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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Performance Report**

July 2010 - June 2011

1st Regular Session

# Catalyzing Governance Reform Through Legislation



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**(Topmost)** *Speaker* Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (First row, from left) *Deputy Speakers* Raul A. Daza, Lorenzo R. Tañada III, Pablo P. Garcia, Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella, (Second row, from left) Jesus Crispin C. Remulla, Maria Isabelle G. Climaco, *Majority Leader* Neptali M. Gonzales II, and *Minority Leader* Edcel C. Lagman

**(Bottom)** House of Representatives Main Building Façade

# Foreword



We opened the 15th Congress last year with the strong resolve to be catalysts for change. Despite our big number—we hold the distinction of having the most number of members in the history of this Chamber—we were unified by an overwhelming yearning to end poverty, accelerate economic and social development and to restore integrity and efficiency in public service. Together, we delivered and acted decisively on the many urgent concerns that beset our people and our nation.

Anchored on our vow to be credible advocates of reforms and practitioners of good governance, we concluded the First Regular Session of the 15th Congress on a high note, with an unparalleled record of having processed a total of 1,710 measures, or an average of 23 measures per session day for the period July 2010 to June 2011. Of this number, a total of 113 national bills and 147 local bills have been approved on Third Reading. Further, we adopted 121 regular and 717 resolutions on inquiries in aid of legislation. The different standing committees, on the other hand, conducted a total of 844 meetings.

In our deliberations and discussions, our Chamber did not flinch in tackling difficult questions, especially in fulfillment of our constitutional duties, however unpopular or controversial certain measures were. Through our deliberative and democratic process, we crafted laws and policies that give form and shape to our people's most fervent hopes to be free from corruption and poverty.

We promptly acted on the General Appropriations Act of 2011 (RA 10147), through which we instituted prudence in government spending while launching an ambitious program to alleviate the most number of people from abject poverty, ensuring that mothers and children from the poorest families gain access to health and educational services. We extended the implementation of the lifeline rate of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (RA 10150) and provided low-income electric power consumers the financial flexibility to pay for the full cost of electricity through discounted rates.

We passed the GOCC Governance Act (RA 10149) to reform and curb the excesses of government-owned and controlled corporations. This law will ensure that more funds will be allocated for public services and will stop public monies from being funneled into the private pockets of a few officials.

We supported the postponement of the ARMM elections (RA 10153) to give our Muslim brothers in the ARMM the chance to collectively support appointees that are fit and trusted enough by all factions in leading ARMM into an era of new beginnings and of change.

Despite the obvious difficulty, we also proceeded to impeach the Ombudsman, cautiously ensuring that in the performance of our constitutional duty of imposing public accountability, we are guided by fairness and the strictest adherence to the rule of law.

As Speaker, I am deeply honored by the dramatic upturn in the public perception of the House leadership and the whole Chamber, judging by the results of reputable surveys revealing that we garnered formerly elusive high approval ratings during the First Regular Session.

All these accomplishments can very well be attributed to our members' hard work and dedication, as reflected by our robust plenary attendance—averaging 94.25% of our membership—per session day.

I am grateful to the Deputy Speakers, the leaders of the majority and the minority, and our committee chairmen for their active and dynamic cooperation. I also thank the House workforce—the officials and rank-and-file of the Secretariat as well as the congressional staff—for their manifold contributions in the performance of our parliamentary tasks.

My colleagues and I shall welcome the start of the Second Regular Session sensitive to the public pulse and conscious of our role as advocates of our people's aspirations. We continue to stand by our sworn duty to enact legislation that would promote the best interests of sectors that must be empowered to reach their full potential in carving out a life of dignity, not only for themselves but for their fellowmen.

As we usher in our Second Regular Session, we look back with pride in our accomplishment thus far, and look forward confident that our individual differences and opposing views on crucial policy and legislative concerns shall neither divide nor fragment us, but instead ground our resolve to enact measures crucial to the fate of our nation.



FELICIANO "SONNY" BELMONTE JR.

Speaker

House of Representatives

# Catalyzing Governance Reform Through Legislation

## Performance Report of the House of Representatives First Regular Session 15<sup>th</sup> Congress

**The 15th Congress opened on July 26, 2010 in a social climate of vibrant hope for authentic reform in governance under a new administration.**

The overwhelming victory in the 2010 presidential election of then-Senator Benigno S. Aquino III signified the Filipino people's intense yearning for a government that faithfully serves, first and foremost, the people's welfare with utmost competence, uncompromising integrity and selfless devotion to public duty.

In the House of Representatives, the people's aspirations for good governance found clear expression in the virtually uncontested election of Rep. Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. (4th Dist., Quezon City) as the Speaker of the House in the 15th Congress. An accomplished public servant whose career spans outstanding tenures in both the executive and legislative branches of government, Speaker Belmonte is no stranger to the challenges of leadership in the House of Representatives as he was previously elected and had served as Speaker of the House in 2001 during the 11th Congress.

In his inaugural speech, Speaker Belmonte declared his resolve to transform the House into a bastion of authentic reform for good governance. He urged Members to conscientiously attend to their legislative duties, exemplify a strong work ethic, discipline, and integrity, and to commit to pass critical reform legislation.



**SONA OF HOPE.** President Benigno S. Aquino III delivers his first State of the Nation Address in Filipino, underlining the pressing problems facing the nation and putting forth his agenda of action to redeem the people's faith in a government that is transparent, efficient, responsive and committed to the pursuit of their common welfare. Seated behind President Aquino and intently listening to the latter's message are Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. who overwhelmingly won the bigger chamber's mandate of leadership.

The accomplishments of the House of Representatives during its First Regular Session in the 15th Congress bear the hallmarks of Speaker Belmonte's transformational leadership.

Absenteeism became a thing of the past. Session attendance of Members surged to an average of 94.25% of the total membership per session day—a feat unparalleled in the history of the Chamber.

The House of Representatives, throughout the First Regular Session of the 15th Congress, also consistently garnered high public approval ratings. In the SWS Survey for the 4th Quarter of 2010, the House achieved a record-breaking +33 approval rating. Speaker Belmonte himself continues to enjoy growing public trust and approval ratings in surveys of leading public opinion polling bodies: +17 (SWS) and +50 (Pulse Asia) through the 1st Quarter of 2011.

In barely 73 session days, 6,364 measures were filed by Members of the House of which a total of 1,712 legislative measures were processed, or an average of 23 measures acted upon per session day. Of these measures, eight were enacted into law, 110 national bills and 146 local bills were approved on Third Reading and transmitted to the Senate. A total of 126 regular resolutions, six concurred resolutions, and 718 resolutions authorizing the conduct of inquiries in aid of legislation were also adopted. The total number of measures processed by the House for the First Regular Session represents a processing rate of 17.92 percent which overshadows those of previous congresses during their respective first regular sessions which averaged 9.57 percent.



**COMMITMENT TO SERVICE.** The House of Representatives, during the opening of the First Regular Session of the 15th Congress on July 26, 2010, overwhelmingly elected Rep. Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (4th District, Quezon City) as Speaker of the 285-member chamber. Speaker Belmonte is shown taking his oath of office before Kalinga Party List Rep. Abigail Faye Ferriol (left) in the presence of his immediate family. Riding on the creed, "The sole purpose of legislation is to serve the people," Speaker Belmonte vowed to promote programs and reforms that foster transparency, efficiency and responsiveness of government to the needs and aspirations of the Filipino people.



**FRESH MANDATE, FRESH IDEAS.** Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. presides over the opening session of the First Regular Session of the House of Representatives in the 15th Congress as newly-elected lawmakers review their respective legislative priorities for their districts and documents prescribing the Chamber's rules and order of business. The House Secretariat, headed by Secretary General Marilyn Barua-Yap, conducted an orientation for the first term and returning lawmakers a week before the opening of the First Regular Session with veteran lawmakers Neptali Gonzales, Jesus Crispin Remulla, Victor Ortega and Junie Cua as resource persons.

## Crafting the framework of governance reform

The Speaker spearheaded the crafting of a comprehensive legislative reform agenda for the 15th Congress. The House Secretariat delivered on the vision of the Speaker to produce, for the first time in the history of Congress, the first ever publication of a proposed legislative agenda containing not only a compendium of proposed measures but also conceptual frameworks and implementation strategies for identified policy reforms and directions.

Entitled *Promoting Good Governance, Ensuring Sustainable Growth and Achieving Social Justice*, the book contains a menu of measures addressing the

following policy reform concerns: mobilizing resources for sustained economic growth, enhancing agriculture and fisheries productivity, unleashing land productivity, expanding access to health services towards higher productivity, enhancing social protection, strengthening the bureaucracy, upholding the rule of law and advancing political and electoral reforms.

For the First Regular Session, the Speaker and the House leadership identified 107 priority measures of which 23 were similarly identified as priorities by the President and endorsed by the Legislative Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC).

Of the LEDAC priorities, three have been enacted into law: the GOCC Governance Act of 2011 (RA 10149); Rationalizing Nightwork Prohibition on Women (RA 10151); and Resetting the ARMM Elections (RA 10153). In addition, two measures amending the EPIRA were also enacted: the Extension of the Lifeline Rate (RA 10150); and the Extension of the Life of the Joint Power Commission (Joint Resolution 1). Meanwhile, the Anti-Money Laundering Law Amendment Act, the Anti-Trust Act and the Act Defining the Maritime Zones of the Philippines have reached Second Reading.

Committee Reports relative to other LEDAC priorities, such as the Act Establishing Philippine Archipelagic Sea Lanes, Rationalizing Fiscal Incentives, Witness Protection Act, Whistleblowers Protection Act, National Land Use Policy Act, Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, Land Administration Reform Act and the Universal Healthcare Act are also being completed.

## New landmark reform laws

The initial harvest of laws introducing reform in critical policy areas is solid proof of the House of Representatives' firm commitment to pass measures included in the legislative-executive agenda as well as to improve the delivery of public services, curb administrative corruption, and dramatically raise confidence in the country's economic prospects.

The GOCC Governance Act of 2011 (RA 10149) has been hailed as a landmark legislation against excesses and mismanagement in government-owned and -controlled enterprises, particularly those reported to have been used as "milking cows." Through the law extending the implementation of the lifeline rate of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (RA 10150) for another ten years, low-income electric power consumers can still avail of discounts on their electric bills. Complementing this initiative on a macro level, Congress approved the joint resolution extending the period of existence of the Joint Congressional Power Commission (JR 1), which oversees reforms and encourages healthy competition in the power industry sector.

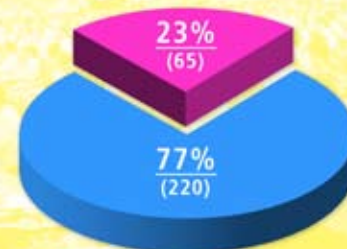
The signing of RA 10151 represents a significant reform in labor law by providing benefits for night workers and removing night work prohibition for women (except pregnant and nursing mothers). The new law contributes to raising Philippine competitiveness for investments in the business process

House Members by REPRESENTATION



■ District ■ Party List

House Members by GENDER



■ Female ■ Male

House Members by TERM



outsourcing sector. Meanwhile, health policy leapfrogged towards universal preventive health care with RA 10152, prescribing the compulsory and free immunization of infants and children against pulmonary tuberculosis, hepatitis-B, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, mumps, and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

The House also moved resolutely towards approving the measure for the synchronization of the regular elections for elective officials of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao with the national and local elections (RA 10153) to put in place governance reform measures in Mindanao and end abuse of power through private armies and perennial subversion of the people's will because of electoral irregularities.

## Facilitating people's access to services

Among the earliest accomplishments of the House in the 15th Congress is the prompt passage of the General Appropriations Act of 2011 (RA 10147). This budget affirms the House's full support to the Aquino administration's resolve to focus on social welfare and economic development. The 2011 national budget channels resources to President Aquino's flagship pro-poor program—the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino* Program (4Ps), which grants conditional cash transfers to qualified indigent families. This program is widely credited for the decline of poverty incidence in the country, indicated by the drastic drop in self-rated poverty.

The House approved other bills on Third Reading that empower disadvantaged segments of the population. For retirees in the public sector, it passed HB 3862 requiring all government offices to ensure the release of retirement benefits to employees within 15 days from retirement. For students, it approved on Third Reading the bill granting underprivileged college and technical education students discounted tuition, books, food, and other educational necessities (HB 4373). For the informal settlers, HB 4656 penalizes squatting racketeers and professional squatters who displace the urban poor from socialized housing and resettlement programs. For the families of overseas Filipino workers, HB 4539 opens up credit assistance of up to P50,000 to help them cope with daily expenses in the first few months of their breadwinner's absence.

## Major educational reforms underway

Reconfiguring the educational system for competitiveness is a task foremost in the priorities of the House of Representatives. The bill that seeks to institutionalize kindergarten education (HB 3826) lays the foundation for the Department of Education's "K-12 Plan" that aims to extend the number of years for basic education from 10 years to 12 years. This much-discussed measure aims to limber up the country's basic education system by adding kindergarten and Grade 7 to the current curriculum, similar to international practice, so that students may be able to acquire a robust academic foundation to succeed in higher levels of learning.

Other approved bills reinforce the country's educational system. These include strengthening the ladderized interface between technical-vocational



**TACKLING THE 2011 BUDGET AND OTHER PRIORITIES.** Top photo shows Speaker Sonny Belmonte conferring with Majority Leader Neptali M. Gonzales II and Basic Education Committee Chairman Salvador H. Escudero III in plenary. (Lower left photo) Reps. Enrique M. Cojuangco, Roy M. Loyola, Ireneo S. Maliksi, and Carlos M. Padilla in a huddle. (Lower right photo) Reps. Gina P. de Venecia, Benjo A. Benaldo, Rufus B. Rodriguez and Miro S. Quimbo discussing the merits of the 2011 budget.

education and training and higher education (HB 4255); establishing a Philippine High School for Sports (HB 3825); and granting discounts on education-related services to underprivileged students in the post-secondary and tertiary levels (HB 4373).

The House further expanded the network of public schools across the country by establishing nine national high schools, three state universities and colleges (SUCs), and converted 11 public tertiary institutions into SUCs. Currently being refined in the committee level are five bills institutionalizing the open education system not only in the secondary and tertiary levels but also for out of school youths.

## Promoting a healthy society

The 2011 national budget (RA 10147) contains provisions that secure resources for public health care, particularly for the construction of more health facilities in rural areas.

Apart from the new law providing for mandatory immunization of infants and children (RA 10152), legislation on the well-being of children were also approved on Third Reading. These include the bill requiring mandatory oral prophylaxis on newborns (HB 4075) to prevent the untimely occurrence of blindness in infants due to poor nutrition, ophthalmic infections and disease, premature birth, and other related factors. Breastfeeding is promoted by HB 3088 as an essential component of family planning and responsible parenthood by ensuring full dissemination of information on the proper nursing and nourishment of newborns.

Placing a premium on preventive health care, the Chamber passed on Third Reading a measure that aims to educate the public on the risks and other factors that may lead to prostate cancer (HB 590) and another to raise awareness about liver cancer and Hepatitis B (HB 988). Likewise passed were the bills requiring health care facilities to provide a comprehensive price list of their respective services (HB 4308) and establishing a Mercury Exposure Information Program (HB 4541).

## Upholding people's rights and safety

The House of Representatives continually strives to protect every member of society—especially women and children—from violence, forced labor, human trafficking, and other forms of abuse.

The Children in Conflict Areas Protection Act (HB 4480) aids children in times of internal displacement triggered by calamity or war. With the anticipated resumption of the GRP-MILF peace talks (House Resolution 470), the House hopes to end displacements due to the armed conflict affecting women and children in strife-torn areas in Mindanao.



**A REFORMIST BUDGET.** Speaker Sonny Belmonte (seated, 2nd from right) looks on as President Benigno S. Aquino III (seated, center) signs the P1.645-trillion General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2011 in Malacañang. Also present are Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile (seated, 2nd from left), Senate Finance Committee Chairman Franklin Drilon (seated, left) and House Appropriations Committee Chairman Joseph Emilio Abaya (seated, rightmost). Witnessing the event are Reps. Ma. Jocelyn V. Bernos, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Loreto Leo S. Ocampos, Bai Sandra A. Sema, Dakila Carlo E. Cua, Anna York P. Bondoc, Rodolfo W. Antonino, Enrique M. Cojuangco, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Arturo B. Robes, and Hermilando I. Mandanas.

Further advancing the welfare of children, the House passed a bill strengthening foster care for abandoned and neglected children and children with special needs (HB 4481) and another bill providing for a longer period for the rectification of simulated births (HB 3543).

Also passed on Third Reading are HB 4209 which grants free information programs for employees on the rights of workers, including women in the workplace, and other anti-discrimination laws, and HB 3546, which protects the right of students to enroll in review centers of their choice. Pending on Second Reading is the Magna Carta of the Poor that seeks to guarantee the right of the impoverished to a humane life and to mobilize resources and services for their welfare through the concerted action of government, business and civic sectors.

In the arena of public safety, the House approved bills penalizing persons driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs (HB 4251); regulating the use of mobile devices while driving (HB 4571); protecting individual personal data in information and communications systems in government and in the private sector (Data Privacy Act or HB 4115); and expanding the prohibited acts of discrimination against women on account of gender (HB 4643).

### Accountable, transparent and effective governance

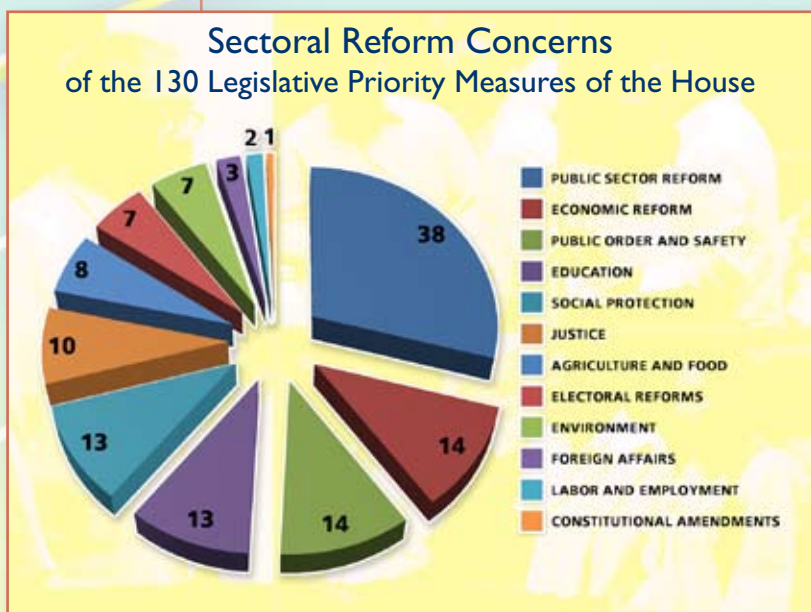
The House upholds the integral participation of diverse social sectors in policy-making. HB 4225 fosters the participation of civil society groups in local, regional, and national development planning. To secure the will of the people and prevent electoral irregularities, the House approved an electoral reform bill, HB 3469, which requires mandatory use of biometrics voters registration, thereby effectively curbing electoral irregularities.

In pursuit of full accountability of public officials, the House performed its constitutional duty and heard the impeachment complaint against the former Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez. The

proceedings were marked by strict adherence to the rules of the House on impeachment and the observance of the rule of law.

Complementing the House's efforts to uphold accountability in governance is its resolve to widen the network of courts in the country. Thus, it has passed on Third Reading 24 bills that seek to create a total of 58 court branches across the country—four additional Municipal Trial Courts, 11 Metropolitan Trial Courts, and 43 Regional Trial Courts.

Also passed were other notable bills on improving governance, which include those creating local housing boards in every city and municipality (HB 4565); prescribing mechanisms to facilitate the disposition of government-owned lands for socialized



housing (HB 4578); and authorizing the courts to require community service in lieu of imprisonment in offenses punishable with *arresto menor* (HB 3497).

To enhance the capacity of local government units to expand their resource base, the Chamber passed on Third Reading the bill that provides for the direct remittance to LGUs of their share in the proceeds derived from the utilization and development of national wealth in their respective jurisdictions (HB 4410). Likewise passed was a proposed measure that strengthens the fiscal autonomy of LGUs by repealing certain sections of RA 10121, or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 (HB 4061).

## More high-impact policies in the legislative pipeline

In support of the President's main economic initiative to engage in large-scale public-private partnership for infrastructure development which the Chamber is set to act on amendments to RA 6957 or the BOT Law (HBs 759, 4151) to allow greater private sector involvement in public infrastructure development.

On Second Reading is HB 4275 which proposes amendments to RA 9160, or the Anti-Money Laundering Act, that put in place additional safeguards to mitigate the incidence of laundering funds derived from questionable sources.

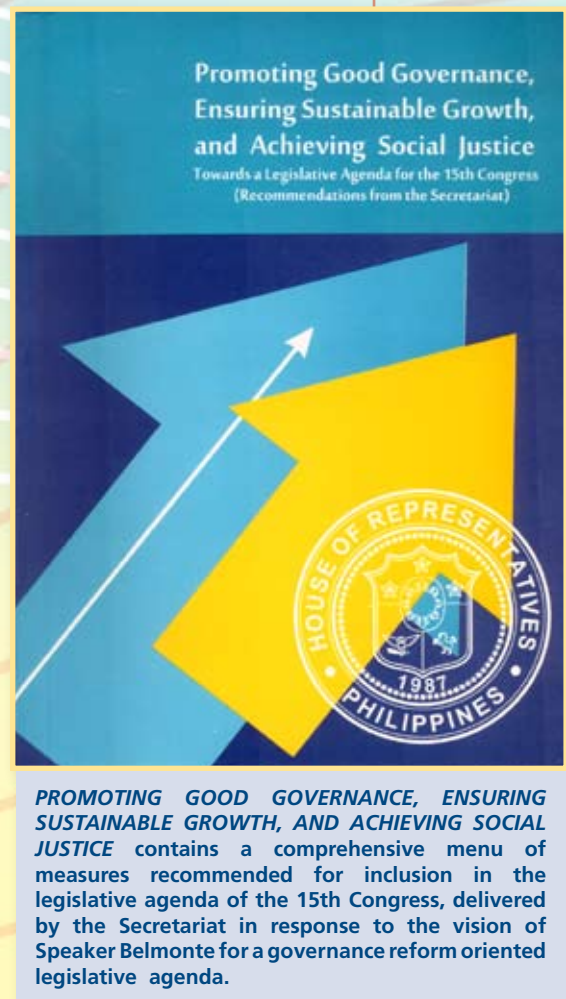
To further encourage healthy market competition, the Chamber is deliberating on an Anti-Trust Act (HBs 267, 549, 913), which penalizes inequitable trade practices that compromise the integrity of commercial transactions.

Four more legislative-executive priorities are in the last stages of being cleared in the committee level, namely the Whistleblowers Protection Act (HBs 132, 419, 452); the bill institutionalizing a national land use policy (HBs 414, 478, 722); the bill creating the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HBs 384, 1231, 1157, 2216); and the Land Administration Reform Act (HBs 44, 408, 826, 2620, 2970).

At the same time, important governance measures under technical working group deliberations include the bill creating the National Food Corporation (HBs 160, 1528) and ten bills (HBs 105, 429, 697, 949, 2872, 3006, 3022, 4283; HCR 1; HR 222) proposing amendments to the Government Procurement Reform Act.

House committees are also currently refining the measures rationalizing fiscal incentives (HBs 938, 4152, 3162); the Government Arsenal Modernization Act (HBs 76, 2112); enhancing the curriculum of the basic education system (HBs 2182); the Water Regulatory Commission Act (HBs 168, 581, 1046); the National Defense Act (HB 865); and the Fiscal Responsibility Act (HBs 2263, 33, 302).

Debates on the merits of the Reproductive Health Bill (HB 4244) will continue to focus on the latitude of necessary choices in women's health services and family planning.



## Strengthening inter-parliamentary links

As part of its commitment to strengthen parliamentary democracy and promote regional development, a delegation from the House of Representatives led by Speaker Belmonte attended the 6th General Assembly of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on December 1-4, 2010.

On May 6-8, 2011, Speaker Belmonte represented the country at the ASEAN AIPA Leaders' Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Playing an active role in establishing strong regional inter-parliamentary ties, the House of Representatives for the first time hosted the 3rd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Caucus on May 31 to June 3, 2011 within the House of Representatives complex.

The House delegation was headed by Deputy Speaker Ma. Isabelle G. Climaco (1st Dist., Zamboanga City) with Reps. Al Francis C. Bichara, Rachel Marguerite B. del Mar, Ma. Zenaida B. Angping, Antonio M. Diaz, Romero Federico S. Quimbo, and Mylene J. Garcia-Albano as members. Rep. Victor F. Ortega served as Chairman of the Caucus while Speaker Belmonte was the keynote Speaker.

The meeting broke new ground as parliamentarians from Southeast Asian governments identified common courses of action and possible common legislative measures in disaster risk reduction and management and in the promotion and protection of the rights and welfare of children in the region.

In line with AIPA commitments for the welfare of women and children, the 65-member Association of Lady Legislators (ALL) of the 15th Congress, led by the Hon. Georgina "Gina" De Venecia (4th Dist., Pangasinan), declared their support for the effective implementation of following laws: the Magna Carta of Women (RA 9710); the Anti-Violence against Women and Children Act (RA 9262); and the Anti-Trafficking of Persons Act (RA 9208). In celebration of the Women's Month on March, 2011 – the ALL and the House Committee on Women led by Rep. Ma. Angelica Amante-Matba conducted an 'all women' plenary session where women members of the House delivered privilege speeches on their respective legislative advocacies.



**HOUSE HOSTS AIPA CAUCUS** . With the ultimate goal of building a solid ASEAN community, Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. officially opened the 3rd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Caucus at the South Wing Annex of the House of Representatives Complex on June 1, 2011 to plot the blueprint for common approaches to various regional concerns, specifically Disaster Response Management and Children's Welfare. Shown with Speaker Belmonte and AIPA Secretariat Secretary General Antonio Cuenco are leaders and members of delegations from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and the AIPA and ASEAN Secretariats.

The House of Representatives also played host to visiting leaders from neighboring parliaments, among whom were Hon. Park Hee Tae, Speaker of the National Assembly of Korea (March 19-22, 2011) and the Hon. Jiang Shusheng, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the

National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (May 23-27, 2011). For its part, the Secretariat played host to visiting counterparts from the parliaments of Kenya, Indonesia and Thailand.

Upon the invitation of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China and the Communist Party of China, Speaker Belmonte met Chairman Wu Bangguo of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and the leaders of the Chinese Parliament. The Speaker also led the House delegation from the Chamber to the cities of Beijing, Xi'an, Hangzhou and Shanghai on June 22-28, 2011 to boost Sino-Philippine ties amidst recent territorial disagreements in the West Philippine Sea. A House delegation also attended the Inter Parliamentary Union Conference held in Panama City in April 2011 as well as the 100th session of the International Labor Conference in June 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland.

## Charting directions

In its resolute quest to build the policy foundations for sociopolitical and economic reform, the House of Representatives during the First Regular Session in the 15th Congress acted upon a wide array of legislative measures to expand the arsenal of policy reform initiatives that can help steer the country along the path to progress.

Under the leadership of Speaker Belmonte, the House of Representatives has swiftly reclaimed its role as vanguard of policy reform by crafting ground-breaking measures and initiatives that can bring to every Filipino the blessings of a better quality of life and provide a solid foundation for the country's resurgence and sustained development. With the Speaker's leadership focused on fostering a strong work ethic, discipline, and selfless devotion to public duty, and the willingness of the Members to work together in the service of the people, the House of Representatives will continue to be an authentic partner of the Filipino people in achieving genuine reforms in their governance. •



**CELEBRATING THE FRUITS OF HARD WORK.** The record of the First Regular Session of the 15th Congress is proof that the 285 members of the House of Representatives, under the leadership of Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., are united by an "overwhelming yearning to end poverty, accelerate economic and social development, and to restore integrity and efficiency in public service." The House leader credited each Member of the House for the outstanding performance of the Chamber on its first year and vowed to "hit the ground running" to consolidate needed policy reforms in the Second Regular Session which commences in July 25, 2011.

**15th CONGRESS**  
**Statistical Data on Measures Processed**  
**First Regular Session**  
**July 26, 2010 - June 08, 2011**  
(as of June 30, 2011)

<b>I. MEASURES FILED</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	
No. of Bills Filed		4890	
No. of Resolutions Filed		1474	
<b>Total No. of Measures Filed</b>		<b>6364</b>	
<b>Total No. of Committee Reports</b>		<b>1249</b>	
<b>II. MEASURES APPROVED</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL CONSOLIDATED/ SUBSTITUTED BILLS/RESOLUTIONS</b>
<b>Republic Acts</b>			
<i>National</i>	7	<b>8</b>	13
<i>House Joint Resolution</i>	1		1
<b>Adopted the Senate Version</b>			
<i>National</i>	1	<b>1</b>	3
<b>Approved on 3rd Reading</b>			
<i>National Bills</i>	110	<b>256</b>	180
<i>Local Bills</i>	146		54
<b>Approved on 2nd Reading</b>			
<i>National Bills</i>	10	<b>107</b>	34
<i>Local Bills</i>	97		11
<b>Adopted Resolutions</b>			
<i>Concurrent Resolutions</i>	6	<b>858</b>	
<i>Regular Resolutions</i>	126		75
<i>Resolutions on Inquiries</i>	718		1
<i>Report on Resolutions on Inquiries</i>	6		
<i>Report on Privilege Speeches</i>	1		
<i>Report on Impeachment</i>	1		
<b>MEASURES CONSOLIDATED/SUBSTITUTED</b>			<b>372</b>
<b>TOTAL MEASURES APPROVED</b>		<b>1230</b>	
<b>MEASURES PROCESSED</b>		<b>1602</b>	
<b>III. MEASURES IN THE CALENDAR OF BUSINESS</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL CONSOLIDATED/ SUBSTITUTED BILLS/RESOLUTIONS</b>
<b>Unfinished Business</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Business for the Day</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Business for Thursday and Friday</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>43</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF MEASURES IN THE CALENDAR OF BUSINESS</b>		<b>110</b>	
<b>TOTAL MEASURES PROCESSED</b>		<b>1712</b>	
<b>NUMBER OF SESSION DAYS</b>		<b>73</b>	
<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEASURES PROCESSED PER SESSION DAY</b>		<b>23</b>	

**NATIONAL MEASURES APPROVED BY THE 15TH CONGRESS**

**July 26, 2010 - June 8, 2011**

(as of June 30, 2011)

**I. ENACTED INTO LAWS (8)**

REPUBLIC ACT NO	SHORT TITLE	DATE SIGNED/ LAPSED INTO LAW
<b>RA10147</b>	FY 2011 General Appropriations Act (HB3101)	Signed on 12/27/2010
<b>RA10148</b>	An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Marcus Eugene Douthit (HB2307)	Lapsed on 3/12/2011
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HB04432	Converting The Western Visayas College Of Science And Technology (WVCST) In The City Of Iloilo Into A State University To Be Known As The Iloilo State University, With Campuses In The Municipalities Of Barotac Nuevo, Dumangas, Leon And Miag-Ao, All Located In The Province Of Iloilo, And Appropriating Funds Therefor
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