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Sustaining **Growth,** Accelerating **Development**

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Foreword

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Addressing the twin challenges of sustaining economic growth and accelerating inclusive development is the overarching goal of our stewardship in the 16th Congress. We must build on the gains we achieved in transforming government into a dynamic catalyst of

policy reform and program innovation to enable the greater number of our people to reap the benefits of economic growth and social development.

On June 11, 2014, we concluded the First Regular Session of the 16th Congress with a profound sense of accomplishment. Our legislative yield, much of it accomplished under difficult circumstances, evidence our steadfast resolve to push the frontiers of legislation to sustain the momentum towards growth and genuine inclusive development. Even as we were shaken by the magnitude of destruction wrought by Typhoon “Yolanda,” we remained undistracted in the pursuit of needed policy reforms as we responded with utmost haste to bring succor to the victims of the calamity.

The House swiftly moved to augment funding resources for the rehabilitation of areas devastated by Typhoon “Yolanda.” We passed RA 10634 appropriating the sum of P14.6 billion as supplemental appropriations for the purpose. We also worked to enact JR 1, to extend the validity of the 2013 Calamity Fund and the Quick Response Fund to ensure continuing availability of resources for rehabilitation of devastated communities. Allegations of misuse of the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) impelled us to legislate its abolition. We saw the wisdom of optimizing the process of budget legislation to sustain the


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flow of development funds to needy localities nationwide and ensure transparency and accountability in their utilization.

Our legislative yield for the First Regular Session shows that the House acted decisively to provide clear-cut policy solutions to numerous concerns and gaps in disaster rehabilitation, social welfare, bureaucratic reform, education, health, the administration of justice and the economy. I am honored to present our accomplishments which are the hard-earned fruits of our steadfast resolve to serve the interests of the Filipino people.

As we open the Second Regular Session, we renew, once again, our commitment to fulfill our mandate to make legislation an authentic instrument for attaining sustained economic growth and accelerating inclusive development.

Mabuhay ang sambayanang Pilipino!


FELICIANO "SONNY" BELMONTE JR.
Speaker
House of Representatives

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On May 13, 2013, the Filipino people voted into office 290 House Members and 12 Senators with the mandate to harness legislation to craft strategic policies that will sustain the country's remarkable economic growth toward accelerated inclusive development brought about by the strides in good governance under the leadership of President Benigno S. Aquino III.

The 16th Congress opened on July 22, 2013. Rep. Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. of the 4th District of Quezon City received a new mandate from his colleagues in the House of Representatives to serve as Speaker of the 16th Congress. It would be his third election as Speaker in his distinguished legislative career.

In his address to the Members of the 16th Congress, the Speaker reaffirmed his commitment to transform the House into an exemplar of performance and accountability. In the din of public uproar over alleged irregularities in the use of the Priority Development Assistant Fund (PDAF), Speaker Belmonte galvanized the House into action to abolish the PDAF by eliminating it from the 2014 national budget.

The PDAF controversy unraveled as the Philippines attained stable-to-positive credit ratings from nearly every major credit ratings agency with investors recognizing the Philippines as a prime commercial hub not only in Asia but also in the world.

As Filipinos took pride in socioeconomic achievements posted, they recognized more work needs to be done to accelerate inclusive growth. Basic services, healthcare, education, and public infrastructure are constantly in need of expansion and improvement in quality.

The goal of overhauling old systems of governance and introducing needed reforms that accelerate inclusive development to benefit Filipinos in the long term is evident in



UNDISPUTED LEADER. Rep. Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. of the 4th District of Quezon City takes his oath as Speaker of the House of Representatives before its youngest member, Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo of Camiguin during the opening session of the 16th Congress.

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the House's legislative yield in the First Regular Session of the 16th Congress.

As of June 11, 2014, when the House adjourned its First Regular Session, Members filed a total of 5,873 bills and resolutions, of which 1,136 were processed. Of the total number, as of July 8, 2014, nine measures have become laws, 209 were approved on Third Reading, 20 on Second Reading, and 111 resolutions were adopted. All in all, the First Regular Session of the House of Representatives in the 16th Congress achieved a processing rate of 16 measures per day.



STATE OF THE NATION. President Benigno S. Aquino III delivers his fourth State of the Nation Address (SONA) on July 22, 2013, reporting his administration's accomplishments and continuing programs. He underscored the sustained fight against poverty and corruption in the bureaucracy as well as the pursuit of lasting peace in the country's strife-torn areas. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. and Senate President Franklin M. Drilon look on.

The 16th Congress garnered positive public satisfaction and trust ratings both for Speaker Belmonte and the institution itself. On its first year, Speaker Belmonte registered a +16 percent net satisfaction in the fourth quarter of 2013 (Social Weather Station) and an approval rating of 36 percent as of April 21, 2014 (PulseAsia, Inc.).

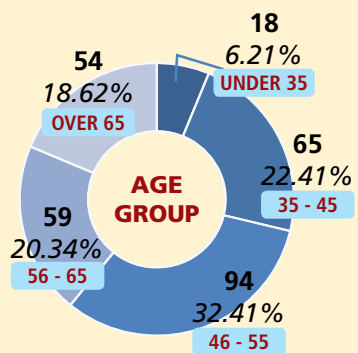
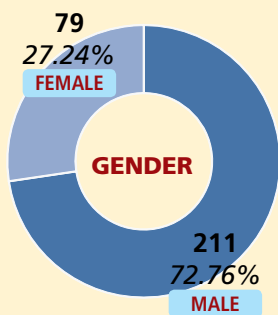
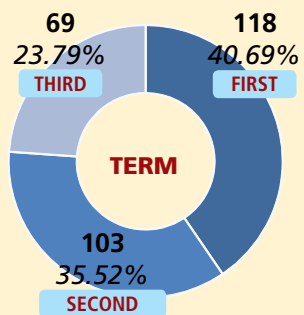
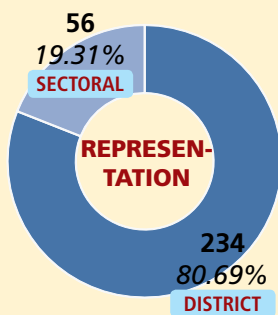
Crafting a Growth-Oriented Budget

The most important piece of legislation that was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 16th Congress is RA 10633, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2014. The 2014 GAA at P2.265 trillion, representing 17 percent of GDP for FY 2013-2014, is a testament to the resolve of the administration to parlay public funds to achieve inclusive development.

The 12.9-percent increase in the national budget (compared to 2013) is impelled by the necessity to spend more on social services,

The Demographics of House Members

290 Members as of July 10, 2014



infrastructure development and general public services in order to sustain the country's remarkable economic growth and to better address the needs of our people. Moreover, it sought to enhance national competitiveness while allocating more for the upliftment of the welfare of impoverished Filipinos.

Thus, in the 2014 GAA, social services received the lion's share of P841.79 billion, or 37.2 percent of the national budget. The social services sector involves education, healthcare, housing, social welfare, employment, and other related services, including the administration's flagship poverty alleviation program, the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino* Program (4Ps).

With the institution of the K-12 Program for basic and primary education and in preparation for the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Educational Integration in 2015, a higher budget allocation for this sector was made. Lawmakers recognized the need to prime the country's educational system to bring it at par with those of the best in the region and the rest of the world.

Public healthcare services likewise received a boost in the 2014 GAA, with enhanced funding programs for the rehabilitation, renovation, and modernization of 4,518 hospitals, rural health units, and other health stations throughout the archipelago. Congress facilitated this financial infusion with the enactment of RA 10606, otherwise known as the Universal Healthcare Act. RA 10606 ensures that all Filipinos, regardless of economic capacity, will be provided health insurance coverage by the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth).

The economic services sector received the second-highest appropriation at P593.12 billion or 26.2 percent of the total 2014 national budget. Economic services include agriculture, transport infrastructure, tourism, and other related services. The budget allocation is 56 percent higher than what was appropriated for the sector in 2010. This highlights the acknowledgement of Congress and of the Aquino administration that increased spending on economic services is one of the imperative factors for sustaining economic growth.

General public services received the third-highest allocation. These services involve administrative operations and expenditures, including fiscal management in executive

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PDAF-LESS 2014. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. shows members of the media a clear statement of support for President Benigno S. Aquino III's call to abolish the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) in the 2014 national budget.

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agencies, judicial services, and lawmaking, among others. This sector has an allocation of P362.58-billion or 16 percent of the total 2014 national budget. General public services received an increase of P15.3 billion from the 2013 budget level in order to enhance government's facilities and operational capabilities.

The rise in allocation for general public services is also a means to mitigate graft and corruption and enhance government performance. By increasing spending on government agencies, departments, branches, and government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs), government put more resources for improving its capabilities for delivering responsive services effectively.

The budget allocation for debt servicing in the 2014 GAA was reduced to P377.68-billion, or 16.7 percent of the total national budget. The country's outstanding economic growth has made government more financially flexible in its spending priorities.

The national defense sector received the least amount of allocation in the 2014 budget pie. Despite its relatively meager allocation of P89.4 billion or four percent of the 2014 national budget, the government, through the pertinent agencies, sought to acquire key military material and equipment such as conventional handheld weapons and other ordinances for the Philippine Army (PA), 12 South Korean-made FA-50 fighter jets for the Philippine Air Force (PAF), another Hamilton-class cutter for the Philippine Navy (PN) – the BRP Ramon Alcaraz, to augment the Philippines' defense capabilities particularly against armed insurgencies and external threats to the country's sovereignty.

Enhancing Disaster Preparedness and Response

In November 2013, the Philippines braced for one of the strongest tropical cyclones in recorded history. Typhoon "Haiyan," locally called "Yolanda," devastated large swaths of land and laid waste numerous communities along its path. Bearing the brunt of the typhoon's destructive fury was the Province of Leyte, particularly Tacloban City.

The magnitude of the devastation wrought by "Yolanda" created an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. Thousands lost lives, many more lost homes and



PERFORMANCE BUDGET. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., Minority Leader Ronaldo B. Zamora, and Committee on Appropriations Chairman Isidro T. Ungab do a thumbs-up with colleagues after the House of Representatives approved the proposed 2014 General Appropriations Act, later enacted as RA 10633.

livelihoods. Communities in affected areas did not have electricity and running water for weeks. Food was scarce. Seeing the havoc wrought by “Yolanda,” the international community rallied to aid the Philippines through rehabilitation and relief funding pledges, donations of food and clothing, and mobilization of medical and humanitarian personnel to provide relief support to the affected localities.

Congress recognized the logistical and financial challenges brought about by Typhoon “Yolanda.” Thus, Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. authored RA 10634 which appropriated the sum of P14.6 billion as supplemental appropriations for FY 2013. The amount augmented the funds of government’s frontline agencies for disaster relief and rehabilitation efforts.

To date, residents in the affected areas struggle with basic necessities, especially food, water, and shelter. This compelled Congress to enact Joint Resolution 1, which extends the validity of appropriations under the 2013 Calamity Fund and Quick Response Fund, including those sourced from savings realigned in the current year, and all unobligated allotments and unreleased appropriations for maintenance and other operating expenses and capital outlays under RA 10352, or the 2013 GAA until December 31, 2014.

In addition, the President also signed into law RA 10639, otherwise known as the Free Mobile Disaster Alerts Act of 2014.

In Pursuit of Good Governance

The House of Representatives, in line with the President’s anti-corruption drive, moved to put onstream improvements in public administration.

To sustain advances in boosting bureaucratic efficiency and promoting professionalism in public service, to further enhance the efficiency of delivery of public services, the House enacted RA 10635, establishing the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as the national marine administration body responsible for the implementation of the 1978 International Convention on the Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers. Congress, recognizing the importance of travel by rail, especially in rural destinations,

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IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. initiates efforts to support moves of national and local government agencies in hastening assistance and rehabilitation of super-typhoon ravaged areas particularly in the Visayas and parts of Mindanao, during an urgent meeting with members of the Committee on National Defense and the Oversight Committee on Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management System. Exchanging reports and insights during the meeting at the Speaker’s office were (from left) Reps. Gary C. Alejano, Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Jose F. Zubiri III, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Speaker Belmonte, Elenita Ermita-Buhain, Francisco L. Acedillo, Mel Senen Sarmiento, Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, and Rodolfo G. Biazon (not in photo).

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also approved the bill extending the corporate life of the Philippine National Railways (PNR) for another 50 years which, thereafter, was signed into law as RA 10638.

In the field of electoral reform, the House saw the urgency of updating government's frontline organization that introduces the youth to the intricacies of governance. RA 10632 was enacted to postpone the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections initially scheduled on October 28, 2013 and allow time for needed retooling and reorientation of the organization as a channel of youth participation in government.

The House also strengthened the anti-drug campaign of the government by providing for clear regulations governing the custody and handling of confiscated dangerous drugs so as to preserve their evidentiary value and prevent the technical dismissal of related cases (HB 2285). This measure is awaiting approval by the President.

To further enhance the implementation of decentralization and enable government to respond better to the needs of our people, the House passed numerous bills on local governance on Third Reading. Among these measures is the bill that removes the requirements on population and land area as requisites in the conversion of a municipality into a component city if it has a locally generated average annual income of at least P220 million (HB 3593).

The House also moved to strengthen nation-building through the institutionalization of a strategic, volunteerism-based, and multi-sectoral public-private partnership framework in all local government units and congressional districts in the country (HB 1979). This measure is an expansion of the administration's thrust toward expanding public-private partnership (PPP) in various endeavors notably infrastructure development.

Other measures on public sector reform approved on Third Reading include the bills: providing for the mandatory appointment of a cooperatives officer in every local government unit, a new passport law to facilitate issuance (HB 4006); identification of other persons criminally liable for election offenses and increasing the penalties for election-related offenses (HB 4111); and promotion of the



NEW US ENVOY VISITS THE HOUSE. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. (3rd from left) welcomes United States Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Philip S. Goldberg (2nd from left), who called on the Speaker and other House leaders on November 21, 2013 in a gesture to broaden ties between the US and the Philippines. Majority Leader Neptali M. Gonzales II (right), Reps. Zenaida B. Angping, Rodolfo G. Biazon and Al Francis C. Bichara (not in photo) also met with the new American envoy. Ambassador Goldberg was accompanied by Mr. Brian Goldbeck, US Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission (left) and Mr. Nate Young, political officer (not in photo).

development of entrepreneurship skills among government employees (HB 4123).

Attaining Social Justice and Equality

The House of Representatives continues to work to fulfill its role as a partner to the Judiciary by enhancing the country's justice system. To widen the reach of the Judiciary and unclog court dockets, 27 House Bills creating 62 Regional Trial Courts, 24 Municipal Trial Courts and five Metropolitan Trial Courts in 18 provinces and three Metro Manila cities were passed.

To curb crime, uphold the rights of the accused, and promote social equity, the House also approved on Third Reading HB 4147, which rationalizes and strengthens the probation system; HB 4442, mandating the imposition of penalties lower than that prescribed by law in criminal cases where the civil case is settled through alternative dispute resolution; and HB 4543, which excludes from the application of the indeterminate sentence law those convicted of criminal offenses against minors.

To ensure that our law enforcement officers and penal administration personnel perform their mandated tasks of being conscientious stewards of prisoners and those accused of violating the law, the chamber passed HB 4443, which prescribes stricter penalties on the crime of delivering prisoners from jail and infidelity in the custody of prisoners. Once enacted into law, this bill will minimize the occurrence of prisoners getting "special" treatment in the country's penal facilities.

In the area of family relations, the House passed a bill amending Article 75 of Title IV of the Family Code, replacing the default property relations system of absolute community to conjugal partnership of gains (HB 2384). The proponents of this measure believe that the system of conjugal partnership of gains is more consistent with the provisions in the New Civil Code that ensures protection of the property rights of both husband and wife.

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HOUSE APPROVES SUPPLEMENTAL REHAB BUDGET. House leaders and members exchange notes in a plenary huddle during the two-day marathon debate on the P14.6-billion supplemental rehabilitation budget which was enacted into RA 10364. Present are from left Reps. Damian G. Mercado, Jonathan A. de la Cruz, Paolo S. Javier, Appropriations Committee Chair Isidro T. Ungab, Ben P. Evardone, Danila Carlo E. Cua, Harlin C. Abayon, Committee on Accounts Chair Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Leo Rafael M. Cueva, and Pryde Henry A. Teves.

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Fueling Economic Growth

At the commencement of the 16th Congress, the Philippines posted one of the fastest economic growth rates in Asia, bested only by China. The global spotlight on the developing world shone brightest on the Philippines in Southeast Asia.

Widely credited for this economic phenomenon is the national leadership's campaign against graft and corruption and the promotion of public-private partnerships that create an investment-friendly environment. Foreign investors have come to recognize the Philippines as a prime investment hub, generating an influx of capital and the rise in employment opportunities for our countrymen.

To maximize the country's economic draw, Speaker Belmonte advocated the lifting of the prohibitions on foreign ownership of enterprise and real property in the 1987 Constitution. By amending the pertinent economic provisions of the Constitution, the Speaker believes that more businesses will be encouraged to invest and set up shop in the country, leading to the creation of more job opportunities and a further increase in overall economic activity.

Two measures passed and submitted to the President for approval into law support the Speaker's advocacy of enhancing the country's economic dynamism: HB 3984 which liberalizes the entry and scope of operations of foreign banks in the Philippines; and HB 4595 which promotes the development of micro, small, and medium enterprises through the establishment of "Go Negosyo" centers. The House likewise passed HB 4411, which penalizes the hoarding of legal tender coins of the Philippine currency.



HARMONIZING PRIORITIES. Michael Raeuber and Michael Schumacker of the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Makati Business Club's Ramon del Rosario, House Deputy Speakers Henedina R. Abad and Giorgidi B. Aggabao listen as Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. (center) reiterates his call for the relaxation of the Philippines' restrictive constitutional provisions on foreign investments during the meeting with the Joint Foreign Chambers and Philippine business groups. The parley aimed to draw up a legislative agenda to increase foreign direct investments to help meet the challenges of national development and regional economic integration. The Speaker also emphasized the House's commitment to legislative initiatives that will sustain inclusive economic growth and maximize the country's benefits in the emerging ASEAN Economic Community.

Addressing the Challenges of Educational Integration

The previous Congress enacted laws that facilitated the implementation of the Department of Education's (DepEd) K-12 program in order to improve the state of academic instruction in primary and secondary education. In this Congress, the gradual shift toward harmonizing the country's academic calendar to those of the region is unfolding. This is in line with the government's

commitment to take part in a region-wide integration of educational systems among ASEAN member-states.

A dynamic and competitive economy requires a highly skilled labor force to meet the increasing manpower needs of trade, business and industry. Thus, the House approved HB 3575, which strengthens the ladderized interface between technical-vocational education and training and higher education. With this measure, students will be able to acquire in-demand skills, allowing them to land jobs locally and abroad, at the same time, provide them with avenues to pursue tertiary courses towards greater specialization.

To increase the accessibility of public and private education to the Filipino youth, the House passed on Third Reading a measure that establishes a voluntary student loan program (HB 3617). This aims to provide students and their families with financial flexibility through the granting of loans by private banks, thereby expanding choices on where to study and what to specialize on. The House likewise approved a bill establishing the Open High School System in the Philippines (HB 4085) to pave the way for distance learning in secondary education.

Other education bills passed on Third Reading include HB 3898 which mandates higher education institutions and technical-vocational institutions to ensure the safety and security of their academic communities from internal and external threats; HB 3976, declaring July 25 as the National Campus Press Freedom Day; HB 4042, strengthening the rules on the proper use and display of our national symbols and the rendition of the national anthem; and HB 4093, which recognizes the annual observance of November 17 as the International Students' Day.

Enhancing Social Protection

The House sustains its commitment to the administration's poverty alleviation programs, particularly the program on conditional cash transfer. Even as the House allocated more funds for social services in the GAA, it also approved measures to make the country's economic growth more inclusive to ensure the welfare of impoverished sectors.

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TOWARDS COMPETENCE AND PROFICIENCY. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. signs the ratified consolidated bill promoting competency and proficiency among Filipino seafarers witnessed by principal sponsors, authors and advocates (from right) Majority Leader Neptali M. Gonzales, Reps. Marcelino R. Teodoro, Jonathan A. dela Cruz, Fernando V. Gonzalez, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Jesulito A. Manalo, Ronald M. Cosalan, and Al Francis C. Bichara. The ratified consolidated bill became law as RA 10635, otherwise known as "An act establishing the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as the single maritime administration responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the 1978 international convention on standards of training, certification, and watchkeeping for seafarers, as amended, and international agreements or covenants related thereto."

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Shelter was given priority attention by the House Members during the First Regular Session of the 16th Congress. The national economy's dynamic growth generated a real estate boom in most urban areas, particularly in Metro Manila, necessitating consumer protection for those looking to buy residential property. The House passed on Third Reading HB 395, which institutes reforms in the Subdivision and Condominium Buyers' Protective Decree to prevent predatory or abusive sales practices by real estate developers and their agents.

As the Philippines continues to have one of the highest population rates in the world, socialized and low-cost housing for the lower segments of society remains a priority concern. Toward this end, the House approved a bill that strengthens the Balanced Housing Development Program (HB 4116) implemented by government housing agencies. To have more land for the construction of state housing projects, the chamber also passed a bill that prescribes mechanisms to facilitate the disposition of idle government-owned lands for socialized housing (HB 3515).

Awaiting the President's approval into law is a measure that protects our citizens from the financial risks and hazards related to the purchase of automobiles. HB 4082, otherwise known as "Lemon Law," strengthens consumer protection in the purchase of vehicles by mitigating the incidences of deceptive or unfair business and trade practices in the automotive industry.

The House also saw the need to expand the financial capacities of farmers and fisherfolk. HB 3785 strengthens and institutionalizes the direct credit support of the Land Bank of the Philippines to agrarian reform beneficiaries, small farmers, and fisherfolk.

Other bills passed on Third Reading that are intended to uphold civil liberties as well as augment social protection include HB 1214, which requires the use of Filipino sign language insets for local news programs; HB 3972, providing for the establishment of the no calls and no text registration system; HB 4032, institutionalizing industry cluster-based programs and projects through inter-local cooperation and people's participation; and HB 4128, declaring November 23 of every year as "Philippine Press Freedom Day."



COMMON AGENDA. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. and Senate President Franklin Drilon lead their respective chambers of Congress in a meeting of minds on a common legislative agenda. With the Speaker and Senate President are Senators Vicente C. Sotto, Alan Peter S. Cayetano, and Ralph G. Recto, Minority Leader Ronaldo B. Zamora, Majority Leader Neptali M. Gonzales and Rep. Romero Federico "Miro" S. Quimbo.

Prioritizing Communal Health and Wellbeing

The rise of the Philippines in the global economic stage is attributable principally to its most important resource – the Filipino people – whose resourcefulness, skills and dedication in their respective professions help sustain economic growth. Thus, the House acted on bills that enhance the resources and capabilities of government’s healthcare agencies including state-run hospitals so as to better address the health needs of our people.

A landmark legislation approved by the 16th Congress and submitted to the President for enactment into law is the Graphic Health Warning Act (HB 4590). This measure is an auxiliary measure to the Sin Tax Law by mandating that prominent health warnings be placed on all tobacco products packaging.

The House also passed on Third Reading HB 4000, which strengthens the regulation of health facilities and services in the country and HB 3727, which requires healthcare facilities to provide price lists of their healthcare services that will be charged in the medical bills of patients.

The Philippines continues to implement programs for the attainment of its Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), especially those related to improving maternal health and post-natal care (MDG 5) and to the reduction of child mortality (MDG 4). In line with the health-related MDGs, the House approved HB 398, requiring pregnancy testing of all women of childbearing age who will undergo cosmetic surgery; and HB 3728, which mandates ocular prophylaxis on all newborns.

The House also supports the thrust of the Aquino administration to improve, retool, rehabilitate, and modernize state-run hospitals and public health clinics. A total of P85.2 billion was allocated in the 2014 GAA to finance Department of Health (DOH) programs, including the maintenance of hospitals and clinics. Other health-related bills passed on Third Reading include HB 1617, establishing the Mercury Exposure Information Program and HB 2072, which declares the highly-medicinal and vitamin-rich Malunggay (Moringa) plant as the “National Vegetable of the Philippines” and the month of November as the “National Malunggay Month.”

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MEETING THE CHINA ENVOY. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. and People's Republic of China Ambassador H.E. Zhao Jianhua briefly exchange notes on various bilateral, regional and international issues during the latter's courtesy call on the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Also on hand to greet the Chinese diplomatic delegation are Chairman Raul V. del Mar of the Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy Committee, Reps. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, Gabriel Luis R. Quisumbing, and Wes Gatchalian. The Chinese delegation includes: Mr. Sun Xiangyang, Deputy Chief of Mission and Political Counselor; Mr. Liang Jianjun, Chief, Political Section; Mr. Hu Xiaodong, Third Secretary, Political Section; and Mr. Liu Chang, Secretary to the Ambassador and Third Secretary, Political Section.

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Continuing the Tradition of Integrity and Professionalism

The First Regular Session of the 16th Congress is witness to the renewed commitment of the Members of the House to sustain the institution's tradition of integrity and professionalism in public service. Helmed once again by the exemplar of public service himself, the House of Representatives looks ahead to the remaining sessions of the 16th Congress with a spirit of resolute commitment to attaining higher levels of legislative performance with the direst needs and aspirations of the Filipino for a better quality of life as its unremitting guiding inspiration. In that spirit, the House of Representatives confidently assumes its increasing role as a partner of the administration in sustaining growth and accelerating inclusive development. ●



BUDGET FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH. President Benigno S. Aquino III shares a light moment with leaders of Congress and ranking government officials after he signed the P2.265-trillion National Budget for 2014 which exemplifies his administration's thrust for inclusive development as reflected in the higher appropriations allocated for social and economic services. Seated, from left to right, are Vice President Jejomar Binay, President Aquino, and Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. Standing, from left to right, are Reps. Romero Federico "Miro" S. Quimbo, Gabriel Luis R. Quisumbing, Rodolfo T. Albano III, Antonio F. Lagdameo Jr., Pangalian M. Balindong, Jorge "Bolet" Banal, Maria Zenaida B. Angping, and Cesar V. Sarmiento.

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Statistical Data on Measures Processed			
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(including measures signed into law by the President as of July 8, 2014)			
I. MEASURES FILED		TOTAL	
No. of Bills Filed		4,633	
No. of Resolutions Filed		1,240	
Total No. of Measures Filed		5,873	
Total No. of Committee Reports		315	
II. STATUS OF MEASURES		TOTAL	TOTAL Consolidated/ Substituted
Republic Acts			
<i>National</i>		7	21
<i>Local</i>		1	
<i>Joint Resolution</i>		1	
Adopted Senate Version/Provision			
<i>National</i>		1	
Ratified Bicam Reports			
<i>National</i>		4	28
Approved on 3rd Reading			
<i>National</i>		96	200
<i>Local</i>		111	61
<i>Joint Resolution</i>		2	1
Approved on 2nd Reading			
<i>National</i>		5	8
<i>Local</i>		14	3
<i>Joint Resolution</i>		1	1
Adopted Resolutions			
<i>Concurrent Resolutions</i>		4	
<i>Regular Resolutions</i>		105	94
<i>Report on Resolutions on Inquiries</i>		2	3
TOTAL MEASURES APPROVED		354	
III. TOTAL NUMBER OF MEASURES IN THE CALENDAR OF BUSINESS			
<i>Measures in the Calendar of Business</i>		7	10
<i>Measures, Consolidated</i>		430	
<i>Referral of Resolutions on Inquiries</i>		345	
TOTAL MEASURES PROCESSED		1136	
NUMBER OF SESSION DAYS		69	
AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEASURES PROCESSED PER SESSION DAY		16	

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REPUBLIC ACT NO	SHORT TITLE	DATE SIGNED INTO LAW
RA10632	Postponing The Sangguniang Kabataan Elections On October 28, 2013, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 9340, And For Other Purposes (HB02849/SB01186)	10/3/13
RA10633	General Appropriations Act Of 2014 (HB02630)	12/20/13
RA10634	Appropriating The Sum Of Fourteen Billion Six Hundred Million Pesos (P14,600,000,000) As Supplemental Appropriations For FY 2013 (HB03423)	12/26/13
RA10635	Establishing The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) As The Single Marine Administration Responsible For The Implementation And Enforcement Of The 1978 International Convention On The Standards Of Training Certification And Watchkeeping For Seafarers (HB03766/SB02043)	3/13/14
RA10636	Granting Philippine Citizenship To Andray Blatche (HB04084)	6/11/14
RA10638	Extending The Corporate Life Of The Philippine National Railways For Another Fifty (50) Years, Amending For The Purpose RA No. 4156 (HB04089/SB01831)	6/16/14
RA10639	Mandating The Telecommunications Service Providers To Send Free Mobile Alerts In The Event Of Natural And Man-Made Disasters And Calamities (HB00353)	6/20/14
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II. ADOPTED SENATE VERSION (1)		
HB NO.	SHORT TITLE	DATE ADOPTED
HB02285	Further Strengthening The Anti-Drug Campaign Of The Government Amending For The Purpose Section 21 Of Republic Act 9165 Otherwise Known As The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act Of 2002 (SB02273)	6/9/14
III. RATIFIED BICAMERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS (4)		
HB NO.	SHORT TITLE	DATE RATIFIED
HB03984	Amending Republic Act No. 7721, Otherwise Known As 'An Act Liberalizing The Entry And Scope Of Operations Of Foreign Banks In The Philippines'	6/10/14
HB04082	Strengthening Consumer Protection In The Purchase Of Brand New Motor Vehicles	6/10/14
HB04590	Prescribing The Printing Of Graphic Health Warnings On Tobacco Products	6/11/14
HB04595	Promoting The Development Of Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises	6/10/14
IV. APPROVED ON THIRD READING (98)		
HB NO.	SHORT TITLE	DATE APPROVED ON 3RD READING
HB00159	Creating Four (4) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The Cities Of Alaminos, Dagupan, And San Carlos And In The Municipality Of Lingayen, All Situated In The Province Of Pangasinan	6/9/14
HB00362	Amending Republic Act No. 53, As Amended, Otherwise Known As 'An Act To Exempt The Publisher, Editor Or Reporter Of Any Publication From Revealing The Source Of Published News Or Information Obtained In Confidence' By Including Within Its Coverage Journalists From Broadcast, News Agencies And Internet Publications	5/19/14
HB00395	Institute Reforms In The Subdivision And Condominium Buyers' Protective Decree	2/10/14
HB00398	Mandatory Pregnancy Testing Of All Women Of Childbearing Age Who Will Undergo Cosmetic Surgery	2/10/14

HB00606	Creating Five (5) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court And Five (5) Additional Branches Of The Metropolitan Trial Court In The National Capital Judicial Region To Be Stationed In Pasay City, Metro Manila	6/9/14
HB00694	Increasing The Burial Assistance For Veterans From Ten Thousand (P10,000.00) To Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00)	5/19/14
HB00925	Requiring All Franchise Holders Or Operators Of Television Stations And Producers Of Television Programs To Broadcast Or Present Their Programs With Closed Captions	2/24/14
HB01214	Requiring The Use Of Filipino Sign Language Insets For Local News Programs	2/3/14
HB01222	Establish And Maintain An Office Of Veterans Affairs In The Philippine Embassy In The United States Of America	5/19/14
HB01463	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court In The Province Of Misamis Oriental To Be Stationed At The Municipality Of Tagoloan	6/9/14
HB01617	Establishing The Mercury Exposure Information Program	2/10/14
HB01641	Declaring The Celebration Of The National Children's Month In The Country On October Of Every Year	2/3/14
HB01771	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court And Two (2) Additional Municipal Trial Court In Cities In The Third Judicial Region To Be Stationed In San Jose City, Province Of Nueva Ecija	6/9/14
HB01772	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The Third Judicial Region To Be Stationed In The Science City Of Munoz And In The Municipality Of Rizal, Province Of Nueva Ecija	6/9/14
HB01979	Strengthen Nation-Building Through The Institutionalization Of A Strategic Volunteerism Based Multi-Sectoral Public-Private Partnership Framework In All Local Government Units And Congressional Districts In The Country	5/5/14
HB01980	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The Tenth Judicial Region To Be Stationed At Initao, Province Of Misamis Oriental	6/9/14
HB02072	Declaring Malunggay (Moringa) As 'The National Vegetable Of The Philippines' And The Month Of November Of Every Year As 'The National Malunggay Month'	3/10/14
HB02094	Creating An Additional Regional Trial Court Branch In The Third Judicial Region To Be Stationed In The City Of Meycauayan, Province Of Bulacan	6/9/14
HB02186	Creating Separate Municipal Trial Courts For The Municipalities Of Carmona And General Mariano Alvarez, Both In The Province Of Cavite	6/9/14
HB02260	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Municipal Trial Court In Cities And Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The First Judicial Region To Be Stationed At The City Of Baguio	6/9/14
HB02384	Amending Article 75 Of Title Of Executive Order No. 209, As Amended By Executive Order No. 227, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines	3/10/14
HB02409	Creating Two (2) Additional Municipal Trial Courts In Cities For Angeles City, One (1) Municipal Trial Court For Magalang And One (1) Municipal Trial Court In Cities For The City Of Mabalacat, All In The Province Of Pampanga	6/9/14
HB02701	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court In The 5th Judicial Region To Be Stationed At Sorsogon City, Province Of Sorsogon	6/9/14
HB02729	Authorizing The Punong Barangay To Administer The Oath Of Office To Any Government Official, Including The President Of The Philippines	5/26/14
HB02739	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court To Be Stationed At The City Of Guihulngan, Province Of Negros Oriental	6/9/14
HB02927	Creating Five (5) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court To Be Stationed At The City Of Iloilo	6/9/14
HB03396	Creating Nineteen (19) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The National Capital Region To Be Stationed In Quezon City	6/9/14
HB03515	Prescribing The Mechanisms To Facilitate The Disposition Of Idle Government-Owned Lands For Socialized Housing	2/10/14
HB03575	Strengthening The Ladderized Interface Between Technical-Vocational Education And Training And Higher Education	2/3/14

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HB03785	Strengthening And Institutionalizing Direct Credit Support Of The Land Bank Of The Philippines To Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries, Small Farmers And Fisherfolk	2/17/14
HB03898	Mandating Higher Education Institutions And Technical-Vocational Institutions To Ensure The Safety And Security Of The Academic Community From Internal And External Threats	2/24/14
HB03917	Increasing The Number Of Members Of The Sangguniang Panglungsod Of The City Of Biñan From Ten (10) To Twelve (12) And Separating It From The First District Of The Province Of Laguna To Constitute The Lone District Of The City Of Biñan	2/24/14
HB03972	Providing For The Establishment Of The No Calls And No Text Registration System	3/4/14
HB03976	Declaring July 25 Of Every Year As The National Campus Press Freedom Day	3/4/14
HB03981	Providing For The Mandatory Appointment Of A Cooperatives Officer In Every Local Government Unit	3/4/14
HB04000	Strengthening The Regulation Of Health Facilities And Services In The Philippines, Repealing For The Purpose Republic Act No. 4226, Otherwise Known As The 'Hospital Licensure Act' And For Other Purposes	3/10/14
HB04006	Providing For A New Passport Law, Repealing For The Purpose Republic Act Numbered Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine (R.A. No. 8239), Otherwise Known As The Philippine Passport Act Of 1996	3/10/14
HB04032	Institutionalizing Industry Cluster-Based Programs And Projects Through Inter-Local Cooperation And People's Participation	5/5/14
HB04042	Strengthening The Rules On The Proper Use And Display Of Our National Symbols And The Rendition Of The National Anthem, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 8491, Otherwise Known As The 'Flag And Heraldic Code Of The Philippines'	5/5/14
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HB04116	Strengthening The Balanced Housing Development Program	5/5/14
HB04123	Promoting The Development Of Entrepreneurship Skills Among Government Employees	5/5/14
HB04128	Declaring November Twenty-Three Of Every Year As 'Philippine Press Freedom Day'	5/5/14
HB04133	Reducing The Retirement Age Of Race Horse Jockeys From Sixty (60) To Fifty-Five (55)	5/5/14
HB04146	Increasing The Prescriptive Period From Fifteen (15) Years To Thirty (30) Years For The Violation Of Republic Act No. 3019 Otherwise Known As The 'Anti-graft And Corrupt Practices Act'	5/12/14
HB04147	Rationalizing And Strengthening The Probation System	5/12/14

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HB04214	Retention And Utilization Of The Income Derived By The National Museum	5/19/14
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HB04484	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The Province Of Ilocos Sur To Be Stationed In The City Of Vigan And In The Municipality Of Sto. Domingo	6/9/14
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HB04489	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court In The Twelfth Judicial Region, To Be Stationed At The Municipality Of Ditsaan-ramain, Province Of Lanao Del Sur	6/9/14
HB04490	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Municipal Trial Court In Cities With Seat At Bogo City And Six (6) Additional Branches Of The Municipal Trial Court With Seats At Daanbantayan, Madridejos, San Remigio, Tabogon, Tabuelan, And Sta. Fe, All In The Province Of Cebu	6/9/14
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