 as she opined that it did not undergo thorough consultation with the affected sectors such as the consumer groups, the MSMEs and government agencies; it would bring in foreign investors which are more experienced and technologically advanced to compete with small local businesses; it would not address the real problem of providing proper support to small Filipino entrepreneurs; and it would violate the mandate of the Constitution for the State to uphold the development of Filipino professionals, scientists, and intellectuals.
2. Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri explained his vote of abstention by saying that he had no arguments with regard to the contents of the Bill except that the threshold of US \$200,000 paid-in equity capital reserved for small and medium local enterprises and at the same time allowing foreign investments with US \$100,000 paid-in capital with a requirement of at least 15 employees only, would attract more of foreign investors and could

adversely affect the local small to medium size businesses.

QUERY OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA (Continuation)

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Representative Atienza who reiterated his previous request for the Secretariat to announce the Members who were considered officially absent and did not vote, for an accurate documentation of the plenary proceedings.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

To give time for the Secretariat to comply with the request of Representative Atienza, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:17 p.m.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Recognized by the Chair upon Representative Palma’s motion, Representative Atienza requested the Secretariat to announce again the number of Members who responded to the Roll Call, to which the Chair stated that he announced earlier that 239 Members were present. Representative Atienza then said he had a copy of the official list of the 22 Members who might not have answered the roll call but were still considered present.

After stressing the need for an honest roll call count so as to maintain the integrity of the procedures of the House, Representative Atienza pointed out for the record that only a total of 236 Members participated in the voting as opposed to the attendance count of 239 Members reported by the Secretariat, which he said could be questioned in another forum.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Deputy Speaker Gonzales (N.) explained that Members who are on official business are considered present in the roll call count. He added that it could be possible that some of the Members who responded to the roll call did not participate in the voting.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 304

On a subsequent motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 304, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 5, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House.

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, 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.”

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

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Gonzales (N.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Roberto V. Puno.

MANIFESTATIONS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS

During the voting, Representative Castro (F. L.) reserved her right to explain her negative vote while Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago said she would submit a written explanation of her vote.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abellanosa	Albano (A.)
Abueg-Zaldivar	Alvarez (F.)
Acop	Alvarez (P.)
Acosta	Amante-Matba
Aglipay	Amatong

Angara	Ecleo
Arenas	Eriguel
Arroyo	Ermita-Buhain
Atienza	Escudero
Babasa	Espina
Bagatsing	Espino
Balindong	Estrella
Barba	Fariñas (R.C.)
Baronda	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Barzaga	Fernandez
Bascug	Ferrer (J.M.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Flores
Belmonte	Fongwan
Benitez	Fortuno
Bernos	Frasco
Biazon	Fuentebella
Biron	Garcia (P.J.)
Bolilia	Garcia (V.)
Bondoc	Garin (J.)
Bordado	Garin (S.)
Bravo	Gasataya
Bulut	Gato
Bustos	Go (E.C.)
Cabatbat	Go (M.)
Cabredo	Gonzaga
Calixto	Gonzales (A.)
Caminero	Gonzales (N.)
Campos	Gonzalez
Canama	Gorriceta
Caoagdan	Guico
Cari	Guya
Castelo	Haresco
Castro (F.H.)	Herrera-Dy
Celeste	Jalosjos
Chatto	Javier
Chipeco	Jimenez
Chungalao	Kho (E.)
Co (A.N.)	Kho (W.)
Collantes	Labadlabad
Crisologo	Lacson
Cua	Lacson-Noel
Dagooc	Lagon
Dalipe	Lara
Dalog	Lazatin
Daza	Legarda
De Jesus	Lim
de Venecia	Limkaichong
Defensor (L.)	Lopez
Del Mar	Loyola
Deloso-Montalla	Macapagal Arroyo
Duavit	Maceda
Dujali	Mangaoang
Dy (F.M.C.)	Mangudatu
Ebcas	Marcoleta

Mariano-Hernandez	Salo
Mariño	Sanchez
Marquez	Sarmiento
Momo	Savellano
Natividad-Nagaño	Silverio
Nieto	Singson
Noel	Singson-Meehan
Nogralles (J.F.F.)	Suansing (E.)
Nolasco	Suarez (D.)
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Taduran
Oaminal	Tallado
Olivarez	Tambunting
Ortega	Tejada
Palma	Tiangco
Peña	Tolentino
Pichay	Tulfo
Pineda	Tutor
Plaza	Umali (A.)
Quimbo	Umali (M.V.)
Radaza	Uy (J.)
Ramos	Uy (R.)
Remulla	Valeriano
Revilla	Valmayor
Reyes	Vargas
Rivera	Vergara
Rodriguez	Villa
Romualdez (F.M.)	Villanueva (N.)
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Villar
Romualdo	Villarica
Romulo	Violago
Roque	Yap (E.)
Sacdalan	Zamora (W.K.)
Sagarbarria	Zubiri
Salceda	
Salimbangon	

Negative:

Brosas	Elago
Castro (F.L.)	Gaite
Cullamat	Zarate

Abstention:

Cabochan	Lagman
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With 186 affirmative votes, six negative votes, and two abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 304.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

The following Members explained their votes:

1. Rep. Arlene D. Brosas stated that Gabriela Women's Party voted "No" to House Bill

No. 304 or the Passive Income and Financial Intermediary Taxation Act (PIFITA) because they believed that the reduction in the final tax rate on passive income would only favor big investors and stock market players, while for ordinary Filipinos, the said tax reduction would be offset by the taxes collected from them under the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion or TRAIN Law.

2. Representative Castro (F.L.) expressed her disapproval of House Bill No. 304 because it removes the exemptions of mutual savings banks and other small, nonprofit financial institutions; worsens the existing regressive tax system as the reduction in various taxes benefits the rich who have access to financial intermediaries; and grants huge tax breaks to giant corporations, the effects of which are much like that of the proposed Corporate Income Tax and Incentives Rationalization Act or CITIRA.
3. Rep. Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat condemned PIFITA as wrong, immoral and a shameless legislation as it is favorable only to big depositors and any loss as a result of the reduction in their taxes will be countered by imposing indirect taxes on ordinary people and taxes on consumer goods.

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS NO. 300 AND 304

On a subsequent motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit to the Senate copies of House Bills No. 300 and 304 that had just been approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 16

On motion of Representative Collantes, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 16 dated September 4, 2019.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Collantes acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Leonardo L. Babasa Jr. and the Representatives of Quezon City.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Camille A. Villar, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the titles of the following Resolutions, including the Committee Reports, which were referred to the committee indicated hereunder:

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 309, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE NEW CENTENNIAL WATER SOURCE-KALIWA DAM PROJECT (NCWS-KDP) AND ITS ALLEGED ANOMALOUS AWARD TO CHINA ENERGY ENGINEERING CO. LIMITED”

By Representative Nograles (Juan)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 310, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR INAUGURATING IN QUEZON CITY ITS WORLD-CLASS MUSEUM THAT SHOWCASES ITS HISTORY AND RELIGIOUS HERITAGE”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 311, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR SETTING A NEW WORLD RECORD FOR THE MOST NUMBER OF PEOPLE BAPTIZED AT 18,272 FOR ITS GRAND BAPTISM HELD AT THE CIUDAD DE VICTORIA IN BOCAUE, BULACAN ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2019”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 312, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. GEORGE SIAO KIAN TY, AN OUTSTANDING

FILIPINO, PHILANTHROPIST, AND BUSINESS LEADER”

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 6), re H.B. No. 4436, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE LANAO DEL NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN ALL THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2283

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (Franz), Dimaporo (Khalid) and Dimaporo (Abdullah)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 7), re H.B. No. 4437, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 407

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (Franz) and Villauferte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 9), re H.B. No. 4463, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FIRST UNITED BROADCASTING CORPORATION (FUBC), PRESENTLY

KNOWN AS GLOBAL SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8079, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE FIRST UNITED BROADCASTING CORPORATION (FUBC) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3400

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (Franz) and Gonzales (Aurelio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4157 contained in Committee Report No. 2 submitted by the Committees on Committee 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, 294-A, 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 Palma stated that the Bill was in the period of individual amendments. The Chair then recognized the chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, to sponsor the Bill, and Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing to introduce her individual amendments.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT
OF REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (E.)**

Representative Suansing proposed an amendment on page 2 of the Bill, which the sponsor accepted.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

However, upon request of Representative Salceda, the Chair suspended the session at 7:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 7:14 p.m.

**MANIFESTATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE PALMA**

Given that Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo had already started to present her individual amendments on the measure, Representative Palma moved that the latter be recognized first before Representative Suansing (E).

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Representative Quimbo for her proposed amendments.

**AMENDMENTS OF
REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO**

As proposed by Representative Quimbo and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments on pages 47 and 50 of House Bill No. 4157.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 7:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 7:17 p.m.

**AMENDMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO**

As further proposed by Representative Quimbo and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendment on page 51.

**MANIFESTATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO**

At this point, Representative Quimbo noted that on page 55, there could be two different interpretations of the phrase “after income tax holiday period has lapsed,” depending on whether a registered activity is already under the gross income earnings or GIE regime.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 7:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:20 p.m.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA

Representative Salceda said that there are provisions of the Bill which clarify the ambiguity mentioned by Representative Quimbo.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Representative Suansing (E.) for her proposed amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (E.)

As accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the individual amendments proposed by Representative Suansing on pages 18, 19, 20, 40, 60, 61, and 67 of House Bill No. 4157.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4157, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved, through *viva voce* voting, House Bill No. 4157 on Second Reading, as amended.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Representative Brosas for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Representative Brosas spoke about the adverse effect of Republic Act No. 11203 or the Rice Tariffication and Liberalization Law that resulted to significant drop in the price of local rice in the country. She said that the competition with, and monitoring on the volume of, imported rice even worsened the already poor conditions of Filipino farmers. She also highlighted the difficulty of farming women and mothers who had relied on NFA rice, which was also badly affected by imported rice.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Puno relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano.

Thereafter, Representative Brosas urged the government to focus on rice production support, development of irrigation, food security for the country through stable supply of rice, and an end to rice importation. She also recommended for the government's withdrawal of membership from the World Trade Organization and setting of price control on rice in the country. Lastly, she called upon the Body's support for House Bills No. 476, 477, and 239.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

On motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Brosas' privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on further motion of Representative Villar, the Chair recognized Representative Elago for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Representative Elago spoke about the worsening state of public transportation in the country, citing the recent suspension of the Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT 3) operations due to lack of power supply, thus affecting thousands of commuters and resulting to traffic congestion along EDSA. She then recommended for an investigation on the said incident; and stressed that the lack of a safe and systematic mass transportation was somehow

a disregard of the conditions of the people. She stressed that the government should immediately address this problem because of its health, social and economic implications.

Stating that there are studies from different institutions that can be used in solving the problems on mass transportation and mobility, she enjoined her colleagues to craft laws that would promote a humane transportation system which could improve the conditions of the commuters in particular and the entire nation in general.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

On motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Elago's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, the session was suspended at 7:53 p.m. upon motion of Representative Palma.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:54 p.m.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Palma, 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. 308, entitled: "RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2019," in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 264 and 281; and
2. House Resolution No. 312, entitled: "A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. GEORGE SIAO KIAN TY, AN OUTSTANDING FILIPINO, PHILANTHROPIST, AND BUSINESS LEADER."

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE PALMA

Thereupon, Representative Palma informed the Body that there would be a Majority caucus at one o'clock in the afternoon the next day to be held at Nograles Hall, South Wing Annex building.

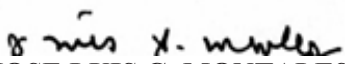
The Chair noted the manifestation of Representative Palma.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until two o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

It was 7:56 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

Approved on September 11, 2019.

Congress of the Philippines
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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE*Journal No. 17***Monday, September 9, 2019**

**	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	**		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.)	**	**	FERRER (L.)
**	ALVAREZ (G.)	**		FLORES
	ALVAREZ (P.)	CAYETANO (M.L.)		FONGWAN
	AMANTE-MATBA	CELESTE		FORTUN
	AMATONG	CHATTO	***	FORTUNO
***	ANDAYA	CHIPECO		FRASCO
	ANGARA	CHUNGALAO		FUENTEBELLA
	ARAGONES	CO (A.N.)		GAITE
***	ARBISON	CO (E.)		GARBIN
	ARENAS	****		GARCIA (J.E.)
	ARROYO	COJUANGCO	**	GARCIA (P.J.)
	ATIENZA	COLLANTES	*	GARCIA (V.)
****	AUMENTADO	*		GARIN (J.)
	BABASA	CRISOLOGO		GARIN (S.)
	BAGATSING	CUA		GASATAYA
	BALINDONG	CUARESMA	****	GATCHALIAN
	BARBA	***		GATO
****	BARBERS	CUEVA		GERON
	BARONDA	CULLAMAT	*	GO (E.C.)
	BARZAGA	DAGOOC		GO (M.)
	BASCUG	DALIPE	*	GONZAGA
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	BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	* DAZA		GONZALES (N.)
	BELMONTE	DE JESUS		GONZALEZ
	BENITEZ	DE VENECIA		GORRICETA
	BERNOS	DEFENSOR (L.)	***	GUICO
	BIAZON	DEFENSOR (M.)		GULLAS
	BILLONES	DEL MAR		GUYA
	BIRON	DELOS SANTOS		HARESCO
	BOLILIA	DELOSO-MONTALLA		HATAMAN
	BONDOC	DIMAPORO (A.)	**	HERNANDEZ
		DIMAPORO (M.K.)		
		DUAVIT		
		DUJALI		
		DUTERTE		

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** HOFER	PACQUIAO (R.)	SUNTAY
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* JAVIER	PADUANO	TADURAN
JIMENEZ	PALMA	TALLADO
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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
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MACEDA	RODRIGUEZ	UMALI (M.V.)
*** MADRONA	*** ROMAN	*** UNABIA
MALAPITAN	* ROMERO	UNGAB
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MANGUDADATU	ROMUALDEZ (Y.M.)	UY (R.)
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* MARIANO-HERNANDEZ	ROMULO	VALMAYOR
MARIÑO	ROQUE	VARGAS
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**** MARTINEZ	SAGARBARRIA	** VELASCO
**** MATBA	*** SAKALURAN	VELOSO
MATUGAS	* SALCEDA	VERGARA
**** MENDOZA	SALIMBANGON	VILLA
MOMO	SALO	*** VILLAFUERTE
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*** 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

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

**** Absent without notice

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