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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Mylene J. Garcia-Albano called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Everybody will please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Please remain standing for the Invocation to be delivered by the Hon. Vini Nola A. Ortega from the Party-List ABONO.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Let us pray.

You alone are our God, our Lord and our guide. You, whom we call by several names but with us having the same hearts and minds, gathered us today by Your grace and will.

To You we will give all thanks and praise, for it is through You and Your great love and faith in us that we are able to think, feel and do everything for Your greater glory.

Pardon our iniquities and doubts. Forgive our thoughts, feelings and actions that so reveal our humanity and that have not been according to Your divine plan for us.

Bless the work that is before us so that everything that we do is for the greater glory of Your Name and for the benefit of those whose trust, faith, and confidence we hold by the decisions that we make.

With grateful hearts, our Lord and our God, we accept all these graces that You faithfully bestow upon us. Thank You, dear Lord. With full trust, we submit ourselves to Your will.

Amen and amen.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move that we defer the calling of the roll. I so move.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal. I so move.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). 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 Communication, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 3146, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HUMAN

IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT, AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HIV AND AIDS PLAN, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3147, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE LAKE LANAO WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3148, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3518 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS' BANK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' "

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3149, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3150, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING THE SUBDIVISION AND CONDOMINIUM BUYERS' PROTECTIVE DECREE"

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3151, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION TO ABOLISH THE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEES IMPOSED ON FARMERS"

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3152, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A THREE THOUSAND PESO INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSION OF WAR VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE

House Bill No. 3153, entitled:

"AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY (PNPA), THE POLICE NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (PNTI), THE NATIONAL POLICE COLLEGE (NPC) AND THE NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE TRAINING INSTITUTE (NFSTI) FROM THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE (PPSC) TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AMENDING SECTIONS 24, 66 AND 67 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3154, entitled:

"AN ACT DESIGNATING SECURITY GUARDS OF DULY ACCREDITED AGENCIES AS AGENTS OF PERSONS IN AUTHORITY WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 152 OF ACT NO. 3815 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE"

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3155, entitled:

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1405 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE SECRECY OF BANK DEPOSITS LAW,' EXEMPTING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FROM THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCLOSURE

OF OR INQUIRY INTO DEPOSITS WITH ANY BANKING INSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3156, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO ACT PROMPTLY ON THE PUBLIC'S PERSONAL TRANSACTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS AS REQUIRED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6713, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES' "

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3157, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INDICATE THE BLOOD TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES"

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3158, entitled:

"AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS, POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3159, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE MINDANAO RAILWAYS CORPORATION PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION"

By Representative Yu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3160, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)"

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 3161, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HIV AND AIDS PROGRAM, REVISING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3162, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY POWERS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ADDRESS THE TRANSPORTATION CRISIS IN METRO MANILA"

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3163, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING POLICIES AND PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES ON SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, EPIDEMICS, AND HEALTH RELATED EVENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3573 ENTITLED, 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF DANGEROUS COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3164, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE OF KASAMBAHAYS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SEC. 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10361, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'DOMESTIC WORKERS ACT' OR 'BATAS KASAMBAHAY' "

By Representative Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3165, entitled:
"AN ACT PROMOTING THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF PHILIPPINE HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE INTRODUCTION OF FOREIGN BRANCH CAMPUS AND OFFSHORE CAMPUS IN THE PHILIPPINES"
By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3166, entitled:
"AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF DAVAO AS A MINING-FREE ZONE"
By Representative Ungab
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3167, entitled:
"AN ACT DECLARING THE MAYON VOLCANO NATURAL PARK IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY AS A PROTECTED AREA AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT"
By Representative Gonzalez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3168, entitled:
"AN ACT MANDATING THE COVERAGE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, BARANGAY TANODS, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS, DAY CARE WORKERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPON TAGAPAMAYAPA IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM OF PHILHEALTH"
By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3169, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY LICENSING CENTER OF BATANGAS CITY, BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Mariño
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3170, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION OF DRUG USE AMONG HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS AND FOR THE REHABILITATION OF DANGEROUS DRUG USERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative De Venecia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3171, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SOCIAL REINTEGRATION AND MONITORING OF REHABILITATED INDIVIDUALS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative De Venecia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3172, entitled:
"AN ACT UPGRADING THE CLAVERIA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN BURIAS ISLAND, MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Bravo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3173, entitled:
"AN ACT UPGRADING THE TICAO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN TICAO ISLAND, MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Bravo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3174, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE SUYO - SIGAY - DEL PILAR ROAD, LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Singson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3175, entitled:
"AN ACT DECLARING THE CANDON CITY ECO TOURISM ZONE LOCATED IN BARANGAY PALACAPAC, BARANGAY SAN ANDRES, BARANGAY CUBCUBBUOT AND BARANGAY AMGUID, IN THE CITY OF CANDON, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AS TOURIST DESTINATION PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Singson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 3176, entitled:
"AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PLUMBING ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3177, entitled:
"AN ACT PENALIZING INFLUENCE PEDDLING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3178, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF AIRLINE PASSENGERS AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION THEREOF"
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3179, entitled:
"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10596 ENTITLED 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINDORO STATE UNIVERSITY (MINSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR'"
By Representative Leachon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3180, entitled:
"AN ACT REINSTATING THE MANDATORY RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND SIMILAR LEARNING INSTITUTIONS REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9163, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP) ACT OF 2016 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Gullas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3181, entitled:
"AN ACT CREATING THE MARITIME POLICY INSTITUTE OF THE PHILIPPINES"
By Representative Manalo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3182, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION"
By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 3183, entitled:
"AN ACT AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO APPLY THE SHARE OF THE PROCEEDS EARNED FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF HYDROTHERMAL, GEOTHERMAL, AND OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR ELECTRIFICATION OF OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE PROVINCE WHERE THE SOURCE OF ENERGY IS LOCATED AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 294 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"
By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3184, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT OF ACADEMIC PERSONNEL IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442 (AS AMENDED), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"
By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3185, entitled:
"AN ACT INSTITUTING BUDGET REFORM THAT WILL ENSURE THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR BOTH THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING VILLAGE EMPOWERMENT, ENABLING THEM TO BE AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT IN ATTAINING INCLUSIVE GROWTH,

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3186, entitled:
"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7836, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE TEACHERS PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 1994' BY REMOVAL OF SECTION 24 ON REGISTRATION BY RECIPROCITY AMOUNTING TO ITS ENTIRE REPEAL OR MODIFICATION"
By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3187, entitled:
"AN ACT MANDATING THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX DUE IN THE JUST COMPENSATION FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY IN THE EXERCISE OF THE STATE'S POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 24 (D) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997"
By Representatives Cua and Alvarez (P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3188, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CALOOCAN CITY EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Sandoval
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3189, entitled:
"AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 28 OF EVERY YEAR A NON-WORKING DAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINGLE, ILOILO TO COMMEMORATE THE 'CRY OF LINCUD' THE FIRST DECLARATION OF REVOLUTION AGAINST SPAIN IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND THE ISLAND OF PANAY"
By Representative Biron
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3190, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE ILOILO STATE COLLEGE OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY OF FISHERIES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WITH CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN ENRIQUE, DINGLE AND DUMANGAS, AND INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE BAROTAC NUEVO POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Biron
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3191, entitled:
"AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANNUAL MANDATORY DRUG TESTING FOR ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002' "
By Representative Unabia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3192, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY NIGHT SHIFT OR EVENING CLASSES FOR THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3193, entitled:
"AN ACT GRANTING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP TO LEGITIMATE DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS ENROLLED IN STATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Espino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3194, entitled:
"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MANDATORY MILITARY EDUCATION AND

TRAINING SERVICES (METC) FOR FILIPINO MALE STUDENTS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES AND SIMILAR LEARNING INSTITUTIONS"

By Representative Espino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3195, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) BY INCREASING TO FIFTY PERCENT (50%) THEIR ANNUAL INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT SHARE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3196, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 21ST OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, RIZAL TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF HON. EULOGIO 'AMANG' ADONA RODRIGUEZ, SR."

By Representatives Duavit, Acop and Roa-Puno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3197, entitled:

"AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AND RESETTING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Tugna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3198, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3199, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 180 ENTITLED 'PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, CREATING A PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR-MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Villarin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3200, entitled:

"AN ACT PROMOTING WOMEN PARTICIPATION AND EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN AND BY POLITICAL PARTIES, GIVING INCENTIVES THEREFOR, CREATING THE WOMEN IN POLITICAL PARTIES EMPOWERMENT FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Villarin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 3201, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3202, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PANITAN - TIMPAS - MIANAY ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PANIT-AN AND SIGMA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Billones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3203, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BANICA - BATO - MILIBILI - ARCABALO - BOLO ROAD IN ROXAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO

A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Billones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3204, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE ADLAWAN - LIONG - JUMAGUICJIC - SAN JOSE - CABUGAO ROAD IN ROXAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Billones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3205, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DUMULOG - GABUAN - MONGPONG - CULAJAO - BANICA ROAD IN ROXAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Billones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3206, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE COGON - PONTEVEDRA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PANIT-AN AND PONTEVEDRA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Billones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3207, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CONCIENCIA - TINIGBAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANITAN, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Billones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3208, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION - PAWA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANAY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Billones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3209, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE STA. FE - CASANAYAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Billones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3210, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE HIPONA - CANAPIAN - QUINABONGLAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PONTEVEDRA AND MAAYON, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Billones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3211, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES CENTER IN THE CITY OF ROXAS, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Billones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3212, entitled:
"AN ACT INSTITUTING THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES CHARTER, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWER AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 111, AS AMENDED"
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3213, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED OUTSIDE OF THEIR TOWNS AND PROVINCES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3214, entitled:
"AN ACT GOVERNING THE SYSTEM OF PRESCHOOL EDUCATION BY

PRESCRIBING STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS OF PRESCHOOL FACILITIES AND SERVICES"
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3215, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CASIGURAN - GUBAT PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CASIGURAN AND GUBAT, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD"
By Representatives Escudero and Ramos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3216, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE MAGALLANES - BULAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MAGALLANES AND BULAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD"
By Representatives Escudero and Ramos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3217, entitled:
"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE FUNCTIONAL AND STRUCTURAL ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 3218, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING ALL ROADS LEADING TO TOURIST DESTINATIONS AND PORTS AS NATIONAL ROADS"
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3219, entitled:
"AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5487, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW"
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3220, entitled:
"AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 363 AND 364 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE"
By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3221, entitled:
"AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO SECURE TITLE TO THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS UNDER LAND REGISTRATION ACT 496 AND GRANTING A NEW FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP) TO TAKE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF OFFICIALLY DOCUMENTED TITLES WHICH WERE ILLEGALLY ACQUIRED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 12 AND 64 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS ACT OF 1997' "
By Representative Cosalan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 3222, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL VISION SCREENING PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN PUPILS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Cayetano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3223, entitled:
"AN ACT GOVERNING THE CREATION AND ACCREDITATION OF MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3224, entitled:
"AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD FOR FEMALE EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ONE HUNDRED (100) DAYS, AND GRANTING AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL

THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 3225, entitled:
"AN ACT TO POSTPONE THE CONDUCT OF THE 2016 BARANGAY ELECTIONS AND TO RESET THE SAME TO COINCIDE WITH THE 2019 MIDTERM ELECTIONS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340"
By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3226, entitled:
"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS IN THE BARANGAY LEVEL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3227, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAM TO ASSIST INDIGENT FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK WHO HAVE REACHED THE RETIREMENT AGE WITHOUT EXISTING PENSION"
By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 3228, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SARANGANI SPORTS ACADEMY AND TRAINING CENTER TO BE LOCATED IN THE SARANGANI PROVINCIAL CAPITOL SPORTS AREA AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREOF"
By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3229, entitled:
"AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF MINERALS PROCESSING AND IN THE PROCESS BANNING THE EXPORT OF UNPROCESSED MINERAL ORES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3230, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE OCCIDENTAL MINDORO STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE OCCIDENTAL MINDORO STATE UNIVERSITY (OMSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Ramirez-Sato
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3231, entitled:
"AN ACT CREATING THE ABRA RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Bernos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3232, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Marquez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3233, entitled:
"AN ACT DECLARING THE BAKHAWAN ECO PARK IN NEW BUSWANG, KALIBO, AKLAN AS A RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY-BASED ECOTOURISM ZONE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Marquez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 3234, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRANCH OFFICE OF THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF BATANGAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3235, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBERTAD, TO BARANGAY LAPAD, MUNICIPALITY OF LAGUINDINGAN,

ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3236, entitled:
"AN ACT CREATING 'THE GERIATRICS CARE MEDICAL ACT OF 2016' AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Montoro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3237, entitled:
"AN ACT TO IMPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY AND INCREASED PENALTIES ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES INVOLVING DANGEROUS DRUGS, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE OTHER SPECIAL PENAL LAWS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3238, entitled:
"AN ACT DECLARING BARANGAY OFFICIALS AS REGULAR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3239, entitled:
"AN ACT TO IMPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY ON THE HEINOUS CRIME OF AGGRAVATED RAPE, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE REVISED PENAL LAWS, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3240, entitled:
"AN ACT TO IMPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY ON THE HEINOUS CRIME OF KIDNAPPING, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE REVISED PENAL LAWS, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3241, entitled:
"AN ACT CREATING THE COMMISSION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3242, entitled:
"AN ACT PROHIBITING ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN OR PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY EXCEPT DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD AND PROVIDING A PENALTY THEREFOR"
By Representative Chipeco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 254, entitled:
"RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OVER THE CURRENT VALIDITY PERIODS FOR PREPAID LOAD CREDITS, WITH THE AIM OF PROHIBITING ANY KIND OF EXPIRATION PERIOD ON THE VALIDITY OF PREPAID LOAD CREDITS, AS WELL AS CALLING THE ATTENTION OF THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OVER THE SAME ISSUE"
By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 255, entitled:
"A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING AIRWOMAN SECOND CLASS HIDILYN DIAZ OF THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE AND HER TEAM FOR WINNING A SILVER MEDAL IN THE 2016 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL"
By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 256, entitled:
"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE WITH SECTION 13 OF THE JOINT RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING ARTICLES 60, 61 AND 144 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9520, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE CODE OF 2008 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Canama and Bravo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 258, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CASE OF 177 INDONESIANS USING PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HAJJ PILGRIMAGE IN MECCA, SAUDI ARABIA"

By Representative Mangudadatu (Z.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 259, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OPPOSE THE USE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AMID PRES. RODRIGO DUTERTE'S INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN TO END THE ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE, AND TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, MOUNTING COMPLAINTS OF ALLEGED DRUG-RELATED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS AND VIGILANTE KILLINGS"

By Representatives Tinio, Castro (F.L.), De Jesus, Zarate, Brosas, Casilao and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 260, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 33 OF R.A. 9211 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003"

By Representative Garcia (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 262, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPRESS ITS PROFOUND SENSE OF LOSS FOR THE PASSING OF COACH VIRGILIO 'BABY' DALUPAN ON AUGUST 17, 2016 AT THE AGE OF 92"

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 263, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ, SILVER MEDALIST IN THE 53-KG WOMEN'S WEIGHTLIFTING COMPETITIONS, AT THE 2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL ON AUGUST 7, 2016"

By Representative Gullas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 264, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND/OR COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS AND/OR COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CASE OF THE EIGHT FILIPINO SEAFARERS WHO WENT MISSING AFTER THEY WERE COMMISSIONED TO MAN AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CONDUCTION OPERATION OF M/T ROKKU MARU FROM BUSAN, ROK TO THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Manalo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 265, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC DELEGATION FOR SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTING THE PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC IN THE 2016 'RIO' SUMMER OLYMPICS"

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 266, entitled:

"RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO INVESTIGATE THE ORIGIN, USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE DISBURSEMENT ACCELERATION PROGRAM (DAP) FUNDS IN FY 2010, 2011 AND 2012"

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 267, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROHIBITIVE, UNCONSCIONABLE, DECEPTIVE, UNFAIR AND OPPORTUNISTIC PRICING OF DOMESTIC AIR CARRIERS SPECIFICALLY ON THE PURCHASE OF TICKETS THAT WOULD FLY ON THE SAME DAY"

By Representative Biron

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 268, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF THE 'MAESTRO OF PHILIPPINE BASKETBALL' MR. VIRGILIO 'BABY' A. DALUPAN"

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 269, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING AND AWARDING OF CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISTINCTION TO LUIS GABRIEL MORENO AS THE FIRST YOUNG FILIPINO ARCHER FOR WINNING GOLD MEDAL IN ARCHERY MIXED TEAM EVENT IN THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES IN NANJING, CHINA"

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 270, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED POSSESSION OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS BY 117 INDONESIANS BOUND TO MEDINA, SAUDI ARABIA FOR THE HAJJ PILGRIMAGE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 271, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN EVERY HIGHLY URBANIZED CITY IN THE COUNTRY"

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Resolution No. 272, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/ IMPROVEMENT OF THE AGUSAN DEL NORTE - SURIGAO DEL NORTE COASTAL ROAD"

By Representatives Amante and Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 273, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT A REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE EXISTING LAWS WITH PROVISIONS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED AS DISCRIMINATORY TO WOMEN, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF AMENDING AND/OR REPEALING THESE AS MANDATED BY THE MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN"

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 274, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF HIS EXCELLENCY SINGAPOREAN PRESIDENT SELLAPAN RAMANATHAN POPULARLY KNOWN AS 'S.R. NATHAN' "

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 275, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE AUDIT ON THE FUNDS AND OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 206 ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SIXTEENTH CONGRESS"

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 276, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO REOPEN THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL IN BARCELONA, SPAIN"

By Representative Villarica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 277, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE CEBU CFI COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE FOR BEING CONFERRED THE 2016 GAWAD SA PINAKATANGING KOOPERATIBA -

PLATINUM AWARD, THE HIGHEST AWARD FOR COOPERATIVES GIVEN BY THE LANDBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 278, entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF MRS. CIPRIANA 'SOFIA' PARDILLO TABORA-ZARATE, MOTHER OF THE HONORABLE CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE, REPRESENTATIVE OF BAYAN MUNA PARTY-LIST"

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 279, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING GABRIEL LUIS MORENO FOR WINNING THE FIRST GOLD MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE ARCHERY MIXED TEAM EVENT IN THE SECOND SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES HELD IN NANJING, CHINA ON AUGUST 24, 2014"

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

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Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for House Bills No. 2970, 2971, 2985, 3010, 3020 and 3021 and House Resolution No. 231;

Rep. Evelyn P. Mellana for House Bills No. 122 and 123;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bills No. 72, 2790, 2819, 2823, 2826 and 2831;

Rep. Amado T. Espino Jr. for House Bills No. 11, 21, 52, 56, 61, 125, 140,144 and 145;

Rep. Bayani F. Fernando for House Bills No. 478 and 480;

Rep. Eric M. Martinez for House Bills No. 478, 479, 480, 1871, 2287, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Rep. Ron P. Salo for House Bills No. 478, 480, 796, 797, 798, 1870, 2396 and 2514;

Rep. Makmod D. Mending Jr. for House Bills No. 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 1871, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel for House Bills No. 478, 479, 1871, 2287, 2396 and 2514;

Rep. Ricardo T. Belmonte Jr. for House Bills No. 479, 480, 1871, 2287, 2396 and 2514;

Reps. Strike B. Revilla, Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta and Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II for House Bills No. 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 796, 797, 798, 1870, 1871, 1872, 2287, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 2352 and 2358;

Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon for House Bills No. 476 and 477;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 389, 477, 948, 2302 and 2913;

Rep. Michelle M. Antonio for House Bills No. 34, 79 and 1894;

Rep. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr. for House Bills No. 2385, 2386, 2387 and 2388;

Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva for House Bill No. 2836;

Rep. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II for House Bills No. 115 and 1106;

Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bills No. 172, 173, 197, 229, 269, 272, 294, 299, 355, 396, 426, 450, 487, 490, 500, 515, 580, 635.662, 685, 916 and 977;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bills No. 20, 41, 43, 45, 195, 196, 197, 250, 251, 349, 360, 403, 404, 405, 2071, 2166, 2168, 2169, 2174, 2179, 2180, 2279, 2281 and 2294 and House Resolutions No. 22 and 127;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 201, 218, 337, 338, 849, 851, 854, 855, 857, 878, 934, 1504, 1505, 1509, 1511, 1642, 1649, 1665, 1668, 1669, 1776, 1856 and 1857; and

Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma for House Bill No. 2137.

WITHDRAWALS OF COAUTHORSHIP

Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III for House Bill No. 361; and

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles for House Bill No. 3014.

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated 25 July 2016 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts, all of which were lapsed into law on 17 July 2016 pursuant to Art. VI, Sec. 27 (1) of the Constitution:

1. R.A. No. 10870, entitled:
"AN ACT REGULATING THE PHILIPINE CREDIT CARD INDUSTRY"
2. R.A. No. 10871, entitled:
"AN ACT REQUIRING BASIC EDUCATION STUDENTS TO UNDERGO AGE-APPROPRIATE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING"
3. R.A. No. 10872, entitled:
"AN ACT SEPARATING THE CAGASAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MAGSAYSAY ANNEX IN BARANGAY MAGSAYSAY, MUNICIPALITY OF CORDON, PROVINCE OF ISABELA FROM THE CAGASAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CORDON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
4. R.A. No. 10873, entitled:
"AN ACT SEPARATING THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TALIFUGO ANNEX IN BARANGAY TALIFUGO, MUNICIPALITY OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TALIFUGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
5. R.A. No. 10874, entitled:
"AN ACT SEPARATING THE PIO DA LIM MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES – TANGLAGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY TANGLAGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF CALANASAN, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE PIO DA LIM MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TANGLAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
6. R.A. No. 10875, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE, CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL TO BE KNOWN AS ANTIPOLO CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHONOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
7. R.A. No. 10876, entitled:
"AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – AMBATO TINGLAYAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY AMBATO-LEGLEG, MUNICIPALITY OF TINGLAYAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE KALINGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TINGLAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
8. R.A. No. 10877, entitled:
"AN ACT SEPARATING THE GOV. ALFREDO ABUEG SR. NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL – ARIBUNGOS EXTENSION IN BARANGAY ARIBUNGOS, MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE'S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM THE GOV. ALFREDO ABUEG SR. NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN

INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS INIL U. TAHA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

9. R.A. No. 10878, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING DIRECT CREDIT SUPPORT OF THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES, SMALL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3844, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'AGRICULTURAL LAND REFORM CODE', AS AMENDED"

10. R.A. No. 10879, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHWESTERN TAGALOG REGION TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIMAROPA REGION"

11. R.A. No. 10880, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT WITH SEAT AT CALAPAN CITY, ORIENTAL MINDORO IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

12. R.A. No. 10881, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS IN SPECIFIC LAWS GOVERNING ADJUSTMENT COMPANIES, LENDING COMPANIES, FINANCING COMPANIES AND INVESTMENT HOUSES CITED IN THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT NEGATIVE LIST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

13. R.A. No. 10882, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING SURVIVING CHILDREN OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE MENTALLY INCAPACITATED FROM TERMINATION OF BENEFITS UPON REACHING THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE (21), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 25 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AFP MILITARY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION DECREE OF 1979, AS AMENDED"

14. R.A. No. 10883, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NEW ANTI-CARNAPPING LAW OF THE PHILIPPINES"

15. R.A. No. 10884, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BALANCED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992"

16. R.A. No. 10885, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE MAKINIG NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND/OR TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES"

17. R.A. No. 10886, entitled:

"AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO KALAYAAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INCORPORATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7303, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8105, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE KALAYAAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' "

18. R.A. No. 10887, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BYERS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8107, EXPANDING ITS SCOPE INTO NATIONAL COVERAGE, AND RENEWING ITS TERM FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS"

19. R.A. No. 10888, entitled:

"AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ZOE BROADCASTING, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7297, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE ZOE BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7968"

20. R.A. No. 10889, entitled:

"AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CORONA

INTERNATIONAL, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7398"

21. R.A. No. 10890, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE MACTAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. (MECO) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU"

TO THE ARCHIVES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move that we call the roll.

ROLL CALL

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 16, dated August 30, 2016:

PRESENT

Abad
Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Alejano
Almonte
Alonte-Naguiat
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bertiz
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Celeste
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cua
Cueva
Dalipe
Dalog
Daza
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Floirendo
Flores
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gorriceta
Gullas
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lazatin
Leachon
Lee
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Madrona
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (S.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mellana
Mending
Mercado
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nograles (J.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal

Ocampo
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Plaza
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Roman
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque (H.)
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tan (M.)
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco
Ting
Tolentino
Treñas
Tugna
Tupas
Ty
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Veloso
Vergara
Villafuerte
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Violago
Yap (M.)
Yu
Zubiri

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The roll call shows that 237 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). With 237 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Yes.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, we move for the recognition of the Hon. Jose "Lito" L. Atienza Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Honorable Atienza is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. We would like to put on record that we welcome the memorandum sent to all Members by Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas on the necessity of calling the roll every day that we have a session. We welcome this as we commend him for emphasizing that we must follow the Rules of the House, specifically Section 72, Article XI. Kailangan po natin ito, makakatulong ito sa atin at makakatiyak tayo ngayon ng mas magandang attendance mula sa ating mga Miyembro na magbubunga po ng mas maayos na trabahong nagmumula po sa Kongreso ng ating bansa.

Again, our commendation for our very industrious and very competent Majority Leader, supported by an equally competent Minority Leader, Hon. Danilo E. Suarez. Again, congratulations.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The commendation of the Honorable Atienza is noted.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, we now would like to acknowledge the presence of guests that we have in the gallery. They are the guests of the honorable Gentleman from the Party-List MAGDALO, the Hon. Gary C. Alejano; guests of the honorable Gentleman from the Second District of Pangasinan, the Hon. Leopoldo "Pol" N. Bataoil; guests of the honorable Gentleman from the Fifth District of Pangasinan, the Hon. Amado T. Espino Jr.; and likewise, guests of the honorable Gentleman from the Second District of Antipolo City, the Hon. Romeo M. Acop.

Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, the House of Representatives welcomes Defense Undersecretary Ed Del Rosario; Deputy Chief of Staff for Reservists, Rear Admiral Ernesto Enriquez; Chief, Office of Legislative Affairs, Brig. Gen. Dino Dolina; *(Applause)* Commander, Armed Forces of the Philippines Reserve Command, Brig. Gen. Leoncio Cirunay; *(Applause)* Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Brig. Gen. Enrico Ignacio; Commander, Naval Reserve Command, Col. Arthur Biyo; Commander, Army Reserve Command, Col. Pascual Bedia; and officers and men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. They are the guests of Congressmen Alejano, Bataoil, Espino, Acop and the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, likewise, we have the guests of the Hon. Carlito "Lito"

S. Marquez of the Lone District of Aklan. They are Atty. Harry Sugcang, Board Member; Dr. Nellie Sugcang and Capt. Ramy Panagsagan *(Applause)* from the Lone District of Aklan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Welcome to the House of Representatives.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move for the approval of Journal No. 15 dated August 24, 2016. I so move.

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

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, having disposed of the Business for the Day, with unanimous consent of the House, I move that we open the Privilege Hour. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none, the motion is approved.

The Privilege Hour is open.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, first to take advantage of the Privilege Hour is the Gentleman from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman. I move for his recognition.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Hon. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. LAGMAN

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Majority Leader.

Mme. Speaker, the United Nations has declared August 30 as International Day of the Disappeared. The celebration this year falls today. I have prepared a privilege speech entitled "Disappeared Heroes and Martyrs." With the conformity of the Majority Leader, I move that this privilege speech be entered in the Journal for today.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, we concur with the motion of the Honorable Lagman to enter into the Journal and the Record for today the privilege speech. I so move.

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

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Lagman to the Committee on Rules. I so move.

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

The speech of the Honorable Lagman is referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, next of our colleagues to avail the Privilege Hour is the Gentleman from the Party-List MAGDALO. I move for the recognition of the Hon. Gary C. Alejano.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Hon. Gary C. Alejano is recognized to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ALEJANO

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, my esteemed colleagues and our countrymen, a pleasant day to everyone.

I rise concerning the extraordinary servicemen and women who comprise our armed forces. Today marks the second year observance of the Armed Forces of the Filipino People Week. This is pursuant to Republic Act No. 10664, of which yours truly was one of the main authors. Republic Act No. 10664 declares the last full week of August as the Armed Forces of the Filipino People Week, which also coincides with the celebration of the National Heroes Day this year. The Armed Forces of the Filipino People Week aims to honor the men and women of our armed forces who have relentlessly served our country and who continue to fulfill their mandate as the protector of the people and the State, to secure its sovereignty and the integrity of its national territory.

In this connection, my office has initiated a two-day event here in the House of Representatives, in coordination with the Armed Forces Liaison Office, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines for Reservist Affairs, J-9, and the AFP Reserve Organization here in the House of Representatives. The two-day event starts with the exhibit at the South Wing Lobby where you can find various displays from the Army, Navy, Air Force and the

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Reserve. The exhibit provides a window for the Filipino people, particularly the Members and employees of Congress, to the life of our soldiers and the relevant updates in the armed forces organization.

Those who are interested in joining the Reserve Force of the Armed Forces may inquire at the booth of the AFP Reserve at the South Wing Lobby. The Members of Congress are entitled to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Armed Forces of the Philippines after complying with the requirements. A number of our colleagues here in the Seventeenth Congress are actually members of the AFP Reserve: former Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. joined the Navy and the Majority Leader, Hon. Rodolfo C. Fariñas in the technical service, to name a few. Yours truly rejoined the Philippine Marine Corps where I served for 13 years. Wearing the AFP uniform during the Armed Forces of the Filipino People Week is one way of expressing my support to the men and women in the service.

On the second day, which is tomorrow, a Holy Mass will be held at the North Wing lobby at 12:30 p.m. to pray for the souls of our departed soldiers and for the protection of those left behind. Shortly after that, there will be a forum at the 2nd floor South Wing Annex, and your presence and support will be highly appreciated.

It was on a Saturday, December 21, 1935, that was 81 years ago, when the Armed Forces of the Philippines was born in accordance with the mandate of the National Defense Act of 1935, the purpose of which was to create an independent Philippine Army. At that time, it was called the Army of the Philippines which included not only ground forces but naval and air assets as well. No other than the newly retired US Gen. Douglas McArthur supervised the fledgling Army's foundation and training upon the request of then President Manuel L. Quezon.

The early days of formation of our armed forces had been incredibly difficult for our young Commonwealth nation. We had always been lacking in military equipment then as we are today. The shortage of weapons, ammunition and basic military equipment, uniforms, medical facilities, military barracks of officers and soldiers, the list goes on and on and yet, when the time to test the mettle of our armed forces in the crucible of war, our soldiers proudly held their heads high for they fought gallantly with distinction even if the odds tilted heavily against their favor. Yes, they lost the conventional war but the fight did not stop there because even before the surrender of Bataan and Corregidor, guerilla units had already started to sprout from all parts of the country to resist and bleed the invaders.

Akin pong narinig sa isang matanda na sa mga panahong bago at matapos ang World War II, isang malaking karangalan ang maging bahagi ng Sandatahang Lakas ng Pilipinas. Dagdag pa niya na mataas ang paggalang at pagtingin sa ating kasundaluhan, ngunit ito ay nagbago nang maging instrumento sila ng Martial Law. Hindi ko na ho kailangang i-detalye kung ano ang nangyari pero ang dating tiwala ay napalitan ng takot at pagdududa. Ang dating paggalang ay napalitan ng pagkamuhi, ang dating taga-pagtanggol sa mata ng mamamayan ay naging manlulupig. It was a dark moment not only for the armed forces but for the history of our country. Certainly, that part of our history would serve as a lesson to the present generation.

Today, in this equally-trying time of relative peace, we can say with pride that the Armed Forces of the Philippines has significantly changed and it proudly stands as one of the pillars of national security and development. In spite of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Modernization Program, the AFP remained wanting in material and equipment today. If fortune forsakes our soldiers, they will lose their lives in battle or be incapacitated for life. In the last 10 years, an estimated 2,000 of our servicemen had perished in combat, or about 17 deaths per month. Karamihan sa kanila ay may mga pamilyang naiwanan, may mga supling na lalaki na walang ama, kaya naman binuo ang Armed Forces of the Philippines Educational Benefit System Office upang mapag-aral ang mga anak ng mga nasawing sundalo. I would like to take this opportunity as well to thank nongovernment organizations like the Heroes Foundation for helping the orphans of our soldiers.

A week ago, I watched the video clip of President Duterte when he visited the Armed Forces of the Philippines General Hospital. A young army officer blinded by the explosion of an improvised explosive device or IED was in despair and cried unashamedly on the shoulders of the President because he will now join the ranks of physically disabled people. Many of our soldiers had lost their arms or legs. Even today, some wounded soldiers still die in combat unnecessarily due to severe loss of blood simply because of the delay in evacuating them.

Sa mga oras na ito, mayroong combat operations sa Basilan at Sulu laban sa Abu Sayyaf. Kahapon lamang, sa Araw ng Kagitingan, 15 sundalo mula sa 35th Infantry Battalion ang nasawi sa Patikul, Sulu sa laban sa Abu Sayyaf. Ako po ay nakikiramay sa kanilang mga pamilya. A number of soldiers had been wounded. Akin pong ipinapanawagan sa ating Pangulo na bigyang pansin ang agarang lunas para sa mga sugatang sundalo sa pamamagitan ng pagtatalaga ng helicopter o fastcraft na nakaabang sa mga posibleng evacuation. Furthermore, government hospitals nearby should be equipped with necessary emergency equipment so that they can attend to wounded soldiers before evacuating them to faraway Zamboanga medical facility.

Meanwhile, those who are fortunate enough to survive the battlefield may appear physically well but psychologically, they are heavily scarred and

traumatized. Many soldiers who had experienced battle often encounter depression and trauma. This malady comes in many names. It is called war shock, shell shock, shell concussion, combat stress reaction, survivor's guilt and lately, post-traumatic stress disorder or PTSD. The sad news is that psychological debriefing has not been part of the government support for our soldiers who experienced combat. Hindi po uso sa atin iyan. Maaaring sa ibang bansa puwede pero dito sa ating bansa, hindi po natin ginagawa iyan. Minsan, tinatawanan na lang po natin if some soldiers acted differently. Ito rin ang isang dahilan kung bakit ang ilang sundalo ay hinihiwalayan ng kanilang mga asawa.

We gave our OFWs the honorific title "Ang Bagong Bayani" because they brave foreign lands which are often hostile and unstable just to earn a decent living. They spend time away from their families to serve others and as a result, young children were left to grow without their father or mother, which often led to a dysfunctional family.

The soldiers of the Armed Forces experience the same issues as our OFWs. Our soldiers leave their families to bravely carry out their duties whenever and wherever they were assigned. Whether their destination is high up in the mountains, or in a desolate outpost such as the Spratlys where on most reefs, the sand is only about two to three feet above sea level, or on a rusty, crumbling Philippine Navy ship called *BRP Sierra Madre* stationed at Ayungin Shoal to serve as an isolated Philippine Marine outpost, or on a leech-infested jungle in the middle of nowhere, our soldiers are there to serve the nation 24/7.

Talking of external defense, do we really need to modernize our armed forces since we will not, anyway, go to war with China? War with any country should not be our motivation in modernizing our Armed Forces to a level that is credible enough. Defense the manner by which other countries treat us depend on the level of our defense and the determination to use that defense. The other term for that is "deterrence." In the same vein, the government must prepare its citizens to respond to national emergencies, both natural and human-induced, and the time to prepare is not when the emergency comes but now. Iyan ang konsepto ng pagbuo ng ating AFP reserve. Bahagi dito ang napapag-usapang pag-revive ng mandatory ROTC sa kolehiyo at unibersidad.

Maliban sa pagbigay ng tamang kagamitan sa ating mga sundalo upang hindi lamang magawa nila ang kanilang mandato, kundi pati na rin itaas ang chances ng kanilang survival sa labanan, responsibilidad din nating mga policymakers dito sa Kongreso na masiguro ang isang maliwanag na national security policy at strategy. A national security strategy will lay down in clear terms how to achieve our national security objectives within our available means. National security documents, which include National Defense Strategy and National Military Strategy, are important guides for us legislators here in Congress in making sure that the programs and projects of the Defense Department are in line with the stated capabilities that need to be developed. This process which has been hardly observed resulted in inconsistent and incoherent security strategies. I expect that the Duterte administration, through the National Security Adviser, will submit these security documents to Congress within the year.

Patungkol naman sa ating mga beterano, nagpapasalamat ako kay Presidente Duterte sa kanyang pronouncement yesterday to release a total of P4.7 billion for our veterans. This is part of the 2016 budget which is comprised of P3.5 billion for the total administrative disability (TAD) arrears for widows of deceased World War II veterans and the Armed Forces of the Philippines retirees who are 80 years old and above. Malaking bagay po ito para sa ating mga beterano. Nais kong pasalamatan ang dating chairman ng Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare, Hon. Herminia Roman, sa kanyang pagpupunyaging maipasa ito sa nakaraang Kongreso. Ganoon pa man, kailangang mahanapan ng kaparaanan upang maayos ang pension differentials ng malaking bahagi ng mga retirado sa serbisyo. As of now, the government still owes them around P20 billion in pension differentials. Ito po iyong increases sa kanilang base pay na hindi pa ibinigay sa kanila that compounded through the years.

At this juncture, I just would like to talk a little bit more on our chosen theme in the Armed Forces of the Filipino People Week celebration here in Congress: "Honoring our Soldiers, Educating our People, Inspiring our Youth." In honoring our soldiers, ako po ay naiinggit kapag naririnig ko sa ibang bansa, lalo na sa bansang Amerika, kung gaano nila niserespeto at binibigyang halaga ang kanilang mga sundalo. You would often hear them saying, "Thank you for your service." Kahit ako na hindi naman citizen ng kanilang bansa, nararamdaman ko ang kanilang paggalang kapag sinasabi sa akin, "Thank you for your service to your country." This is because they know how hard and dangerous it is to be in the military service.

I understand that we have a different history than other countries. We, as a people, have no recent memory of any major war where we ended up as victors. That is why appreciation does not come easy, but I must say that the heroic deeds of our soldiers have been replete since the Katipunan days to World War II and up to the present. Our people just have to know these things which leads me to my second point, educating our people.

It is said that we Filipinos easily forget. Many say we have a short-term memory. Marami sa yugto ng

ating kasaysayan na limot nang ating mga kababayan. Kasama sa ating nilimot ay ang mga nagtaksil at nagnakaw sa kaban ng bayan. Pana-panahon lang daw, iyan ang sabi ng iba.

Going back to the armed forces, many do not understand the mandate of our Armed Forces, the rationale as to why we have the Armed Forces in the first place. The Armed Forces exhibit here in Congress would somehow educate our people. The different military shrines all over the country are firm reminders of the sacrifices of our veterans. I observed, as well, that most of our educational institutions fail to inculcate upon our youth, our hope for the future as we say it, historical facts and the sense of service to our country.

Magtanong ho tayo sa mga kabataan ngayon—hindi naman ho natin nilalahat—ang patungkol sa kasaysayan ng ating bansa and most likely, they will not be able to answer. If we ask our youth today on their views about our veterans who fought for our country, some may answer, "Isa pa iyan sa nagdudulot ng problema sa budget dahil sa pensyon." Very ironic.

This leads to my last point, inspiring the youth. Paano pa natin mai-inspire ang ating mga kabataan na magsilbi bilang sundalo sa bansa kung kulang ang kanilang kaalaman sa kagitingan ng ating mga ninuno at beterano? Paano pa natin mahihikayat ang ating mga kabataan kung nakikita nila na ang mga beterano ay nagmamakaawang ibigay sa kanila ang kanilang pension arrears mula sa bansang kanilang pinagsisilbihan? Paano pa natin maibibigay ang nararapat na dignidad ng ating mga beterano kung parang sila ay nagpapalimos sa mga ospital para sa kanilang karamdaman?

Let us not only remember their gallant sacrifices during the last full week of August. Let us all take this opportunity to express our gratitude, admiration and support for the brave and dedicated protectors of our country. Today and every day, we are indebted to our gallant soldiers.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the unwavering fidelity and sacrifices made by our veterans, the current and retired members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines as well as their families. Ako po ay nagpapasalamat at napupugay sa inyo bilang isang Mambabatas, bilang isang dating sundalo, bilang isang ama at higit sa lahat, bilang isang malayang Pilipino.

Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Magandang hapon po. *(Applause)*

REP. DAZA. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DAZA. Mme. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the Party-List 1-Ang Edukasyon, the Honorable Belaro, for his interpellation. I so move.

REP. DAZA. Mme. Speaker, before the House acts on the motion, may I know from the Gentleman from the MAGDALO Party-List whether he will yield to a short interpellation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I ask for a few minutes suspension of the session. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is suspended.

It was 5:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:04 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The session is resumed.

REP. DAZA. Mme. Speaker, after the explanation by the Majority Leader, I would like to reserve the right to interpellate after the first interpellator recognized by the Chair is finished.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). So noted.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. With that, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move for the recognition of the Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The honorable Gentleman is recognized.

REP. BELARO. Good afternoon, Mme. Speaker. Firstly, this Representation would like to thank the veteran parliamentarian, the legend, Raul Daza, for seeing the light in the order of precedence with respect to this interpellation.

At this juncture, Mme. Speaker, may I inquire whether the Representative from the Party-List MAGDALO, my comrade in the party-list bloc, Gary Alejano, if he is willing to concede to some interpellation or queries.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Yes, Honorable Alejano.

REP. ALEJANO. Certainly, Mme. Speaker, it is my honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Proceed.

REP. BELARO. May I proceed, Mme. Speake.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Yes, please proceed.

REP. BELARO. Mme. Speaker, this Representation would like primordially to acknowledge the patriotic speech just delivered by the Representative from the Party-List MAGDALO for paying tribute to the unsung heroes of wars which happened in this country. Perhaps we will not be remiss in citing the First World War and the Second World War, and his speech was an eye-opening venue for us to realize the sacrifices of these veterans.

Mme. Speaker, the question is quite haywire but this Representation is just intrigued by the fact that, citing the speech of the Honorable Alejano, there seems to be a dearth of funds earmarked for the veterans of our country despite their contributions to our nation-building, and one circumstance which strikes the mind of this Representation is with respect to the Veterans Bank. The Veterans Bank as you all know, ladies and gentlemen, has a lot of funds and is endowed with a lot of resources. So with this backgrounder, ladies and gentlemen, Mme. Speaker, the first question which is but fitting to ask the honorable Gentleman from MAGDALO is whether any of these vast funds from Veterans Bank actually had trickled down for the benefit of our veterans in the Philippines?

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, Honorable Belaro. Actually, that issue was taken up in the last Congress, in the Committee of Veterans Affairs and Welfare, because we know for a fact that there are billions of pesos that are unpaid to our veterans, and considering the fact they are now old and they need medical attention. In that discussion, Mme. Speaker, Honorable Belaro, it was found that the Veterans Bank had remitted to the Board of Trustees for the Veterans of World War II a certain amount, I think 20 percent of its income, for the purpose of providing benefits to our World War II veterans and in the process, the Board provided medical attention through medical missions and other medical services to our veterans of World War II. However, it was also discussed that the amount given to the veterans is not that huge compared to the amount remitted by the bank. There was an argument that the government has no authority over the Veterans Bank considering that it has its own charter and so, the Committee has requested the Solicitor General of our government to request for a legal opinion on whether Congress or the government has authority over the funds of the Veterans Bank and the Board of Trustees for the Veterans of World War II. As of now, Mme. Speaker, we still have to see the result of that discussion.

REP. BELARO. Mme. Speaker, it is the understanding of this Representation that the Veterans Bank is one of the country's GOCCs or government-owned and controlled corporations and thus, it is governed by its own charter. Considering the fact that it continues to use the name "Veterans Bank," I think it is most respectfully manifested by this Representation that it better live up to its name. Now, the question of this Representation addressed to the honorable Gentleman from MAGDALO Party-List is, what recommendations, by way of legislation, can he make with respect to this continuous and rather irregular inflow of funds towards veterans' affairs by this bank purporting to be working for the welfare of the veterans when, in fact, it is only irregularly and, in fact, unpredictably flowing its funds for the welfare of the veterans. What can he recommend by way of legislation with respect to this bank, Mr. Speaker?

REP. ALEJANO. I guess, Mme. Speaker, my esteemed colleagues, we have to continue the discussion on the issue of the funds of the Veterans Bank so that we can have a clear picture as to whether these funds will be allocated to our veterans or be provided for the medical benefits of our veterans. Actually, a resolution investigating the funds was filed in the last Congress. I believe this time around, in the Seventeenth Congress, we have to file another resolution in order to look at the issues deeply because I believe that the funds came from the government and have implications on public interest. I believe that Congress has the power and authority to look into the matter and propose measures in order to correct whatever problems were encountered in the management of Veterans Bank.

REP. BELARO. Mme. Speaker, by way of a final note, this Representation would like to thank the honorable Gentleman from MAGDALO Party-List for delivering such a patriotic speech. It is the fervent hope of this Representation that the war veterans will not be buried in the memory of our people and much less, in the memory of the government by not remembering to give them the funds that truly should flow to their welfare and for the benefits that they rightfully deserve.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ALEJANO. Maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the Hon. Raul A. Daza from the First District of Northern Samar.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Honorable Daza is recognized.

REP. DAZA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Let me start by commending the Gentleman from the MAGDALO Party-List for his timely speech. What struck me this afternoon is the attire of the Gentleman. I read the provisions of House Rules that we have provisionally adopted and here, as amended, it states that the proper attire of a Member should be barong tagalog or coat and tie or business attire.

I noticed that the Gentleman is wearing, in a manner that is chic and handsome, the attire of a military officer. I am not going to question that. In fact, one reason I stood up on the floor is to ensure that the Journal will reflect that the attire of the Gentleman is a proper attire. I am not conversant with military attire, but would the Gentleman please educate me with regard to the rank reflected on the shoulder, the medals that I think are on both sides of his chest. The reason is that, I am not only receptive of being educated on this matter, but I would like to have the Journal reflect the attire of the Gentleman, which I consider to be very proper.

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, Hon. Raul Daza from Samar, Mme. Speaker. Actually, I have thought of the issues that might come up if I wear this uniform without the proper permission from the Floor Leader. That is why, early on, I requested the House Leadership if, not only me but Members of Congress who are also reservists of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, we be allowed to wear our uniforms during the last week of August to show our support for our armed forces, both men and women. That request was approved, so I am now wearing a uniform.

This uniform is called "General Office Attire" of the Philippine Marine Corps because I joined the Philippine Marine Corps Reserve Unit of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. As part of the uniform, there are the ranks and the insignias, and the ribbons that were taken and awarded to this Representation. On the left side of my uniform are the ribbons, the different awards that were given to me when I was still in active service, the highest of which is the Distinguished Conduct Star, the second highest award in the Armed Forces of the Philippines below the Medal of Valor. Then we have the Gold Cross, the Military Merit Medal, Military Commendation Medal, and other campaign medals.

Over the ribbons are the insignias for the paratrooper. If you underwent training in airborne, that means you are qualified to jump from an airplane, then you will have this badge. We call this "Airborne Badge." Above this Airborne Badge, we call this "Scuba Bubbles" because I have undergone military scuba training in the Philippine Marine Corps when I was in the Force Reconnaissance Battalion of the Philippine Marine Corps. Then below the ribbons, this one with the gold color is the Sniper Employment Officer. When I was still in the battalion, I was designated as the sniper employment officer of the battalion where I trained, deployed and employed snipers of the Marine Corps battalion. Then below this, we call this "Force Reconnaissance Stub." Makukuha ninyo lang po ito kapag ikaw ay nagtapos ng Force Reconnaissance Course ng anim na buwan. This is a special operations course offered in the Philippine Marine Corps. Then on the right side of my chest is my name plate. Above my name plate are honorary badges. Bibigyan ho kayo nito kapag mayroon ho kayong cross training with the US Marine Corps and the US Army. If you have conducted airborne training and an actual jump from an airplane, you will be given these honorary badges. The one on my collar indicates the rank for lieutenant colonel. I think that is all I have in my uniform, Honorable Daza, Mme. Speaker.

Thank you po.

REP. DAZA. On another vein, the Gentleman, I am sure, is aware that the government is now in active negotiations with the National Democratic Front in order to put an end to the continuing war between the government and the National Democratic Front. May I ask the Gentleman if he would like to share his thoughts with us on the ongoing talks?

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, Honorable Daza, Mme. Speaker. The MAGDALO Party-List supports the peace talks with our brothers in the National Democratic Front because alam ho natin na sa giyerang ito na inabot na po ng apat na dekada, ang mga sundalo po ang nasa harapan at sila po ang tinatamaan ng bala. Kaya nga po tayo nagkaroon ng isang malayang bayan na free ng kaguluhan, at least dahil sa sakripisyo ng ating mga sundalo. That is why kami po ay sumusuporta sa ongoing peace talks with the NDF. However, we should not forget the lessons from the past. There were so many negotiations conducted with the National Democratic Front and they all ended. All of them were scuttled for varying reasons.

I just would like to point out that at the end of the day, we should look at the ultimate objective of the CPP-NPA-NDF. What is the ultimate objective of the CPP-NPA-NDF? Only two, according to my perspective: number one is to overthrow the government; and number two is to replace the present system with their own system which is communism.

Now, peace talks are not the ultimate end of the NDF. The ultimate end is political—change the system we have right now. I am not really sure whether they want to embrace the present system or to be under the present system. So, in the past negotiations, political detainees were released and after some time, hindi po natutuloy ang peace talks. Those who were released went back to the mountains and again fought the government. Iyon po ang lessons learned ho natin dahil aabot ng around 500 ang tinatawag ho nating political detainees right now at iyon po ang isang demand ng NDF na mailabas ho sila.

Naiintindihan ho natin ang sentimyento ng ating kasundaluhan dahil buhay at napakaraming resources at panahon ang ginugol upang mahuli po natin sila at bigla na lamang palalabasin ho sila. It is very emotional and sentimental on their part but definitely, they would understand because at the end of the day, gusto ho nating lahat, kasama po ang ating armed forces, ng kapayapaan sa ating bansa. Kaya nga po dapat ho maging maingat ang ating gobyerno dahil mayroon na ho tayong mga lessons in the past, Honorable Daza, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DAZA. I have no further questions to ask the distinguished Gentleman. Obviously I am in no position to dispute what he said where I have no military background. The only background I had was when I was in the ROTC and I was not into military science. I was with the ROTC band, so I was more adept with the musical instrument that I handled than I was with a rifle. In any event, Mme. Speaker, I would like to thank profusely the Gentleman form the MAGDALO Party-List for sharing with us his inner thoughts on the prospects of the ongoing peace negotiations.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker; thank you, Gentleman from the MAGDALO Party-List.

REP. ALEJANO. Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker, Honorable Daza.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Alejano and the interpellations to the Committee on Rules. I so move.

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

The speech of the Honorable Alejano and its interpellations are referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour. I so move.

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

The Privilege Hour is terminated.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Bill, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding reference:

BILL ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 3384, entitled:

"AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Suarez, Tugna, Acharon, Abu, Alvarez (M.), Castro (F.H.), Cayetano, Garcia (G.), Garcia-Albano, Garin (S.), Hernandez, Macapagal-Arroyo, Quimbo, Sema and Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. FARIÑAS. May I move for the election of the following Members to various Committees:

The Majority Leader, Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas, read the names of the House Members elected to the various committees, per Journal No. 16, dated August 30, 2016.

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I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection to the motion of the Majority Leader? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The so named House Members are elected to the respective committees.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, August 31, at four o'clock in the afternoon. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.

It was 5:35 p.m.

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