The House of Representatives capped its Second Regular Session on June 6, 2012 riding on the crest of the highest public satisfaction and trust ratings ever garnered by the institution, affirming its continuing commitment to fulfill the nationwide clamor for a legislature that serves the people with utmost competence and integrity.

Speaker Belmonte brought in to fruition his top priority to transfer the 285-member House to a bastion of authentic reform and outstanding legislative performance. By the end of this Second Regular Session, 154 Congress Members and 47 Majority Leaders have filed a total of 8,846 bills and resolutions, of which 3,038 measures have been processed in the span of 18 session days, yielding a rate of 22 measures per each session day for two regular sessions. Of the processed measures, 27 became Republic Acts, three bicameral reports were ratified, and 776 were approved on Third Reading. Also approved were 279 bicameral agreements, 477 Senate amendments, 380 joint resolutions, and 1,180 resolutions authorizing the conduct of inquests and investigations. Of the bills, 220 were passed on Second Reading.

New Laws Enacted
For the duration of the Second Regular Session from July 24, 2011 up to June 6, 2012, 11 new laws were enacted, on top of the nine laws signed into law during the first year of the 15th Congress. Of these, two major laws include: the Improvement of the Minimum Educational System Reform Law (RA 10154), the law converting schools into State Colleges and Universities, and the Corporate Culture and Ethics Protection Act (RA 10158), the three bicameral reports were ratified, and 776 were approved on Third Reading. Also approved were 279 bicameral agreements, 477 Senate amendments, 380 joint resolutions, and 1,180 resolutions authorizing the conduct of inquests and investigations. Of the bills, 220 were passed on Second Reading.

Since June 6, 2012, Speaker Belmonte has already signed into law 11 new pieces of legislation for the country’s benefit, of which 12 were passed during the Second Regular Session. The Speaker noted that the President signed the 11th bill on May 2, 2012, the 12th bill on May 24, 2012, and the 13th bill on June 4, 2012. In all, these new laws are expected to positively impact the lives of Filipinos in various sectors of the society.

The First Regular Session (2010–2012) saw the enactment of 13 new laws aligned with the First Agenda of the Administration of President Benigno S. Aquino III. While the Second Regular Session saw the enactment of 11 more laws, all of which are aligned with the Second Agenda of the Administration. The Speaker, however, declared that there are still a few bills that have not been passed during the Second Regular Session.

The Speaker is nevertheless pleased that the country has been able to pass several bills that are of crucial importance to theFilipinos. The First Agenda of the Administration is composed of bills that are aligned with the policies of the Aquino Administration to help the Filipinos achieve sustainable and inclusive growth.

The Second Agenda of the Administration, on the other hand, contains several bills that are aligned with the policies of the Aquino Administration to help the Filipinos achieve social justice.

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