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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo called the session to order.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The session is now called to order.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). May we request everyone to please rise for the singing of the National Anthem.

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

### PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). May we request everyone to kindly remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Good afternoon.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). There is a motion to defer the calling of the roll.

Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. DEFENSOR. Likewise, Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). There is a motion to defer the approval of the Journal.

Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

*The Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:*

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 2938, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FORESTLAND BOUNDARY OF THE PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE”

By Representative Dalog

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2939, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROADS FROM BARANGAY POBLACION TO BARANGAYS LUY-A, LAMINTAK NORTE, LAMINTAK SUR AND DAYHAGON IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEDELLIN IN THE 4TH DISTRICT OF CEBU PROVINCE INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2940, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE PROVINCIAL ROADS FROM CURVA, MEDELLIN TO POBLACION, DAANBANTAYAN IN THE 4TH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Salimbangon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2941, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING LICENSE AND CLEARANCE FROM PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION FOR THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY AND OPERATION OF OPTICAL SHOPS, RESPECTIVELY AND THE SAME TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2942, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 910 CREATING AN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2943, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING OIL INDUSTRY THEREBY REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8479, ALSO KNOWN AS DOWNSTREAM OIL INDUSTRY DEREGULATION ACT OF 1998”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2944, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD REQUIRING REAR UNDERIDE PREVENTION GUARD FOR TRUCKS, TRAILERS, AND SIMILAR LARGE VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2945, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND OTHER SIMILAR BUSINESSES TO DONATE TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS ANY AND ALL UNSOLD FOOD AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2946, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF PCSO FUNDS FROM UNCLAIMED LOTTO PRIZES FOR DISPOSITION AND ADMINISTRATION BY DSWD FOR ITS SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 2947, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HINIGDAAN, EL SALVADOR CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS HINIGDAAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2948, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MOLUGAN, EL SALVADOR CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS MOLUGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2949, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF DASHBOARD CAMERAS OR ‘DASHCAM’ SYSTEMS IN ALL GOVERNMENT-OWNED PATROL CARS AS MEANS TO DETER CRIMES”

By Representative Sambar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2950, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING ACCESS TO SECONDARY EDUCATION BY CONVERTING ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS INTO INTEGRATED SCHOOLS OFFERING COMPLETE BASIC EDUCATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2951, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ONE TOWN: ONE DOCTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2952, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) HELP AND PROTECTION DESKS IN ALL PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE STATIONS NATIONWIDE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE TITLE VII OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 8551, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER  
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2953, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF AND MANDATING THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF CADAVERS OF MUSLIMS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, MORGUES AND OTHER OFFICES WITH FACILITIES FOR DECEASED BODIES ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES”

By Representative Papandayan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2954, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) CENTER

FOR EACH SCHOOL DIVISION AND AT LEAST THREE (3) SPED CENTERS IN BIG SCHOOL DIVISIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CSNs), CREATING THE IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY THEREOF, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER INCENTIVES AND SUPPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Acharon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2955, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT, HEALTH CARE AND DEATH BENEFITS TO PROFESSIONAL FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO WIN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES IN INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS OR IN OTHER EQUALLY PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acharon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND  
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2956, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8187, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE PATERNITY LEAVE ACT OF 1996’, AMENDING ITS TITLE AND SECTION 2 THEREFORE”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2957, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TIMBANGAN NG BAYAN CENTER IN ALL PUBLIC MARKETS NATIONWIDE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, CHAPTER II OF THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND  
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2958, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN AMUSEMENT PARKS SAFETY BOARD”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND  
AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 2959, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPULSORY DISCLOSURE OF FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS AND MEASURES IN CAMPUS BUILDINGS”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2960, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOCATING FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF ANNUAL VALUE-ADDED TAX COLLECTIONS TO FINANCE AGRICULTURE EXPENDITURES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2961, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2962, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE AQUARIUM AQUATIC LIFE COLLECTING INDUSTRY”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2963, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ASSISTANCE”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2964, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2965, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES EXTENDED TO NATIONAL ATHLETES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2966, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WATER USE EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGIES AND PRACTICES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2967, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HOSPITAL FOR TEACHERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2968, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION - BAGONG SILANG PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALATAGAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ermita-Buhain  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2969, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COASTAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROGRAM FOR COASTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (CLGUs) BY PROVIDING THEM FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE”

By Representative Ermita-Buhain  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Bill No. 2970, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE

REGULAR PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ISSUED TO ADULT APPLICANTS FROM FIVE (5) YEARS TO TEN (10) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996”

By Representative Ermita-Buhain  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2971, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING CENTER IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTRY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8044, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘YOUTH IN NATION-BUILDING ACT’ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ermita-Buhain  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2972, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAYAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BALAYAN TESDA TRAINING CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Ermita-Buhain  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2973, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR MAMMALIAN CELL LINES AND ANIMAL VIRUS REPOSITORY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2974, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE DULOP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - BAG-ONG VALENCIA EXTENSION IN BARANGAY BAG-ONG VALENCIA, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMINGAG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE DULOP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BAG-ONG VALENCIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2975, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DAPIWAK, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMINGAG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS DAPIWAK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2976, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE DULOP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LABANGON ANNEX IN BARANGAY LABANGON, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMINGAG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE DULOP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LABANGON SUBANEN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2977, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR REGULATORY FRAMEWORK, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 2978, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASBATE INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES AND TECHNOLOGY-TICAO ISLAND CAMPUS IN THE ISLAND OF TICAO, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bravo (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2979, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CLAVERIA TO SAN ISIDRO ROAD IN BURIAS ISLAND, PROVINCE OF MASBATE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bravo (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

REHABILITATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS IN EVERY CITY AND PROVINCE THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 2980, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAGUNDI TO BATUAN ROAD IN TICA O ISLAND, PROVINCE OF MASBATE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bravo (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2986, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AGUSAN MARSH SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TALACOGON, SAN FRANCISCO, ROSARIO, BUNAWAN, LORETO AND LA PAZ IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF WILDLIFE SANCTUARY PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Mellana  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2981, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY HONORARIUM FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Espino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2987, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE BICOL SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUSAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND EXPAND ITS SERVICES TO BECOME THE BICOL REGIONAL GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Andaya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2982, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE TO GOVERN ITS ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Espino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2988, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SECURITY OF TENURE FOR ALL CASUAL AND CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT WHO HAVE RENDERED THE PRESCRIBED YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Andaya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2983, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING BIKE LANES IN MAIN ROADS AND HIGHWAYS”

By Representative Antonio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2984, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF SMALL FARMERS, AND SMALL-SCALE FISHERFOLK”

By Representative Antonio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2989, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION TO THE ELDERLY AGAINST ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Gatchalian  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2985, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DRUG

House Bill No. 2990, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE BASIC EDUCATION NUTRITION AND PERFORMANCE ACCELERATION PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gatchalian  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2991, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SARANGANI IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Pacquiao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2992, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS OFFICE IN EVERY PROVINCE IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2993, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE-CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP (PNP-CIDG) TO ISSUE SUBPOENA/SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM”

By Representative Matugas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2994, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 461, PARAGRAPH (b) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representatives Matugas, Pichay and Pimentel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2995, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DIRECT REMITTANCE TO THE HOST LOCAL

GOVERNMENT OF ITS FORTY PERCENT (40%) SHARE OF THE PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM THE UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL WEALTH, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 293 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’”

By Representatives Matugas, Pichay and Pimentel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2996, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, REQUIRING THEREBY TEN HOURS OF WORK DAILY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2997, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING SEVERE PENALTIES FOR TAXI DRIVERS WHO ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE COMMISSION OF VARIOUS CRIMES THEREBY AUTHORIZING THE PNP HIGHWAY PATROL GROUP TO INSTITUTE A SYSTEM OF ACCREDITATION FOR ALL DRIVERS IN THE TAXI SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2998, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING PASSENGERS OF JEEPNEYS AGAINST OVERCHARGING OF TRANSPORT FARES THEREBY EMPOWERING THE CONCERNED LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT AS FRONTLINE IMPLEMENTOR OF NEW FARE ADJUSTMENT AS PRESCRIBED BY LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2999, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING OWNERS AND/OR OPERATORS OF FREIGHT AND

PASSENGER SERVICE TO CONDUCT PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR MOTOR VEHICLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESCRIBED SCHEDULE AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM VEHICLE MANUFACTURER’S MANUAL”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3000, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESETTLEMENT, AID AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS AFFECTED BY THE DEMOLITION OF HOUSES/DWELLINGS ALONG DANGER AREAS SUCH AS ESTEROS, GARBAGE DUMPS, RIVERBANKS, SHORELINES, WATERWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES SUCH AS SIDEWALKS, ROADS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS AS WELL AS THE VICTIMS OF DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES AND THOSE AFFECTED BY GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN METRO MANILA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3001, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING ALL METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) OPERATIVES TO COMMANDEER ANY OR ALL PUBLIC OR PRIVATE VEHICLES AND/OR HEAVY EQUIPMENT MACHINES FOR PURPOSES OF SAVING LIVES DURING THE OCCURRENCE OF EARTHQUAKES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3002, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AWARENESS AND GRASSROOT ADVOCACY AND TIGHTENING THE ISSUANCE OF CREDIT CARDS THEREBY AVERTING DELINQUENCY ON THE PART OF THE CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND BANKRUPTCY ON THE PART OF THE BANKS AND OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE CREDIT CARD SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3003, entitled:

“AN ACT DISALLOWING HOSPITAL BILLS COMPUTED BASED ON ROOM RATE FOR PATIENTS AVAILING OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY AND SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE THEREBY PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM BILLING SPECTRUM ON NEEDY PATIENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3004, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING DON ANTONIO AVENUE IN QUEZON CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3005, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION TO IMPLEMENT A STATE-OF-THE-ART METHOD OF DOCUMENTING PERSONS WITH HOLD-DEPARTURE ORDERS AND IDENTITY CLEARANCE SO AS TO AVOID GREAT INCONVENIENCE ON THE PART OF THE NAMESAKES OF SUCH PERSONS WHO ARE THE SUBJECT OF SUCH HOLD-DEPARTURE ORDERS”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3006, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY MAJOR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT LOCATED IN CENTRAL OR CORE BUSINESS DISTRICT AREA, ON COMPULSORY BASIS, TO INSTALL IN ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS OPERATION, A CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERA AND EVERY MINOR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, ON OPTIONAL BASIS AND PRESCRIBING EFFECTIVE GUIDELINES THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3007, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE REDUCTION OF POVERTY THROUGH THE



## DEVELOPMENT OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3008, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF A COMMON ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3009, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MANDATORY ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 484 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Marquez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3010, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING AMNESTY IN ESTATE TAX”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3011, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION (LTO) SATELLITE OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALAY, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marquez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3012, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND AGENCIES FROM DENYING CITIZENS ACCESS TO FRONTLINE SERVICES AND ATTENDANCE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS ON THE BASIS OF ATTIRE”

By Representatives Bag-ao, Baguilat, Banal, Abad, Turabin-Hataman, Rocamora and Bordado  
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House Bill No. 3013, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING AGRICULTURAL FARMERS AND FARMER BENEFICIARIES FREE IRRIGATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, REPEALING SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH (C) OF REPUBLIC ACT 3601 AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552 AND ISSUE GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Geron  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3014, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE GOVERNANCE COMMISSION FOR GOCCs REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 10149 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘GOCC GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2011’ ”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin, Co, Garin (S.), Gonzalez, Ramos, Cortuna, Ty, Bravo (A.), Geron, Paduano, Belaro, De Vera, Lopez (B.), Herrera-Dy, Montoro, Nograles (J.), Ortega (V.), Romero, Roque (H.), Uybarreta, Velasco-Catera and Salo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3015, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 8239 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996’ ”

By Representative Velarde  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3016, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTORING THE PHILIPPINE INVENTORS COMMISSION, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE GENERATION, DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURE, PROMOTION AND MARKET OF THE PHILIPPINE INVENTIONS”

By Representative Velarde  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3017, entitled:  
“AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PREPARE AND PUBLISH ANNUALLY CONSUMER GUIDE TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES”  
By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3023, entitled:  
“AN ACT ENSURING THE FREE EXERCISE BY THE PEOPLE OF THEIR RIGHT PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE AND PETITION THE GOVERNMENT”  
By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 3018, entitled:  
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECRUITING, SELECTING, TRAINING, AND SUPPORTING A NATIONAL TEACHER CORPS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES”  
By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3024, entitled:  
“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE NOTICE ON ANY CHARGES/OR CONVICTION AGAINST THEM TO THEIR DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY HEAD”  
By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3019, entitled:  
“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE POLLUTANT RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTRY”  
By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 3025, entitled:  
“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PRACTICE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7920 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NEW ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING LAW’, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”  
By Representative Abayon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3020, entitled:  
“AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A SAFETY INTERNET EDUCATION PROGRAM AND INCLUDE THIS IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS”  
By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3026, entitled:  
“AN ACT CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 2016”  
By Representatives Velarde and Atienza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND BARANGAY EMPLOYEES”  
By Representative Roque (H.)  
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By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

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By Representative Bernos  
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By Representative Bernos  
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FAMILY RELATIONS

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By Representative Quimbo  
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House Resolution No. 232, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH  
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MONTH”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 233, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS,  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY TO PRIORITIZE THE  
CONDUCT OF A FULL BLOWN  
FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE ‘ONE  
VISAYAS FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT’  
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By Representative Mercado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 234, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SECRETARY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF),  
THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM)  
AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE  
BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR)  
TO REVISIT AND REVIEW THE MANNER  
OF COMPUTING THE SHARE OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE  
NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 284 OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE”

By Representative Garcia (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Resolution No. 235, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE  
ON THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN TO  
CONDUCT AN ONSITE INVESTIGATION,

IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
DISMAL, UNSANITARY AND NEGLECTED  
CONDITION OF THE EXISTING FACILITIES  
BAHAY PAG-ASA, AND ON THE ALLEGED  
DETENTION AND INHUMAN TREATMENT  
OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE  
LAW INSIDE THE SAID FACILITIES”

By Representatives Brosas and De Jesus  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 236, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMITTEE  
ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY TO  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION ON THE POLICY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROHIBITING  
DELIVERIES ASSISTED BY TRADITIONAL  
BIRTH ATTENDANTS (TBA) DUBBED  
AS THE ‘NO HOME-BIRTHING POLICY’  
AND THE SUBSEQUENT ISSUANCE OF  
MUNICIPAL AND CITY ORDINANCES  
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN  
COMPLIANCE WITH THE SAID POLICY,  
AND RECOMMEND MEASURES THAT  
WOULD TRULY ADDRESS THE HIGH  
MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES IN THE COUNTRY WITHOUT  
VIOLATING THE RIGHTS OF MOTHERS”

By Representatives De Jesus, Brosas, Zarate, Tinio,  
Castro (F.L.) and Casilao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 237, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING  
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE  
PROVIDERS TO SHOW CAUSE WHY  
THEY SHOULD HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO  
KEEP THEIR LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES  
DESPITE THE POOR SERVICE PROVIDED  
TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno for House Bill No. 477;

Rep. Horacio P. Suansing Jr. for House Bill No. 2993;

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Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez for House Bills No. 208, 209, 210, 1915 and 1912;

Rep. Frederick W. Siao for House Bills No. 208, 209, 211 and 1916;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bills No. 210 and 209;

Rep. Eric M. Martinez for House Bills No. 208, 209, 210, 211, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916;

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Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan for House Bills No. 3 and 6;

Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva for House Bills No. 1996, 1999 and 2281;

Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte for House Bill No. 2389;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 34, 61, 65, 168, 172, 173, 174, 500 and 552;

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Rep. Strike B. Revilla for House Bill No. 804;

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bill No. 1952;

Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for House Bill No. 2170;

Rep. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe for House Bill No. 108; and

Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia for House Bills No. 262, 264, 1942, 1943, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1945, 1947, 1975, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2173, 2175, 2180, 2430, 2596, 2602, 2604, 2609 and 2612.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Dep. Majority Leader, the next governor of the province of Iloilo, is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Yes?

REP. DEFENSOR. I move for a suspension of the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). What?

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. I move for a suspension of the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The session is suspended.

*It was 4:12 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:56 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The session is resumed.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 13, dated August 22, 2016.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). There is a motion to approve Journal No. 13, dated August 22, 2016.

Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; Journal No. 13, dated August 22, 2016, is hereby approved.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Can I refuse?

REP. NOEL. The guests in the gallery.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Please proceed.

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, we have the elected provincial and municipal officials of the province of Sorsogon, who are the guests of Rep. Evelina Escudero and Rep. Deogracias Ramos, from the First and the Second Districts of Sorsogon, respectively. We have the Vice Governor of Sorsogon, Maria Ester Hamor; the Board Members: Rebecca D. Aquino, John Ryan Dioneda, Franco Eric O. Ravanilla, Pedro A. Ravanilla, Krunimar Antonio D. Escudero II, Arze G. Glipo, Renato D. Guban, Benedict T. Hao, Maria Teresa G. Fragata, Dennis Alfonso I. Escudero, and the Mayors of the municipalities in Sorsogon, namely: Jose Edwin B. Hamor, Joan L. Aquende, Carolyn C. Sy-Reyes, Augusto Manuel M. Ragrario, Sharon Rose G. Escoto, Benito L. Doma, Helen C. De Castro, Alfredo J. Cielo Jr., Manuel L. Fortes Jr., Antonio H. Alindogan, Alejandro E. Gamos, Michael G. Guysayko, Josephine Alcantara, Ex-Mayor Dennis Reyes, and Ramonito Sicat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The guests of the honorable Cong. Evelina Escudero and honorable Cong. Deogracias Ramos will please stand up. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives to our visitors from the great province of Sorsogon. Magandang hapon po.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Anthony M. Bravo of COOP-NATCCO Party-List. They are the leaders of Kapandesal Cooperative, namely: Mel P. Tadeo, Mary Ann Gonzales, Atty. Maje Gallevo-Bambo, Jason Luna, and Jose Romeo Ebron.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The guests of the honorable Congressman Bravo will please stand up. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of

Representatives, and to the entire cooperative industry movement, magandang hapon po. May dala ho bang tinapay, tinapay daw eh? Sige.

Please remember that when you come over, you are not required to bring gifts but we are free to accept.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, may we likewise acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Tom S. Villarín of AKBAYAN Party-List. They are the members of the civil society organizations, namely: Nagkakaisang Magsasaka sa Gitnang Luzon; Pambansang Katipunan ng mga Samahan sa Kanayunan; National Anti-Poverty Commission; Pambansang Kaisahan ng Magbubukid sa Pilipinas; Pambansang Katipunan ng Maliliit na Magsasaka; and Aniban ng mga Manggagawa, Magsasaka at Mangingisda.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Will the guests of the Hon. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarín please stand up. (*Applause*) Welcome po. Magandang hapon po. Welcome to the House of Representatives.

Dep. Majority Leader from AN WARAY Party-List—your party is not showing. Go ahead, you may greet them.

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of Rep. Noel L. Villanueva from the Third District of Tarlac. They are the Vice Governor of Tarlac, Atty. Carlito Santos David; and the Provincial Board Members, namely: Henry Cruz, Boy Mandal and Vernon Villanueva.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The guests of the best-looking Congressman from Tarlac, the Hon. Noel Villanueva, will please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

Dep. Majority Leader, ano na itong sunod?

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). There is a motion to declare a Privilege Hour. While it is not a Monday, there are some Members who wish to deliver their privilege speeches.

Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, the first to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Tomasito Villarín from Party-List AKBAYAN. May he be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Hon. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarín from Party-List **AKBAYAN** and from the great city of Davao is recognized to deliver his privilege speech.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VILLARIN

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues in this august Chamber, good afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tackle a historical conflict rooted on social justice and human rights.

Fighting inequality is a core objective that our government must address if we want to move on and achieve our desired goal of peace and sustainable development. To me, agrarian reform and other social justice issues are the bread and butter of this hallowed institution.

Mr. Speaker, Pres. Rodrigo Roa Duterte made an emphatic commitment to agrarian reform when he nominated no less than a former esteemed Member of the House and a genuine peasant leader, Sec. Rafael “Ka Paeng” Mariano. His stewardship of the DAR will mean that finally, our farmers will have a true champion leading real change in government. For that, our fervent wishes for his success and may the struggle for genuine agrarian reform be finally resolved under his watch.

This year marks the 28th year after Congress passed a historic Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law in 1988. The law is pursuant to a constitutional mandate found in Article II, Section 21 of the 1987 Constitution where it provides that, “The State shall promote comprehensive rural development and agrarian reform.” This is also in consonance with Article XII, Section 1 on National Economy and Patrimony that promotes a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth, targeting especially the underprivileged through sound agricultural development and agrarian reform. Finally, a separate constitutional mandate, Article XIII, on agrarian and natural resources reform which provides the framework where agricultural lands, both private and public, are to be redistributed to farmers and farmworkers actually tilling the land subject to retention limits to be provided for by Congress, and the right of the landowners to just compensation.

It should be remembered that prior to the CARP and the 1987 Constitution, land reform was already attempted, but the contentious issue of which lands are covered and form of ownership by farmer-beneficiaries were not addressed. Under the CARP, there are two main beneficiaries: one, farmers actually tilling the land; and second, regular farmworkers. The general strategy is that the State expropriates or takes away the land subject to due process and just compensation. All private agricultural lands are covered but several lands were later exempted through judicial legislation.

Also, landowners are allowed to retain three hectares of their lands. Landowners who have tenant-farmers who till lands under retention limits are afforded tenurial security through leasehold agreement or contract that provides for a 75-25 sharing agreement in favor of the tenants.

For public alienable and disposable lands, these could be distributed to actual tillers and settlers subject to prior rights, homestead rights and the rights of indigenous peoples within their ancestral lands. For other types of public lands, the tenurial instrument afforded to the landless farmers occupying them would be through stewardship. For indigenous peoples, the Indigenous Peoples’ Rights Act provide for the recognition and titling of ancestral lands under the principle of their ownership of said lands since “time immemorial.”

Mr. Speaker, for the CARP to be effective, it has to be: first, targeted; second, it should be time-bound; and third, sufficient funds are to be allocated for land acquisition and distribution, and for the needed support services delivery. For it to be targeted, the Department of Agrarian Reform should make an inventory of all lands, estates, plantations and other landholdings. For it to be time-bound, the State shall fix a timetable for land acquisition and distribution. And the necessary funds for just compensation of landowners should be afforded. Under the CARP, the first 10 years of the project implementation ended in 1998.

For the CARP to be meaningful, the farmer-beneficiaries should be empowered and would have improved their income and productivity. This necessitates State intervention in the form of timely and relevant support services in the form of infrastructure, credit, market access and support, capacity building and other means for farmer-beneficiaries to increase their productivity.

Mr. Speaker, let me make a brief narrative of the CARP under several administrations since its passage in June 10, 1988.

Under President Cory Aquino, the implementation of the CARP was highly contentious as landowner resistance was high and continues to be so even up to this day. Evasion of the spirit and intent of agrarian reform started when modes other than direct land transfer like the stock distribution option in the Hacienda Luisita case. Agricultural plantations were given a 10-year deferment period for them to be covered. Later, they were under the so-called leaseback arrangements wherein farmers would lease back the lands distributed to them to the corporations that run the plantations.

The policies on agrarian reform under the Ramos administration focused on accelerating the direct land transfer and non-land transfer by prioritizing public agricultural lands for coverage and the segmentation of private agricultural lands by sizes of land holdings.

Thus, under President Ramos, lands more than 50 hectares were covered first, and the rest of the land holdings being the most numerous would be last.

This is why the backlog in the coverage of private agricultural lands was still high when the first 10-year period of the CARP lapsed in 1998. Thus, the law was amended, particularly Section 63, to increase the fund of this project to P100 billion. The fund received a boost when the money forfeited from the Marcoses' ill-gotten wealth was recovered by the PCGG.

Under the Estrada administration, another land redistribution scheme was implemented called the "Corporative Arrangement." This mode supposedly would fast-track land acquisition and distribution by making farmers and landowners enter into joint ventures, contract farming and other marketing arrangements.

Under Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the second 10-year period lapsed with government still facing a backlog in land redistribution.

Republic Act No. 9700, or the CARP Extension with Reforms or CARPER, was passed with a new deadline for redistributing the remaining 1.2 million hectares of plantations and private agricultural lands until June 30, 2014.

The new law also amended several provisions of RA No. 6657, instituting reforms to accelerate the implementation of the CARP. A Congressional Oversight Committee on Agrarian Reform was established to oversee and monitor its implementation, and another P150 billion was appropriated for its implementation. However, as of February 2014, the DAR reported to the oversight committee that some 790,671 hectares of CARPable lands remain to be covered with another 283,473 hectares without notices of coverage. These lands are mostly large landholdings under compulsory acquisition. With the lapse of RA No. 9700 in doing mandatory coverage in 2014, the program of distributing lands to farmer-beneficiaries is in limbo.

It is the opinion of this Representation that the CARP coverage has to continue even after June 2014 as the CARPER Law states that cases on the matter which are still pending shall be allowed to proceed to its finality and be executed beyond such date.

Mr. Speaker, under the present Duterte administration, there are major challenges for agrarian reform. Last June 10, 2016, major agrarian reform groups and networks, including social action centers of dioceses convened to discuss these challenges. This Representation was able to discuss with them their various concerns and issues. Thus, we have with us these farmer-beneficiaries and networks to lobby to Congress to pass an extension of the CARPER beyond the 2014 deadline.

Among the following major concerns, I listed at least 10 highlights of their concerns, Mr. Speaker: First, the need for a continuous rationalization and evaluation of the DAR bureaucracy, from the national

down to the municipal levels, enforcing sanctions and penalties to inefficient or corrupt officials or employees in accordance with law;

Second, the need to amend or repeal controversial "anti-farmer policies" instituted by the DAR, upon intra-agency evaluation and consultation with affected farmers, and the institutionalization of regular dialogues/consultations;

Third, I think this is most important, Mr. Speaker,—the need to make the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC), headed by no less than the President, to take charge of all highly contentious and controversial agrarian reform cases. Instead of taking a circuitous route from the PARAD, from the the RARAD and the DARAB, these cases should be brought to the PARC or to the Office of the President for immediate disposition. This will provide farmers the right to a speedy administration and resolution of their cases;

Fourth, the need to create a Special Task Force by Sec. Paeng Mariano to handle the evaluation of CLOAs, the installation of uninstalled beneficiaries, to investigate illegal land conversion cases and undertake a financial audit of the CARP. There are also reports of human rights violations against farmers, some in the Bondoc Peninsula and others in the Visayas, that has to be investigated, Mr. Speaker;

Fifth, the need to expedite the rules on beneficiary installation highlighting penalties for non-compliance, putting precautionary signages for would-be violators. The general rule, Mr. Speaker, should be established that when a CLOA or a certificate of land ownership award is already issued to farmers, the farmers already have the right to possess and enter into their lands without the need for a writ of installation. On that matter, the DAR and the PNP shall provide assistance and support to the farmer-beneficiaries in all installation processes;

Sixth, the need to facilitate resolution of conflicting claims of beneficiaries under the jurisdiction of the DAR, the DENR, the NCIP for indigenous peoples, with regard to public lands and ancestral lands, and to fast-track the issuance of tenurial instruments to secure the rights of farmer-tillers and occupants without degrading the rights of IPs to their ancestral lands. This concern is more focused, Mr. Speaker, in Mindanao;

Seventh, the need to review "second generation" problems of Land Tenure Improvement or LTI with regard to continuing beneficiary issues related to ownership, on amortization payments to the LandBank, and improving productivity of the CARPed lands;

Eighth, the need to pass a National Land Use Act that will rationalize the use of a scarce resource that is agricultural lands, to primarily address food security and rural development over other non-agricultural priorities. This will likewise resolve issues over powers of land reclassification of LGUs and the conversion powers solely reserved to the DAR;

Ninth, the need to formulate policies that will protect our farmers on the impact of free trade agreements, liberalization of agriculture, subsidies and spikes in prices of food commodities, and climate change to make our farmers climate resilient and to mitigate their vulnerabilities; and

Tenth, lastly, Mr. Speaker, the need to strengthen farmer-beneficiary organizations through continuous trainings on self-organizing, productivity improvement, organic agriculture, para-legalism, conflict resolution through legal empowerment, and engagement with government over entitlements and support service delivery.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, colleagues and advocates that the full implementation of the CARPER after almost 30 years, and the avowed objectives of fighting inequality and defending the democratic gains of people power will finally be achieved.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, under this present dispensation, the political will to finish CARPER shall be done under the presidency of President Duterte.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Hon. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized to make his interpellation.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the distinguished Gentleman from the Party-List AKBAYAN yield to some questions?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. The CARP or the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program is not only a statutory program, but it is pursuant to a constitutional mandate. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. It is a constitutional mandate with even at least three constitutional provisions mandating its implementation, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. LAGMAN. The CARP has at least three components: one, the LAD or land acquisition and distribution component; two, agrarian justice; and three, support services. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, that is correct, Mr. Speaker. If I may add, Mr. Speaker, there is number

four component—the land tenure improvement, which also focuses on non-redistribution aspect, meaning, the tenancy arrangements for farmer-beneficiaries.

REP. LAGMAN. And the CARP is a continuing program. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, and I believe that being a constitutional mandate, unless this program is not yet finished, it is mandatory upon the State to continue its implementation, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. The support services is continuing. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, that is correct, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. In fact, even the budget for Agrarian Reform and 14 other agencies tasked for the implementation of CARP should have been integrated into a holistic program for support services delivery, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. LAGMAN. Similarly, the agrarian justice is a continuing concern and program of the State. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, again that is correct, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. In fact, agrarian justice is also human rights. In promoting human rights, the focus and the mandate of the State for the underprivileged should be a priority concern as a social justice measure program, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. LAGMAN. The LAD or land acquisition and distribution is likewise a continuing program of the government pursuant to the Constitution.

REP. VILLARIN. Again, that is right, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. It is a continuing mandate regardless of the timetable or the period mentioned in RA No. 9700 which states that an extension of five years since 2009 was to be made, and now, it is 2016. So, even if the directory, I think and I manifest, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, that the five-year period is just a directory period, meaning, it is not mandatory, and that the State shall see to it that the full completion of land acquisition and distribution should be made, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. LAGMAN. Since the components of CARP constitute continuing programs, they are not time bound. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor?

REP. VILLARIN. I think that is correct, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. The 10-year period and another 10-year period for extension refer mostly to the



appropriation of additional funds for land acquisition and distribution and for the full implementation of agrarian reform.

REP. LAGMAN. The position that the CARP is a continuing program including its component, among others, land acquisition and distribution is supported by the very spirit and language of Section 4 of Article XIII of the Constitution which is the heart of agrarian reform. Let me read, your Honor, Section 4, it says:

The State shall, by law, undertake an agrarian reform program founded on the right of farmers and regular farmworkers who are landless, to own directly or collectively the lands they till or, in the case of other farmworkers, to receive a just share of the fruits thereof.

In other words, distinguished Gentleman, as long as there are farmers who are beneficiaries; and as long as there are lands, agricultural lands to be distributed; LAD or land acquisition and distribution has no terminal date. Is that correct your Honor?

REP. VILLARIN. I think that is correct, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. In the context that when DAR was mandated to identify the lands that would be covered under CARP, until their last count, there is still almost a million hectares of private agricultural lands that remain to be covered, some already issued with notices of coverage, while some still has to be issued notices of coverage. So that would still form part of the targeted mandate for the DAR to finish, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. LAGMAN. Let me continue with Section 4, Your Honor. The Constitution reads:

To this end, the State shall encourage and undertake the just distribution of all agricultural lands x x x

Let me underscore:

x x x all agricultural lands, subject to such priorities and reasonable retention limits as Congress may prescribe, taking into account ecological, developmental, or equity considerations, and subject to the payment of just compensation.

So in this particular provision, the Constitution says, all agricultural lands. And as long as there still agricultural lands to be covered, the program on land acquisition and distribution must perforce continue. Is that correct, Your Honor?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, that is correct, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. In fact, in terms of the coverage of agricultural lands, the law also mandates that even lands, public agricultural lands shall be covered. And we still have, in fact, to determine the number of hectares wherein there are conflicting claims over public agricultural lands in relation with other asset reform and tenurial arrangements in public lands, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. LAGMAN. The Constitution grants the Congress to pass legislation authorizing the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, pursuant to Section 4. And there are only four conditions imposed by the Constitution on that law: one, Congress can prescribe priorities; two, Congress can impose reasonable retention limits; three, Congress, due to considerations of equity, developmental, ecological aspects, could also prescribe certain limitations or conditions; and the last is that there should be payment of just compensation. Nowhere in this Section 4 is there any provision which says that Congress can impose time limits or make the components of CARP subject to time or period limitations. In other words, when Congress passed the CARP and subsequently made extensions, the purpose there was to extend the funding support from government, but it did not include putting terminals to the acquisition and distribution of all covered agricultural lands. Is that correct, Your Honor?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, that is right, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, and in fact, under RA No. 9700, Congress established an Oversight Committee on Agrarian Reform to see to it that the extension with reforms should be implemented by now, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. In other words, Congress may not even enact a law to extend LAD, the land acquisition and distribution component, but Congress is not prohibited from making such extensions with respect to granting continuing funding support for LAD or the land acquisition and distribution component of agrarian reform, together with the other components like agrarian, justice, and support services. Is that correct, Your Honor?

REP. VILLARIN. Again, I think that is correct, Your Honor, coming from no less than one of the authors of our Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law, Hon. Edcel C. Lagman, and under this manifestation, Your Honor, as I have mentioned earlier, this manifestation is also of the contention, of the idea that agrarian reform, until it is finished, is a continuing mandate of the State and that Congress shall, by law, make policies and provide funds for its full implementation, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Your Honor, for those candid answers and thank you for giving this Representation the opportunity to make some questions relevant to your privilege speech.

Maraming salamat.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you too, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. May we know what is the pleasure of the Gentleman, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Yes, the Congressman from ...

REP. DAZA. Yes. With the consent of the distinguished Dep. Majority Leader, may I ask if the Gentleman from the AKBAYAN Party would be willing to be interpellated on the subject of his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Before you reply, allow me to recognize first our former Deputy Speaker, the Hon. Raul A. Daza of the First District of Northern Samar. There is a question propounded. Is Congressman Villarain amenable to the interpellation?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very, very amenable to an interpellation from the esteemed colleague, Hon. Raul A. Daza.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). You may proceed, Congressman Daza.

REP. DAZA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let me start by congratulating the Gentleman for standing on the floor and bringing to the attention of the House a subject matter that is not only timely but essential to the attainment of the goals of the CARP Law. Well, I would like to congratulate him for this and I consider it a privilege to be able to interpellate him because I was a Member of the Seventh Congress that enacted the CARP Law 29 years ago.

What I find most striking in the 10 concerns that he

mentioned to the House is the need to create a special task force by Secretary Mariano to handle the evaluation of CLOAs and the human rights violations of farmers. In relation to this concern, I share the sentiment of the distinguished Gentleman in that, in my humble opinion, one of the best appointments made by President Duterte is the appointment of Rafael "Ka Paeng" Mariano to be the Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform because I cannot, in my mind, think of a better champion for the farmers when we talk of agrarian reform.

Now, I am struck by the concern of the Gentleman on human rights violations against farmers. Is the Gentleman aware of a particular case of which I have personal knowledge that a certain Congressman, whom I would rather not name now, while still a Member of the House, manipulated certain CLOAs that had been issued by the Department of Agrarian Reform, in accordance with proper procedures, which got cancelled; and then without giving due process to the CLOA beneficiaries, the old title was restored and the CLOAs were cancelled. Now, I had personal knowledge of this because the victimized farmers came to me. I brought the matter to the attention of the Department of Agrarian Reform in the last administration, and it was shocking to me to be told that the matter could no longer be handled by the Department, so that we were told, the victims were told, to go to an ordinary court of justice in order to litigate the ownership of the lands that had been covered by the CLOAs. What is worse is that, one of the beneficiary farmers, in the sincere belief that he had become the owner of the land because of the CLOA, harvested coconuts from the parcel of land.

Mr. Speaker, he was arrested, a case of qualified theft was filed against him, and as of today, that is five years; hence, the farmer is still languishing in jail because the trial has not been terminated and, as we know, qualified theft is one of the cases in which the accused is not entitled to bail. Does the Gentleman agree with me that there probably are many more cases of this kind where human rights violations have been committed on the farmer-beneficiaries, that as soon as time permits, Secretary Mariano should form the special task force recommended by the Gentleman? Does he agree?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, I agree with you. In fact, one of the most grievous human rights violations for farmers is that even CLOA holders, meaning the Certificate of Land Ownership Awards already given to farmers, but CLOA holders are not even recognized and not allowed to enter and possess the lands already awarded to them by the State. Also, in fact, Mr. Speaker, there are a number of harassment cases against farmers in which these cases instead of bringing these up to the agrarian courts, they bring these up to the regular trial courts

which should have no jurisdiction over agrarian reform cases.

Likewise, Mr. Speaker, this Representation also has with him copies of issues of non-installation of beneficiaries, which I will submit to this august House so that when we request Sec. Paeng Mariano to constitute a special task force, these issues of uninstalled beneficiaries should be made a priority under his watch, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker, I hope that the Gentleman, who I believe is a friend of Secretary Mariano, makes immediate representation with the Secretary. I am willing to join him to create this special task force that he recommends, because as I said, the human rights violations inflicted on the beneficiary-farmers, probably, are common place occurrence in our country. And to me, this is tragic because, as stated by President Duterte and as stated by previous Presidents before the incumbent one, agrarian reform should be one of the pillars of the national government in order for the poor to be alleviated from their dire condition.

On that note, Mr. Speaker, I thank the Gentleman from AKBAYAN Party-List for being generous in hosting me and according me this privilege to interpellate him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Gentleman to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the privilege speech is referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Privilege Hour is terminated.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, before we proceed, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Honorables Alex “AA” L. Advincula, Francis Gerald A. Abaya, Luis “Jonjon” A. Ferrer IV, and Abraham “Bambol” N. Tolentino. They are the constituents from the province of Cavite and also from London, United

Kingdom. They are: Mrs. Nerissa Advincula, Mr. Joey and Mrs. Annie Solis, Mr. Gary and Mrs. Mary Ann Poon, Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Emilita Ordoñez, Mr. Roberto Bautista, Ms. Juliet Bautista, Mr. Nilo Espiritu, and Mrs. Monina Ferrer.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Will the guests of the most loving husbands of the province of Cavite please rise? Welcome to the House of Representatives. We are truly honored to have you here, especially from our very wife-loving Representatives of the province of Cavite. (*Laughter and applause*)

Before the Dep. Majority Leader proceeds, allow me to recognize the most distinguished Majority Leader in the history of this Republic, the Hon. Neptali M. Gonzales II who is in no way here because his spouse is here. (*Laughter and applause*)

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General is so directed to read the additional reference of business.

#### ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

*The Secretary General read the following Resolution on First Reading, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:*

#### RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 261, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HEAD COACH ALFONSITO ALDANETE, TEAM MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR TRAINING MR. ELBERT C. ATILANO SR. AND OTHER COACHES AND TRAINERS OF OUR FILIPINA OLYMPIAN SILVER MEDALIST MS. HIDILYN DIAZ”

By Representatives Sambar, Nograles (J.) and Nograles (K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Can you repeat the others?

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Representatives Zambar, Jericho Nograles and Karlo Nograles.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Committee on Rules.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Yes, the Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 261

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 261.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.\*

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

*With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 261, entitled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HEAD COACH ALFONSITO ALDANETE, TEAM MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR TRAINING MR. ELBERT C. ATILANO SR. AND OTHER COACHES AND TRAINERS OF OUR FILIPINA OLYMPIAN SILVER MEDALIST MS. HIDILYN DIAZ.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution No. 261.

#### ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 261

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). There is a motion for the adoption of House Resolution No. 261. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, before we part ways, I move that we adopt the Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation of the Sixteenth Congress as the provisional rules to govern our inquiries in aid of legislation of the Seventeenth Congress.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is hereby approved.

REP. DEFENSOR. Likewise, Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the Rules of Procedure in Impeachment Proceedings of the Sixteenth Congress as the provisional rules to govern our impeachment proceedings.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is hereby approved.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, 24 August 2016, at four o'clock ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Can we suspend the session for a few minutes?

The session is suspended.

*It was 5:46 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:47 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). The session is resumed.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. May we know what is the pleasure of the Gentleman, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Yes, the honorable Representative from the Party-List BUHAY, the Hon. Lito L. Atienza, is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Sir.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Our Sr. Dep. Minority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Sir.

I heard the motion for adjournment. So, what is the decision of the Body, the Chair? The Dep. Majority Leader moved for adjournment, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Yes,

but the Dep. Majority Leader withdrew the motion, so the Dep. Majority Leader is about to reiterate that motion.

REP. DEFENSOR. Yes, Mr. Speaker, upon resumption, I would like to reiterate my motion that we adjourn the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Let us first dispense with the query of the Sr. Dep. Minority Leader. Have I made myself clear already?

REP. ATIENZA. You made it very clear, Mr. Speaker, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Thank you very much.

REP. ATIENZA. ...that the Gentleman, the Dep. Majority Leader, has already reiterated his motion to adjourn.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Quimbo). Yes, there is a motion. Being a privileged motion, and hearing no objection, the session is adjourned until tomorrow at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Do not be late.

*It was 5:48 p.m.*