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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).
Please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Good afternoon, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

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

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

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

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

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 3243, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO JORGE BAYONA UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 8158, ASSIGNING IN FAVOR FOR PBN BROADCASTING INC. AND RENEWING THE TERM FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 3244, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, CITY, MUNICIPAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS”

By Representative Sambar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3245, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY (SOGI) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND
GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 3246, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING LABOR EDUCATION
INTO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS
IN THE TERTIARY EDUCATION
CURRICULUM AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3247, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING TWO PARCELS OF
FORESTLAND LOCATED IN SICOGON
ISLAND, MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES,
PROVINCE OF ILOILO AS A PROTECTED
AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, PROVIDING
FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3248, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRUG
REHABILITATION CENTER IN EVERY
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE
COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

House Bill No. 3249, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED
EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND
POLITICAL PARTIES DURING CAMPAIGN
PERIOD, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, AS
AMENDED”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3250, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE WI-FI INTERNET
ACCESS IN PUBLIC AREAS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3251, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TAYUG -
NATIVIDAD PROVINCIAL ROAD IN
THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TAYUG
AND NATIVIDAD, PROVINCE OF
PANGASINAN INTO A NATIONAL
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3252, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DRUG PRICE
REGULATORY BOARD TO REGULATE
THE PRICES OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES
IN THE PHILIPPINES AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9502, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
‘UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE CHEAPER
AND QUALITY MEDICINES ACT OF 2008’
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biron
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3253, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE TAAL LAKE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS,
FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Collantes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 3254, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE
OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE
COUNSEL, BY RE-DEFINING, EXPANDING,
STRENGTHENING, RATIONALIZING
AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING
ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3255, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT
OF MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT,
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3256, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS UNDER SECTIONS 118, 119, 121, 122 AND 123 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, AS AMENDED, ON FREE PATENTS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 44 THEREOF”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3257, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A TWO THOUSAND PESO ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSION WITH CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT OF THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3258, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAS PIÑAS - PARAÑAQUE CRITICAL HABITAT AND ECOTOURISM AREA AS A WETLAND, ENSURING THE PROTECTION THEREOF, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3259, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE INCOME BRACKETS AND RATES OF TAX IMPOSED ON TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3260, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION, REFORESTATION, AFFORESTATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MANGROVE FORESTS

IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3261, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3262, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULAR PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ISSUED TO ADULT APPLICANTS TO TEN (10) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239 OR THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3263, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE FUNDAMENTAL EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN UNDER THE LAWS ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cayetano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 3264, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED NATIONAL INFORMATION DATABASE SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ungab
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 3265, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3266, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MOHAMAD WASSIM NANAA”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3267, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF EMPLOYERS IN POSTING NOTICES OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES IN NEWSPAPERS, SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION VENUES”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3268, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING CELLULAR MOBILE PHONE PROVIDERS FROM CONVEYING UNSOUGHT SERVICES THAT ARE AUTOMATICALLY AND INVOLUNTARILY CHARGED AGAINST THE ACCOUNT OF SUBSCRIBERS, IMPOSING PENALTIES ON UNLAWFUL ACTS OF THE PROVIDERS”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3269, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MANDATORY PERIOD TO RELOCATE SQUATTERS, GRANTING DISTURBANCE FEES TO OWNERS OF ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL LAND, AND PENALIZING VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3270, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY OF BASIC CONSUMER FAIR TREATMENT FOR AIRLINE PASSENGERS”

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

House Bill No. 3271, entitled:

“AN ACT PUNISHING THE PILFERAGE OR THEFT OF ANY MATERIAL, MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, OWNED OR BELONGING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISES LOCATED IN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES PRODUCT, MERCHANDISE, ARTICLE, EQUIPMENT OR BY-PRODUCT”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3272, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM SMOKING WITHIN THE WORK PREMISES DURING OFFICIAL WORK HOURS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3273, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE ACCEPTABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS AS SECURITY FOR LOANS OBTAINED FROM LENDERS, BANKS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THEREBY PROMOTING ACCESS TO RURAL CREDIT, PROVIDING MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3274, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TAX RELIEF IN TIMES OF CALAMITY”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 3275, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9417 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 3276, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FOR FILIPINO SCHOOL CHILDREN”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3277, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE BENEFITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

OR INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION BENEFITS, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW”

By Representative Ocampo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3278, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD CREATED BY VIRTUE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794 AND TRANSFERRING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794”

By Representative Ocampo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3279, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY ENVIRONMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY-CRITICAL BUSINESSES”

By Representative Ocampo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 3280, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING THE CRIME OF CRIMINAL NEGLECT OF A VULNERABLE ELDERLY PERSON OR A PERSON WITH DISABILITY”

By Representative Ocampo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3281, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND BARANGAY EMPLOYEES”

By Representative Ocampo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3282, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 21 OF EVERY YEAR AS ORANI FOUNDATION DAY AND A SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI, PROVINCE OF BATAAN”

By Representative Roman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3283, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE COMPENSATION FOR PERSONS WRONGFULLY CONVICTED OF A CRIME, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7309, ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT CREATING A BOARD OF CLAIMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF UNJUST IMPRISONMENT OR DETENTION AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Cagas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3284, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NEW PASSPORT LAW, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (R.A. NO. 8239), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996’ ”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3285, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES IN THE PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS, PRESCRIBING THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES PASSAGE”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3286, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AND DEFINING THE MARITIME ZONES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3287, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE ‘LIBINGAN NG MGA BAYANI’ TO □LIBINGAN NG MGA BAYANI AT MGA DATING PANGULO’ ”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 3288, entitled:

“AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION
OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO NATION
BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND
SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 3289, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE KIDAPAWAN
CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - MT. APO
ANNEX IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN,
PROVINCE OF COTABATO FROM THE
KIDAPAWAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
TO BE KNOWN AS MT. APO NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3290, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING SUFFICIENT
CANOPY TREES AND FLORA IN THE
CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS
AND ITS APPURTENANT LANDS AND
STRUCTURES”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 3291, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT
CLINIC FOR EVERY PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3292, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ABOT-
ALAM PROGRAM”

By Representatives Villarín, Romero and Pineda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3293, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION,
SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF
WHISTLEBLOWERS”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3294, entitled:

“AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING LIBEL BY
MEANS OF WRITING OR SIMILAR
REPEALING ARTICLE 355 OF THE
REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 3295, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 4 (c) (4),
CHAPTER II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10175”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3296, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 5180, AS AMENDED, ‘AN ACT
PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM SYSTEM
OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION BY
PROVINCIAL AND CITY FISCALS AND
THEIR ASSISTANTS, AND BY STATE
ATTORNEYS OR THEIR ASSISTANTS’ ”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3297, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING SMALL SCALE
MINING BY EXEMPTING FROM THE
PAYMENT OF INCOME AND EXCISE
TAXES THE SALE OF GOLD PURSUANT
TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7076, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE PEOPLE’S SMALL-
SCALE MINING ACT, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 32 AND 151 OF
THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE
CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 3298, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE USE OF
PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS
FOR COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL
PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3299, entitled:

“AN ACT MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIMES OF RAPE, QUALIFIED SEDUCTION AND SIMPLE SEDUCTION INVOLVING MINOR CHILDREN AND RATIONALIZING THE PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS 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. 3300, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE USE OF COMMUNITY TAX CERTIFICATE AND THE POWER TO LEVY COMMUNITY TAX REPEALING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3301, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COMPUTER EDUCATION IN ALL SCHOOLS FROM THE ELEMENTARY TO TERTIARY LEVELS”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3302, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE COLLECTION OF IRRIGATION FEES AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES AND GRANTING CONDONATION OF UNPAID DEBTS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 2 (b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552”

By Representative Villanueva
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3303, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE BOUNDARY SYSTEM OF PAYING WAGES TO DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS IN BUSES, JEEPNEYS

AND OTHER TYPES OF MASS TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Villanueva
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3304, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY’S GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (GIR) AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 32 AND 151 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 3305, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF PAYMENT SYSTEMS”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3306, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE DAYCARE FACILITIES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES’ CHILDREN AGED FIVE (5) YEARS OLD AND BELOW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 157 OF THE LABOR CODE”

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

House Bill No. 3307, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING HARASSMENT AND INVASION OF PRIVACY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3308, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8485, ALSO KNOWN AS, ‘THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 3309, entitled:

“AN ACT DEVELOPING GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHERS”

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

House Bill No. 3310, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING AVAILABLE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS OF ALL PATIENTS OF HOSPITAL AND CLINICS ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD CENTER UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3311, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 84, 86, 89 AND 97 OF TITLE III, CHAPTER I, ESTATE TAX OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 3312, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF ETHNICITY, RACE, RELIGION OR BELIEF, SEX, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSIONS, LANGUAGE, DISABILITY, HIV STATUS, AND OTHER STATUS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representatives Bag-ao, Abad, Acosta-Alba, Aglipay-Villar, Alvarez (M.), Baguilat, Banal, Catamco, De Venecia, Deloso-Montalla, Garin (S.), Noel, Ramirez-Sato, Roman, Sema, Turabin-Hataman and Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 3313, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS BETWEEN PARKING STATION PROPRIETORS AND THEIR CUSTOMERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3314, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING URGENT RELATED MEASURES NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC CRISIS IN METRO MANILA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3315, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING FIREARMS POLICY AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3316, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC MATH AND SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOLS IN PREVIOUSLY UNDERSERVED AREAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3317, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SICSICAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - ANNEX IN BARANGAY STA. MONICA, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY FROM THE SICSICAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SANTA MONICA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3318, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NAPSAN - BAGONG BAYAN - SIMPUCAN - BACUNGAN ROAD IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3319, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SALVACION - SABANG ROAD THAT LEADS TO UNDERGROUND RIVER IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3320, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING FISHPORT COMPLEX IN BARANGAYS MACARASCAS AND TAGBUROS IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3321, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF ‘NO THERAPEUTIC CLAIM’ ON SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICINES AND OTHER RELATED PREPARATIONS THEREBY MANDATING PROPER PACKAGE LABELLING AND ESTABLISHING A STANDARD OF PROTECTION AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CONSUMERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3322, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE AND/OR OBSTRUCTION OF PARKING SPACES EXCLUSIVELY RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN ALL ESTABLISHMENTS, BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, BY PERSONS WHO ARE NOT DISABLED, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 3323, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WELFARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO FAMILIES LEFT BEHIND BY OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS”

By Representative Ocampo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3324, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED NATIONAL POLICY AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DORMITORIES AND BOARDING HOUSES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ocampo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3325, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A YOUTH SUICIDE EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM”

By Representative Ocampo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3326, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING VOTER EDUCATION IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA”

By Representative Ocampo

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House Bill No. 3327, entitled:

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By Representative Ocampo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3328, entitled:

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By Representative Ocampo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 3329, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING CORPORATE FARMING AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3330, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE, SALE, PACKAGING, DISTRIBUTION, AND ADVERTISEMENTS OF VAPORIZED NICOTINE PRODUCTS”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3331, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SECURITY OF TENURE FOR ALL NON-REGULAR EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND

COLLEGES, GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITIES, WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST TWO (2) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 3332, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEW GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT”

By Representative Noel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3333, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE ADMISSION TO ALL PUBLIC MUSEUMS AND NATIONAL HISTORICAL SHRINES AND LANDMARKS”

By Representative Noel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3334, entitled:

“AN ACT REVERTING TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE DISCHARGE OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES DEVOLVED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Noel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3335, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS AMONG GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO INSPIRE INNOVATIVENESS AND TO ENSURE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY EVEN BEYOND GOVERNMENT SERVICE”

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

House Bill No. 3336, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE EYE CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco-Catera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3337, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS TO INCLUDE HYPERTENSION, DIABETES MELLITUS AS WELL AS PREGNANCY RELATED ILLNESSES IN THEIR MEDICAL CARE COVERAGE”

By Representatives Suansing (E.) and Suansing (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3338, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA), TRANSFERRING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH), PROVIDING GRATUITY BENEFITS FOR ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Suansing (E.) and Suansing (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3339, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FARMERS’ MEDICAL CENTER (FMC) TO BE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ZARAGOZA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIIJA, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3340, 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. 3341, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED UTILIZATION AND PROMOTION OF FOLIC ACID FOOD FORTIFICATION AND SUPPLEMENTATION”

By Representative Cayetano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

ISIDRO, UP TO THE BOUNDARY OF CAMARINES NORTE-CAMARINES SUR, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE, INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD”

By Representative Panotes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3342, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND TOURISM ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SALCEDO, MERCEDES AND GUIUAN, INCLUDING THE ISLANDS OF CALICOAN, HOMONHON, SULUAN AND MANICANI IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE EASTERN SAMAR SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND TOURISM ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Evardone
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3345, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 73 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 35 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998”

By Representative Panotes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3343, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD WHICH STARTS AT THE DAANG MAHARLIKA JUNCTION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BASUD JUNCTION FROM KILOMETER 347+312 GOING TO THE COASTAL BARANGAY OF MANGCAMAGONG, MUNICIPALITY OF BASUD, AND CONTINUES TO OTHER COASTAL BARANGAYS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERCEDES AND ENDS AT LANOT CREEK, BARANGAY LANOT, MUNICIPALITY OF MERCEDES, WHICH IS THE PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN CAMARINES NORTE-CAMARINES SUR INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD”

By Representative Panotes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3346, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMARINES NORTE PROVINCIAL ROAD WHICH STARTS AT THE JUNCTION OF DAANG MAHARLIKA KILOMETER 337+000 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALISAY TO THE JUNCTION OF DAANG MAHARLIKA KILOMETER 327+800 ENCOMPASSING THE MUNICIPALITY OF VINZONS AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABO, INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Panotes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3344, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE SAN LORENZO RUIZ JUNCTION WHICH STARTS AT THE MAHARLIKA HIGHWAY IN BARANGAY MAGANG, MUNICIPALITY OF DAET, TRAVERSING BARANGAY CALASGASAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DAET, TO BARANGAYS DACULANGBOLO, DAGOTDOTAN, MAMPUROG, MATACONG AND SAN

House Bill No. 3347, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 PERTAINING TO THE COMPOSITION OF LOCAL SPECIAL BODIES TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATION FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS SECTOR AND THEREBY STRENGTHENING ITS PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT AND AFFIRMING ITS VALUABLE ROLE IN NATION BUILDING”

By Representative Panotes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3348, entitled:

“AN ACT CLASSIFYING A PORTION OF TIMBERLAND LOCATED IN BARANGAYS FACTORIA, SAUGAN, DALID, BAGACAY, DAO, JAPAY, BANTAYAN, MABUHAY, BURAK, TAWAGAN (POBLACION), BINALAYAN, BATO, KALAW, AGSAM, NAGA-NAGA, AND TRINIDAD (MAYCOROT), IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORAS, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE”

By Representative Evardone
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3349, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL SOIL HEALTH PROGRAM THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF NATIONWIDE SOIL ANALYTICAL SERVICES AND PROMOTION OF SOIL CONSERVATION AND FERTILITY MANAGEMENT OF ALL AGRICULTURAL LAND IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREOF TO ABATE SOIL DEGRADATION AND IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL LAND PRODUCTIVITY AND THEREBY ENSURE FOOD SECURITY”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3350, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING PANTAWID KURYENTE PROGRAM OR LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) TO HELP REDUCE POVERTY”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 3351, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS AND UNINTERRUPTED TRANSMISSION OF POWER, PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECT THE INTEGRITY AND RELIABILITY OF THE NATIONWIDE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 3352, entitled:

“AN ACT CLASSIFYING THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY BY ELECTRIC

COOPERATIVES, AS VALUE ADDED TAX EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 109 (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3353, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES DISASTER MANAGEMENT FUND AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN LAWS”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 3354, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE PHILIPPINES BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP, PROVIDING FOR ITS MECHANISM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (S.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3355, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 1556, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE □LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FEEDS ACT OF 1956□ ”

By Representative Garin (S.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3356, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY AND VETERINARY SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Garin (S.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3357, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN THE PHILIPPINE BAMBOO INDUSTRY, PRESCRIBING ITS SCIENTIFIC PROPAGATION, PROCESSING, UTILIZATION, AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AS A PRIORITY

PROGRAM, AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (S.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3358, entitled:

“AN ACT FOR SCALING UP NUTRITION DURING THE FIRST 1000 DAYS OF LIFE”

By Representative Garin (S.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3359, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE GRANT AND ADMINISTRATION OF FISCAL INCENTIVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (S.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3360, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE INCOME TAXES IMPOSED ON INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 24(A)(2); 27(A); 28(A)(1) AND B(1); AND 35(B) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

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Rep. Wilfredo S. Caminero for House Bills No. 458 and 2798;

Rep. Horacio P. Suansing Jr. for House Bill No. 304;

Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr. for House Bill No. 2; and

Rep. Edwin C. Ong for House Bills No. 262, 264 and 2430.

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

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we hold the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The honorable Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn Garcia is recognized for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. GARCIA (G.)

REP. GARCIA (G.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker, I rise today on a matter concerning the sad and sorry state of the Cebu Provincial Detention and Rehabilitation Center (CPDRC). Having served as Governor of the great province of Cebu for three consecutive terms, this is an issue close to my heart.

Throughout my nine years as Governor, we worked incessantly to improve the CPDRC, ensuring that the facility was fulfilling its mandate, while we were doing our very best to try to exceed people’s expectations while at it. I believe it is a statement of fact that under my watch as Governor, the Cebu Provincial Detention and Rehabilitation Center became a world-class facility worthy of emulation; that while other Philippine jails were hounded by controversies, our own provincial jail became an international showcase evoking national pride.

They say that an incoming chief executive is defined by how he or she handles the first major crisis that comes his or her way. My very first crisis happened right after Christmas, on the 26th of December 2004, and this concerned our inmates at the old provincial jail who refused to be transferred to a newly built, more spacious facility. They had just staged a sit-down strike that had the makings of a full-blown riot.

Mme. Speaker, with your indulgence, allow this Representation to refresh our memories by showing this very short documentary of the CPDRC experience,

as I said, my first major crisis as Governor then that was to be a defining moment that set the tone for my governorship.

(Audio-visual presentation)

Mme. Speaker, after uploading the video of their performance of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" on YouTube in April 2007, it became a certified viral video garnering over 50 million views, and our inmates became famous and celebrated the world over as Cebu's "Dancing Inmates."

Attracting tourists from the country and the rest of the world, including Michael Jackson's own choreographer, Travis Payne, our work with the CPDRC was featured, as was shown, by international news organizations, with international media like the *New York Times*, hailing the CPDRC's use of dance as part of its rehabilitation program for drug-dependent inmates. Indeed, the CPDRC became a source of collective pride for our people. But more than the pride it brought Cebu and the Philippines, it is what the experience meant to each and every inmate that truly mattered. That they could be a part of something big, that they could, despite their past, bring pride to their country and to their families, and that is perhaps the most important and inspiring fragment of the Dancing Inmates' success story. The experience gave more meaning to the word "rehabilitation" because then it meant redemption. That for someone who wishes to change, there are second chances, and that no one is beyond redemption.

Yet here we are, nine years after the CPDRC Dancing Inmates shot to global fame and wowed the world, and only three years since Hilario Davide III became Governor, the CPDRC is making headlines once more, sadly, for all the wrong reasons. Much has changed in the last two months since President Duterte assumed office.

Government's efforts to clean up the National Bilibid Prison in Muntinlupa have started to bear fruit. Those responsible for the corruption and abuse inside the National Penitentiary are now being made to account for their sins against the people. The bottom line is leadership. However, it is lamentable that instead of inspiring the same in Cebu where we already blazed the trail over a decade ago, the vestiges of the past regime—the lazy, holier-than-thou, do-nothing past—have somehow decided that it is in their best interest to reverse our gains and pull us decades backwards. We were already on to something good, so this counterflow to the national movement for change is a mockery of the President's efforts. Whether by sheer lethargy or outright complicity, the current occupant of the Cebu capitol is derailing our shared desire for a better country. In short, while the country is moving forward, Cebu is moving backwards.

The raid in the provincial jail in the early hours of August 13 this year, conducted by a joint composite

team of the PNP, the PDEA and the BJMP, confirmed how horribly mismanaged it is now. The home of our famous inmates has become a drug den. In fact, in the words of Chief Superintendent Noli Taliño, and I quote:

Based on information, ginagawa nang tiyange ang loob ng kulungan. Kunwari pumapasok ang mga drug users dito para bumibisita, pero dito pala sila bumibili at gumagamit ng illegal drugs. Takot kasi sila sa Oplan Tokhang sa labas.

That raid recovered millions in cash, kilos of shabu and novaine, cell phones, bladed weapons, flat screen TVs, and drug paraphernalia. One of the inmates of the CPDRC was even found in a compound just outside the CPDRC with drugs, debit cards, and cash.

According to a police report, the suspect claims to be the caretaker of fighting cocks allegedly owned by the CPDRC Warden Romeo Manansala, an appointee of Governor Davide himself.

Days after the raid, another appointee of Governor Davide, Marco Toral, the consultant on jail management, resigned from his post after he was summoned by the provincial board to explain several glaring anomalies and violations in the provincial jail. He left his assignment even before the hearings started, even before a single question was asked of him. Prior to his resignation, one inmate pretending to be a guest escaped from what was supposedly a maximum-security prison. Two days later, Marco Toral fired a warning shot using a blank cartridge violating prison rules.

Earlier this month, a photo of five inmates, sitting at the back of an open multicab and watched by a lone jail guard while traveling to the Mandaue City Regional Trial Court, went viral after a netizen took a photo of the inmates, two of the five were smoking cigarettes, and the jail guard was wearing dark glasses and had earphones on. Moreover, it was reported in the news on August 4 that a laptop and cell phone were confiscated from a female inmate serving time for human trafficking. According to investigators, she may have continued her cyber-porn activities while behind bars.

In a span of five or so weeks, more than 10 inmates have died, most of them succumbing to cardiac arrest due to pneumonia. Health experts attribute the deaths to overcrowding in the provincial jail. That facility, the CPDRC was just supposed to accommodate 1,600 inmates, and yet, according to Deputy Warden Romeo Manansala, it is now housing as much as 3,800.

All of these have happened under the current Governor's watch. By the way, Marco Toral, his appointee for jail management is an ex-convict, out

on appeal from a life sentence due to drug-related crimes. When asked why he appointed Toral, Davide's justification was that he has experience. Seriously? Well, quite obviously, Toral applied such experience in making sure all of the monumental gains that we have made with the CPDRC were erased, completely wiped out as he applied his experience on drugs.

The irony of ironies is, we now find Governor Davide in the DILG's honor list of 10 governors cited for stemming the illegal drug trade in their respective provinces. As his misspelled name says on the list, it was a "Hilarious" turn of events. But for many, his misspelled name is not the only mistake on that list. Suffice it to say, the horror stories have culminated in a comedy of errors and people are painfully laughing at the bad joke.

A number of the governors on the list are my friends. I know them and they deserve to be there. What they do not deserve though is to be listed alongside someone so underserving, so unworthy, so wanting in credibility that his inclusion renders the entire list suspect.

I believe I cannot be accused of never having given Governor Davide a chance. For more than three years, I never criticized him, I never said a word. Despite not being party-mates, I made sure he received a proper turnover, a smooth transition, granting him the dignity of his office which his party deprived me of during my last months as Governor, coincidentally right before the 2013 elections. I gave him my 100-percent support. But enough is enough. While hilarious, the gravity of the issues confronting the CPDRC because of the incumbent Governor's abysmal failure is no laughing matter.

Amid all these, one is forced to ask: the CPDRC was a source of pride, a best-practice model, how has it come to this? Who is responsible? Who else? How have we, in such short a time, had a transition from pride to peril, from showcase to shame? It is a tragedy, how quickly we have descended from a real life jailhouse rock to hitting rock bottom.

Mme. Speaker, we are at war and we cannot risk losing momentum as the Duterte administration makes considerable headway in this most crucial battle to reclaim our country from the evil clutches of what our President has described as the drug pandemic.

So, Governor Davide must be made to answer because the Cebuanos and the Filipino people deserve an explanation. He simply cannot skirt the issue by suggesting that the Provincial Jail's management be transferred to the BJMP or the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology. This is a desperate attempt at deflecting this grave issue without accepting real accountability and responsibility for what has already happened under his watch. He must be reminded that, as provincial Governor, he is the keeper of the provincial jail, as provided for in the Administrative Code of 1917, Chapter 45, Article III, Section 1731, and I quote:

Sec. 1731. Provincial Governor as Keeper of Jail. – The governor of the province shall be charged with the keeping of the provincial jail, and it shall be his duty to administer the same in accordance with law and the regulations prescribed for the government of provincial prisons.

Moreover, the Local Government Code expressly provides the creation, improvement, and management of jails as among the powers and duties of the provincial government. Again, Section 468, Article III states, and I quote:

Establish and provide the maintenance and improvement of jails and detention centers, institute a sound jail management program, and appropriate funds for the subsistence of detainees and convicted prisoners in the province.

One cannot bask in the honor of recognition on the one hand, and refuse to answer the hard questions on the other. It simply does not work that way. For how can one be awarded or recognized for helping curb the illegal drug trade in the province of Cebu when the CPDRC has, in fact, become known as the source of drugs in the province of Cebu under your watch? I refer to a news article from *Sun Star* where a couple was arrested in the evening of July 21st. According to the couple, when interrogated by SPO 1 Noel Bautista of the Guadalupe Police, Eduardo and Cristina, the names of the couple, admitted that they sourced their supply of shabu from a contact inside the CPDRC. They said: "Naa sa sulod sa CPDRC ilang source. Inig contact sa phone, ilabay-labay ra ang shabu sa gawas." When the CPDRC has become a source of the illegal drug trade, you either admit to having tacit knowledge, to being complicit, or to just being painfully incompetent and ignorant. Either way, it is completely unacceptable.

Governor Davide should be cognizant that success in this war against the drug menace rises and falls on leadership; and, clearly, this is a failure of leadership.

I speak here today, Mme. Speaker, because I am duty-bound. It is my moral obligation not just as the Representative of the Third District of Cebu, but as Cebu's first woman governor who triumphed over seemingly insurmountable odds, successfully overseeing the peaceful transfer of over a thousand belligerent inmates from the cramped and decrepit old provincial jail to the more spacious, more modern, more secure CPDRC—who went over, above, and beyond what was expected to show the world the best that this country has to offer. When one is as invested in a cause as I am, one simply cannot just sit idly by and watch, not just your hard work, but the lives and futures of my beloved Cebuanos go to ruin.

It is, therefore, in view of these deeply troubling and frustrating developments that I shall be filing a resolution to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, into the glaring deficiencies and gross mismanagement and administration of the CPDRC.

Mme. Speaker, by your indulgence, allow me to speak in the words that is closest to my heart, in our own native Cebuano. Ang pinulungan nga labing haduol sa akung kasing-kasing, sa akung mga kauban nga nakasabot, sa akung mga pulong, ako moingon karong hapuna. Makaluluoy ang Sugbu sa iyang gigikanan, nag-una, gihangad, ug nahimong modelo sa tibuok nasud nga Pilipinas, karon nihagba na, dili kani angay nga mahitabo sa pinalangga natung Sugbu. Sama sa kanunay, sa kaniadto, karon, ug ako nanghinaot, sa mga umaabot nga mga adlaw muabot usab ang kausaban.

Mabuhi ang Sugbu, mabuhi ang Pilipinas!
Thank you, Mme. Speaker. *(Applause)*

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, before we recognize the first to interpellate, may we acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery. In the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla from the Second District of Zambales. In the gallery are the Batch 2016 BS Accountancy students of Ramon Magsaysay Technological University, namely: Glenn Edward Sison, Andrea Pulido, Kimberly Mae Muñoz, Eloissa Fernandez, Darrel Eleria, Arriane Jean Ejes, James Bausa, and Shanstar Arauco.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Hon. Benhur L. Salimbangon of the Fourth District of Cebu for his interpellation.

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

REP. SALIMBANGON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Will the honorable Congresswoman of the Third District of the province of Cebu yield to a few clarificatory questions?

REP. GARCIA (G.). Gladly, Mme. Speaker, I will gladly answer the questions of my kababayan from Cebu, the Hon. Benhur L. Salimbangon of the Fourth District of Cebu.

REP. SALIMBANGON. First of all, Mme. Speaker,

allow me to congratulate the former Governor, the first lady Governor of the province of Cebu, for converting the most hard-headed inmates of the provincial jail before to the most popular inmates in the world after the viral presentation that was made and accepted worldwide by over 50 million watchers all over the world.

My first question, Mme. Speaker, to the honorable Congresswoman of the Third District of Cebu: How did you manage to convince the 1,400 hardcore inmates to move out of their so crowded place? As a matter of fact, according to them, bahala na ug i-dismiss sila sa presohan basta dili gyud sila mobalhin—and they decided to stay put for so many months, I guess. How did you manage to move them out of that so crowded provincial jail at C. Padilla Street? Can you please enlighten us?

REP. GARCIA (G.). Thank you for the question, Mme. Speaker.

As it was shown in the video, the inmates who refused to be transferred to the newly constructed CPDRC facility, which would then have broken them up into cells of just 12 inmates per cell, in stark contrast to the then existing situation where they had kobols or what you would call huge gangs and one mayor, a designated leader, would have command over 70 to 80 inmates in that cramped, old provincial jail. They refused to move precisely because they would be divided and conquered, the mayors or the mayores would be losing their hold or control over the inmates.

When that sit-down strike happened, I called on the army, the police, the SWAT. I could not even trust my own jail guards then. But I called on them that at an appointed hour, they would be subdued, and I prayed that they would do it with a minimum of casualties at three o'clock that afternoon of the 26th of December, right after Christmas.

They came in with their teargases. I was in the convent of the Poor Clares praying that it would be a successful operation; and, in fact, we succeeded in subduing them. They were chained, hands and feet, and immediately we made the decision that we could no longer accept that present situation where they had control in that old provincial jail.

So, we were able to put together a number of buses, tasked the help of a volunteer civilian group that took to coordinating with the traffic police so that the buses would be given priority. Immediately, right after they were subdued for the next eight hours, we transferred the 1,400 inmates to the new jail facility. That was why on December 27, 2004, they were all gathered in that quadrangle of the new facility. There, I told them, “You will learn discipline here. You probably thought that just because I am just a woman, I would succumb to your threats.” But I said, “You will learn discipline here and do not ever do this to me again.”

I confined them to their cells. I said, "For one month, you will be confined in your respective cells with regular visitations cancelled." Well, they staged a noise barrage, and upon learning of this noise barrage, I said, "Good. Extend the cancellation of all visitation privileges, and extend the confinement to their cells for another month." There was another noise barrage and I added another month. The message was, if they continued being this belligerent, then they would never be able to get out of their cells, nor even see their relatives, family and loved ones.

Finally, they realized that hardened as they were, I was a harder nut to crack, and that was when they accepted that they were ready for our disciplinary rules and regulations.

REP. SALIMBANGON. I asked that question, Mme. Speaker, because I was monitoring the situation of the old provincial jail where riots were happening practically every month. So many of the inmates were either killed or hurt by the different riots made by the inmates.

And I was so worried that the management headed by the Governor will not be able to peacefully move them out from the old provincial jail. But the question again, Mme. Speaker, is on the transformation of the calibre of the inmates, from being hardened criminals, drug addicts, and killers to performing artists. How did the government of the province of Cebu, headed by the Representative, manage to convert them? Did she hire artists? Did she hire dancers? Did she hire the choreographer of top dancers from all over the world, and they just simply followed instructions? And by the way, may I know for the sake of, for the information of our colleagues, who was then the warden or consultant who managed to convert these hardened criminals into really good performing artists, Mme. Speaker?

REP. GARCIA (G.). Mme. Speaker, I suppose that the transformation of these inmates was the result of how we had focused on the rehabilitative part of the CPDRC. You see, CPDRC means Cebu Provincial Detention and Rehabilitation Center. So, it was not just a matter of confining them within the four walls of the provincial jail. It was also a matter of rehabilitating them. And as I said, after the tug of war of wills between the inmates and myself then as Governor, they realized that I was pretty serious about instilling discipline at the CPDRC. That was when we also started to allow them a few hours outside of their individual cells so they could exercise at the quadrangle. They first started with doing some physical exercises, marching here and there. Then my security consultant, my brother, Byron Garcia, saw that aside from just doing physical exercises, music, which is indeed the language of the soul, could perhaps be used to transform their souls from

desperate, negative, dark souls into something more positive, something that they themselves could be proud of. That was when the concept of dance was introduced to our inmates. We hired a competent choreographer who, at first, found it very difficult. She would get jeers or sometimes even be hit by a slipper or two, but then, each time that happened, they were always gravely reminded of the need for discipline, and that discipline will be enforced. That was how they transformed from the very difficult, belligerent inmates that we had, of the old provincial jail, into the pride of Cebu, the pride of the Philippines, and known all throughout the world as the "Dancing Inmates of CPDRC."

REP. SALIMBANGON. In other words, Mme. Speaker, it was not necessarily that difficult on the part of the provincial government's effort to really rehabilitate, to transform those hardcore criminals or inmates to become productive, as shown in the video. But the question is, if the Lady will dare to answer, Mme. Speaker, why is the provincial Governor now already planning or in fact even suggesting that the management of CPDRC be transferred to BJMP? What does she think is the reason? Is it because he does not like the inmates to dance? Or is there any other reason why he is suggesting that it should be transferred, Mme. Speaker?

REP. GARCIA (G.). Mme. Speaker, I had earlier referred to that very statement of the present occupant of the Capitol. I said he was skirting the issue of gross mismanagement, skirting accountability and responsibility by just cavalierly suggesting that management be transferred to the BJMP. I must say, though, that this is not an exclusive opinion of the present Governor.

During my watch, I have heard from other governors who found management and operation of provincial jails too difficult and too costly, and a number of them had, in fact, suggested that management control, supervision be turned over to the BJMP. I did not join those governors that wanted to transfer such management because I looked at my responsibility as a challenge. And so we worked, we worked very hard and we put in long hours. We put in the passion into the seemingly impossible challenge of reforming these inmates. But I am glad to say that in Cebu, we showed that, in fact, provincial jails can be run efficiently. And not just that, provincial jails can, in fact, turn around the negative image of the ugly situation that exists now at the National Penitentiary, in all other jails throughout the country. We were able to prove that it can be done. We can turnaround that image. It can become a source of pride. As I said, the bottom line is leadership.

REP. SALIMBANGON. My last question, Mme. Speaker, because it is so expressly stated in the

Administrative Code, Section 1731 as you specified, that it is really the responsibility of the provincial governor to oversee the operations or the management of the provincial jail.

Is the Lady in favor of transferring the management of the provincial jail to BJMP? Is she herself in favor or not in favor? Because I understand—in fact, I was one of those who witnessed the inmates dancing, presenting their kind of dances together with so many tourists. And it seems that they were so happy, so serious in their presentation. It appears that it was not, after all, that difficult to really manage. And yet now, the new leadership of the Capitol is already entertaining the idea of trying to transfer management to BJMP.

Is the Lady in favor of that idea, after experiencing, as she said, the most difficult task she faced when she ran the Capitol?

REP. GARCIA (G.). Well, as I had shown, in all my nine years as a Governor then, I resisted that idea of transferring the provincial jail management to the BJMP. As I said, I took it instead as a challenge to prove that a province can efficiently run a provincial jail for as long as your heart is in the proper place and you have political will.

This is the reason, Mme. Speaker, why I am filing that resolution in aid of legislation, precisely, to find out what had, in fact, failed under this new administration. Why is there a stark contrast from what the CPDRC was, a source of pride, to what it is now becoming, a source of shame and shabu. But beyond that, we would wish to listen to the thoughts of the BJMP as well as, perhaps, the thoughts of the League of Provinces, that organization of the governors of the entire country, so that the proper remedial legislation may be crafted.

Of course, leadership cannot be legislated. Perhaps, hopefully, we may be able to sift through all the facts that we hope shall be presented and that we may be able to ensure that if something has already been successfully achieved, then this may be protected against degeneration and retrogression. That is the purpose of my resolution, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SALIMBANGON. Before I will end, Mme. Speaker, let me just clarify, because she mentioned that there was a raid in the provincial jail on August 13 and that the provincial jail has become a drug den. Was there shabu or were there arms confiscated during that raid?

REP. GARCIA (G.). From newspaper articles, and as shared by the members of the raiding team, recovered from the raid were cash in the millions of pesos, kilos of shabu and Nubain, cellphones, bladed weapons, flat screen TVs, and drug paraphernalia. According to Chief Superintendent Noli Taliño, the jails have become a market for illegal drugs.

REP. SALIMBANGON. Well, it sounds like it is easy bilibid, part two, in that case, Mme. Chair. Anyway, I would like to thank very sincerely the honorable Governor, former governor, Cong. Gwen Garcia, for the answers to my questions. Thank you very much.

REP. GARCIA (G.) Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the Privilege Hour.

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

ROLL CALL

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

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.

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| Acosta | Barzaga |
| Advincula | Bataoil |
| Aggabao | Batocabe |
| Aglipay-Villar | Bautista-Bandigan |
| Albano | Belaro |
| Alcala | Belmonte (F.) |
| Alejano | Belmonte (J.) |
| Almario | Belmonte (R.) |
| Almonte | Biazon |
| Alonte-Naguiat | Billones |
| Alvarez (F.) | Bolilia |
| Alvarez (P.) | Bondoc |
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| Del Mar | Madrona | Salo | Villanueva |
| Del Rosario | Malapitan | Salon | Villarica |
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THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 239 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). With 239 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 16, dated August 30, 2016.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery. In the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Gary C. Alejano of MAGDALO Party-List. They are the PMA Directorate and staff, headed by: Col. Joseph Villanueva, Lt. Col. Bienvenido Simon Jr., Maj. Anaclito Almoite Jr., Capt. Ernesto Carullo, Capt. Russel Arnaldo, Capt. Harold Sante, Capt. Mark Serapion Lagud Jr., Maj. Wilfredo Claveria Jr., P2Lt. Joseph Ajan Jr., P2Lt. Richard Altarez, P2Lt. Christian Daroni, and the PMA ALAB-TALA Class of 2018.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). We welcome the guests of the Honorable Alejano. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*) The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR
Continuation

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the Privilege Hour.

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

We will resume the Privilege Hour.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, the Privilege Hour is about to expire in six minutes. I move that we extend the Privilege Hour to another 30 minutes upon its expiration.

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

The Privilege Hour is extended to another 30 minutes.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, our parliamentary status is that we are on the privilege speech of the Hon. Gwendolyn F. Garcia and its interpellation. So, I move that we recognize the honorable Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The honorable Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (G.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Celso L. Lobregat of the First District of Zamboanga for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Hon. Celso L. Lobregat is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, let me correct myself. I move that we recognize the Hon. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. of the Third District of Negros Oriental.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Hon. Arnolfo A. Teves Jr. is recognized.

REP. TEVES. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Good afternoon, everybody. I would like to ask the honorable Deputy Speaker from Cebu if she would yield to some questions.

REP. GARCIA (G.). Mme. Speaker, I would gladly answer the questions of the honorable Gentleman from Negros Oriental.

REP. TEVES. Thank you.

First, while we were listening to our Deputy Speaker from Cebu, I could very well relate to what she was stating because we have the same problem in our province in Negros Oriental.

Last December 31, I had AI information that our governor, Governor Degamo, sanctioned one pusher to monopolize the sales that night dahil maraming benta noon dahil New Year's Eve, hindi ba? So, inistrikto nila na isa lang iyong magbebenta noong gabing iyon para masolo nila iyong sales that night. So, I share the same problem.

Ang request ko kay Deputy Speaker from Cebu, Hon. Gwen Garcia, is kung puwede na isama sa resolution niya, na isama sa investigation iyong nagpapatakbo ng jail namin sa province of Negros Oriental. Kung puwede kasama iyong Governor sa investigation, him being the head of our provincial jail.

REP. GARCIA (G.). Mme. Speaker, perhaps, another resolution may be filed, specifically as regards the goings-on that are presently happening in the Negros Oriental Provincial Jail, and I would gladly co-author such resolution. Those resolutions can be joint once transmitted to the proper committees and the investigation can be conducted together.

REP. TEVES. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. That is all.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia and its interpellation to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of the Hon. Gwendolyn F. Garcia and the interpellations thereto are referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. of the Third District of Camarines Sur who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. of the Third District of Camarines Sur is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BORDADO

REP. BORDADO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Exactly a week ago, Mme. Speaker, I received a report from my staff in Naga City, Camarines Sur, stating that a stampede almost broke out in the vicinity of the Department of Social Welfare and Development provincial office. People seeking medical, educational or financial assistance, some of them queuing up as early as Tuesday night, reportedly pushed, shoved and jostled their way into the DSWD office, which could only accommodate no more than 100 persons.

According to the report, Mme. Speaker, most of the people who failed to get inside the DSWD compound proceeded to my district office complaining about the scheme of things at the DSWD and urging me to do something about it.

I understand that some of us here, particularly the neophyte Representatives like me are also experiencing the same problem, Mme. Speaker. So, I did some research and found out that on August 1, 2016, DSWD Secretary Judy Taguiwalo, issued Memorandum Circular No. 9 entitled, "Supplemental Guidelines on the Implementation of Protective Services Program." The rationale for the issuance of such guidelines was that, and I quote:

The Office of the Sec. Taguiwalo has been receiving various informal complaints and requests for clarifications on her new policies and directives on the implementation of the DSWD's PSP in relation to the Supreme Court (SC) decision declaring the unconstitutionality of the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF).

The memorandum circular, Mme. Speaker, underscored among other things that, "referral letters from individuals, groups of individuals, or organization, including public officials, whether national or local executives, legislators, members of the judiciary, or constitutional commission are not integral to the

implementation of the PSP" and that "the DSWD retains sole authority to determine the beneficiaries of the program pursuant to existing guidelines."

Mme. Speaker, as a neophyte Representative, I am not exactly familiar with the intricacies of the PSP. Yet, Mme. Speaker, I do respect the position taken by the DSWD Secretary. She must, however, set up an effective and efficient system to ensure that qualified beneficiaries will not be risking their lives or limbs just to access the assistance being extended by the Protective Services Program or the PSP.

Moreover, Mme. Speaker, the good Secretary must mount an intensive information dissemination campaign so that our constituents will not blame us for the inadequacies of the DSWD.

In closing, Mme. Speaker, let me remind Secretary Taguiwalo that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte himself expressed grave concern over the long queues just to avail of government services and vowed to end them once and for all.

Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Bordado to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of the Honorable Bordado is referred to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a couple of minutes.

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

It was 5:39 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:39 p.m. the session was resumed.

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

PRIVILEGE HOUR

Continuation

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. And with that, Mme. Speaker, I move for the reconsideration of the referral of the privilege speech of the Honorable Bordado since our colleague, the Honorable Andaya, has signified his intention to interpellate.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we again recognize the Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for the continuation of his privilege speech.

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

REP. BORDADO. Yes, thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, also, may we recognize the Gentleman from Camarines Sur, the Hon. Rolando G. Andaya Jr., for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). The Honorable Andaya is recognized for his interpellation.

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

Would my provincemate, a certified micromaniac, agree when I say, he is a microphone maniac. Every time he sees a microphone, he wants to talk to the microphone. Even in videoke bars, Mme. Speaker, he is a *persona non grata*. He does not like to give away the microphone. But, seriously, Mme. Speaker, would the Gentleman from Camarines Sur yield to a few questions?

REP. BORDADO. Of course, I am again honored to be interpellated by the former Budget Secretary.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes. First question, Mme. Speaker, how do you get that kind of voice? (*Laughter*)

REP. BORDADO. Well, that is part of my ...

REP. ANDAYA. Appeal.

REP. BORDADO. ...how do you put it? Can you proceed to the next question?

REP. ANDAYA. I will proceed to the next question. Next question is, the circular, which the DSWD Secretary issued, upon your perusal, to whom is it addressed?

REP. BORDADO. This circular is supposedly addressed to all the offices of the DSWD.

REP. ANDAYA. And, the subject it talks about, sino ang pinapatamaan?

REP. BORDADO. Well, the Congressmen.

REP. ANDAYA. Ha? Sino?

REP. BORDADO. The Congressmen and the local government unit officials—in other words, ...

REP. ANDAYA. Sinu-sino talaga ang pinapatamaan?

REP. BORDADO. Actually, Mme. Speaker, the circular is being issued, according to Memorandum Circular No. 09, ...

REP. ANDAYA. Yes.

REP. BORDADO. ... to guide the DSWD field offices nationwide in the implementation of the PSP.

REP. ANDAYA. What?

REP. BORDADO. But, there is a caveat here.

REP. ANDAYA. Iyan.

REP. BORDADO. Letters from individuals, group of individuals, all organizations, including public officials, whether national or local executives, legislators, members of the judiciary or Constitutional Commission are not, underscoring the word “not,” integral to the implementation of the PSP.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes. Does the circular also make mention of any case law as basis for this circular?

REP. BORDADO. Yes.

REP. ANDAYA. What case law would that be?

REP. BORDADO. We have the General Appropriations Act of 2015 and the General Appropriations Act of 2016.

REP. ANDAYA. Passed by Congress.

REP. BORDADO. Yes. And then, ...

REP. ANDAYA. And also Supreme Court decision?

REP. BORDADO. We have also the Commission on Audit Memorandum dated March 1st, 2016, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes.

REP. BORDADO. And, the DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 04 series of 2015 and, Mme. Speaker, the Supreme Court decision in the case of *Belgica et al. vs. Executive Secretary Ochoa et al.*

REP. ANDAYA. Which talks about whose allocations?

REP. BORDADO. Which declared the unconstitutionality of the Priority Development Assistance Fund.

REP. ANDAYA. So, it talks about Congressmen again, Congressman.

REP. BORDADO. In effect, the Congressmen are being singled out.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, correct. Okay. Now, if you read that Memorandum Circular, what are the reasons cited why this Circular is being issued?

REP. BORDADO. Well, we have these ...

REP. ANDAYA. Aside from the ...

REP. BORDADO. ... specific reasons.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, go ahead.

REP. BORDADO. To ensure the safety of DSWD social workers or personnel.

REP. ANDAYA. To ensure, the what?

REP. BORDADO. The safety...

REP. ANDAYA. Safety.

REP. BORDADO. ...of DSWD, social workers or personnel, cash disbursements shall be conducted within the DSWD.

REP. ANDAYA. No, wait. To ensure the safety—are they in harm, in harm’s way? Are they being threatened in any way? What kind of safety?

REP. BORDADO. Considering the phrasing of this particular policy, it appears that some members or employees of the DSWD are somehow threatened.

REP. ANDAYA. Being threatened by Congressmen.

REP. BORDADO. Are somehow threatened.

REP. ANDAYA. In fact, the word of the phrase, “ensure physical safety” is mentioned twice in that particular Memorandum Circular. Is that correct?

REP. BORDADO. Yes, yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. It also requires the DSWD employees to report any undue pressure on them by Congress officials for them to follow.

REP. BORDADO. Yes, yes. Actually, Mme. Speaker, we have this pronouncement that the DSWD retains sole authority to determine the beneficiaries of the program pursuant to existing guidelines. So as such, the DSWD social workers or personnel are tasked to evaluate requests for assistance and the qualifications of beneficiaries are enjoined to strictly adhere to the circular.

REP. ANDAYA. So, it will appear that this particular circular was issued mainly because some Congressmen allegedly are threatening DSWD employees in the distribution of funds or allocations for their districts. Would that be a fair statement or conclusion?

REP. BORDADO. Well, Mme. Speaker, I do not think so.

REP. ANDAYA. It was mentioned twice.

REP. BORDADO. Because in the first reason given by the Secretary, she is saying here that the letters are coming from individuals, group of individuals or organizations, including public officials, whether national or local executives, Legislators, members of the Judiciary or Constitutional Commission. So ...

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, that is easy to say, Mme. Speaker, but the local government units, Executive branch, the Judiciary, do they have PDAF?

REP. BORDADO. I do not think so.

REP. ANDAYA. No. Then we are talking about Congressmen here. We are talking about Congressmen who are giving undue pressure, or physical harm to employees of the DSWD. I just want to stress that point.

Maybe that is where she is coming from. Maybe that is why she did not even bother to consult the Members of Congress, or members of the other branches of the government before she came up with this particular memorandum circular. Masyadong nagmamadali.

REP. BORDADO. Yes.

REP. ANDAYA. I can understand she wants to protect her employees. But I think if she had just waited and consulted the others, she would understand the situation at hand. First of all, are you familiar, Mme. Speaker, with the Supreme Court decision?

REP. BORDADO. Not so familiar with the Supreme Court decision.

REP. ANDAYA. Okay. Let me give you a rundown.

REP. BORDADO. Okay, please.

REP. ANDAYA. It actually declared unconstitutional any post-enactment intervention by Members of Congress—meaning the Senators, or the Congressmen cannot in any way participate in the release of funds after we have passed the budget.

REP. BORDADO. Okay, that is clear enough.

REP. ANDAYA. The PDAF itself is a lump-sum fund. It is a lump sum actually, meaning to say, it is a lump-sum fund, it is unbroken—you do not know the beneficiaries. So, the act which was declared unconstitutional was the act of a Representative or a Senator—giving a list on how these lump-sum funds would be broken down or distributed. That is clear, we have accepted that decision. But that decision does not fall squarely on the situation at hand. There are so many lump-sum provisions in the budget. A lump sum as I have said is a fund which is lumped together—hindi pa ho siya nabe-breakdown and it is subject to a listing on how it will be broken down. There is another form of lump sum which is called the Special Purpose Fund. It is also a lump sum but that kind of a lump sum requires a certain condition to happen before it will be released—different from the PDAF, but it is still a lump-sum fund. Lump-sum fund, again, is you give a list for it to be released.

In the SPF, a condition has to happen before it could be triggered or could be used. Even if you give a list, but that condition has not happened, wala hong mare-release. Example, Calamity Fund, that is a Special Purpose Fund. If no calamity happens, even if you give a list, nothing will be released. Something has to happen. If you differentiate the regular lump sum

with the allocation to the DSWD under the Protective Services Program, that would fall on a Special Purpose Fund. Saan ba ginagamit ho iyon? Hindi ba, burial, medical assistance, educational? E, kung wala naman hong namatay, paano ka magre-release?

REP. BORDADO. Okay.

REP. ANDAYA. Kung wala namang maysakit—although, I know in your place, iniimbitahan ninyong magkasakit na nga para mabigyan ng pondo. *(Laughter)*

The point is, kung wala hong kondisyon na nangyari, hindi ka naman makaka-release. There lies the difference. And that is the reason the Commission on Audit, together with the DSWD, recognizing this difference in this particular lump sum, issued a COA Joint Circular, joint with the DSWD and—can you give me the date and the name.

REP. BORDADO. We have the Commission on Audit Memorandum dated March 1, 2016.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, that was issued by the prior administration together with the former DSWD Secretary after the decision of the Supreme Court declaring the PDAF unconstitutional.

So itong iniisip nila ngayon na MC, luma na iyan. The basis is old. Luma na.

REP. BORDADO. It is actually entitled, Mme. Speaker, as the “Supplemental Guidelines on the Implementation of Protective Services Program.”

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, supplemental na lang nga, but the problem there is, it did not cite the COA Circular *in toto*. It also gave a different meaning. It is stated there that the word “not” is underscored, not an integral part, is not considered. What other terms did they use?

REP. BORDADO. Not considered as an integral part of a process.

REP. ANDAYA. And shall not be considered in determining. It is as if ...

REP. BORDADO. Whether to release assistance or not.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes. It is as if iyong referral letter ho ng legislator walang silbi. Hindi ba? Ganoon ho ang nangyari doon sa interpretation ninyo, when in fact, if you read the COA Circular, the entire COA Circular, you will have a different appreciation of the matter. The COA Circular did not do away with the referral letter. In fact, it laid down the rules on how these referral letters will be treated. Yes, they are not an integral part but they

can still be considered if the beneficiary is qualified. Iyon naman ho ang importante.

REP. BORDADO. Yes.

REP. ANDAYA. Kahit naman 10 ang referral letters mo kung hindi naman qualified iyong tao talaga e ...

REP. BORDADO. I agree.

REP. ANDAYA. ... di wala rin.

So, bottom line, what you are saying is, true, that the acceptance of a referral letter may be discretionary, that is true, but once that person is determined to be a qualified beneficiary, kahit na may hawak siyang referral letter, aid to that particular person is now ministerial.

REP. BORDADO. I fully agree.

REP. ANDAYA. Walang ifs and buts.

REP. BORDADO. Yes.

REP. ANDAYA. Now, if you do not treat it that way, that only means a person who is qualified, but has a referral letter, is now at a disadvantage. Hindi ba? Qualified nga ako pero may referral letter ako, sorry ka, mamaya ka na. Mas lamang iyong taong walang referral letter. So, hindi pala magandang kaibigan mo si Congressman dahil bawas pa pala sa iyo kung may referral ka galing kay Congressman o kay mayor o kanino man.

So, there could be no other way to interpret this particular COA-DSWD Joint Circular. I know this for a fact dahil ako ho iyong gumawa noong Circular. You know, if you look at the rationale of the COA Circular—isa pang, another matter which hurts the most, iyong non-acceptance of referral letter is—I can give that in terms of debate, it is okay, but what I cannot accept is not allowing the LGUs to download these funds to their local MSWD.

REP. BORDADO. Yes, for the MSWD or in the case as it is.

REP. ANDAYA. Hindi na ngayon, bawal na ngayon iyan. Bawal na. Kaya kung mayroon man kayong pondo pa sa mga bayan-bayan, wala na iyon, good as nothing na ho iyon. That is the part which is not explained fully by the Circular of the DSWD.

REP. BORDADO. Okay.

REP. ANDAYA. That you can no longer access the local government unit. They can no longer access these particular funds.

Very peculiar situation, in my place, the nearest

DSWD office now—you can only go now to the DSWD office. So, in my place, it is Naga City, which is your city...

REP. BORDADO. Yes, yes.

REP. ANDAYA. ... which gave me the most number of votes. Am I correct?

My place to your place is about two hours. The farthest barangay to his place, three hours. Mas malapit pa ho kung pumunta na lang ako sa katabing probinsya, na Camarines Norte. Mas malapit pa, mas mura pa ang pamasaha. Kasi, kung bibiyahe po ako galing sa lugar ko papunta sa inyo, it will cost me around P200. Now, if I am a recipient of the 4Ps, I will be receiving how much per day? Sixty pesos?

REP. BORDADO. Sixty.

REP. ANDAYA. P60 per day, recipient ako ng programang galing DSWD rin. P60 per day, P300, di limang araw akong hindi kakain para makuha ko lang iyong benefit ko sa Naga na dati lalakaran ko na lang dahil pwede sa munisipyo. Very funny situation, Mme. Speaker, because if you read the rationale of the COA Circular, it says, in quotation ha, "Those who have less in life should have more in law," ngayon, if you read it. Pero nangyari dito, those who have less in life will have to spend more to get something from the law. Iyan ang nangyayari dito, parang baligtad na ho.

That COA Circular cites the reason why pwedeng ilagay sa mga munisipyo. First reason, limited government organization. Totoo, Naga City, ang layo sa lugar ko e. Very limited. That is why pwede dapat sa LGU. Second, geographical challenges. May mga barangay na magko-cross ka pa ng dagat.

REP. BORDADO. Far-flung barangay.

REP. ANDAYA. Far-flung barangay. So, that is the reason. So, in my opinion that Circular is contrary to the Joint Circular of the Commission on Audit, Mme. Speaker.

Before I end, let me give everyone a closing, a parting statement saying, ganito ho talaga ang sitwasyon pag bago ang Kongreso, when you have a new Congress, you have a new President, new administration, this is the usual setup. You all know that budgeting is a tug of war between the different branches of the government. It is natural that the Executive will set its tone on how will they deal with the Members of Congress. I have seen this happen so many times. Different administrations, mayroon ang approach sa iyo siga, may approach sa iyo malambing, may approach tatakutin ka. Now, they have done their approach. You have seen the approach. Iyan ang approach, iyan ang postura nila. They have set their tone. They have called us out. Parang laban ho sa

boxing iyan e, di ba, nagtitigan kayo bago sa laban. They have called us out, they have stared us down. It is up to us now, what we want to do—do we blink, do we stare back, do we fight, do we flee, or do we see if we are man or we are mouse? So, iyon po iyan.

Thank you very much po sa inyong lahat. Thank you.

REP. BORDADO. Okay. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Again, Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Bordado to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) Hearing none, the speech of the Honorable Bordado and its interpellations are referred to the Committee on Rules.

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

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

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

The Dep. Majority Leader read the names of the House Members elected to the various committees, per Journal No. 17, dated August 31, 2016.

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

as Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Rogelio “Ruel” D. Pacquiao
Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang
Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D., and
Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno

as members:

Rep. Henry C. Ong
Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez, and
Rep. Dennis C. Laogan

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

as Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu

Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes

as members:

Rep. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D.
Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia
Rep. Ramon “Red” H. Durano VI
Rep. Victor A. Yap
Rep. Greg G. Gasataya
Rep. Arthur C. Yap
Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.
Rep. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, and
Rep. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

as member:

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang

COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

as members:

Rep. Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro and
Rep. Sitti Djalia A. Turabin-Hataman

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE

as Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon
Rep. Noel L. Villanueva, and
Rep. Geraldine B. Roman

as members:

Rep. Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro
Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson
Rep. Enrico A. Pineda, and
Rep. Romeo M. Acop

COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

as Vice Chairperson:

Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr. CPA, LLB. vice Rep.
Noel L. Villanueva

as member:

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva vice Rep. Jose T.
Panganiban Jr. CPA, LLB.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

as Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Carlo V. Lopez
Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, and
Rep. Gavini “Apol” C. Pancho

as members:

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- Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda
- Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez
- Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson, and
- Rep. Enrico A. Pineda

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

as Vice Chairperson:

- Rep. Alberto T. Ungab

as members:

- Rep. Ferjanel G. Biron, M.D., and
- Rep. Prospero A. Pichay Jr.

COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

as Vice Chairperson:

- Rep. Henry S. Oaminal

as members:

- Rep. Christopher S. Co
- Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama, and
- Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

as members:

- Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr.
- Rep. Antonio L. Tinio
- Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles
- Rep. Makmod D. Mending Jr., and
- Rep. Enrico A. Pineda

COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

as members:

- Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe and
- Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

as members:

- Rep. Antonio L. Tinio and
- Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

as members:

- Rep. Antonio L. Tinio and
- Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago

COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

as members:

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- Rep. Noel L. Villanueva
- Rep. Antonio L. Tinio
- Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo, and
- Rep. Arlene D. Brosas

COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

as members:

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- Rep. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano
- Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D., and
- Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

as Vice Chairpersons:

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- Rep. Arnulfo P. Fuentebella, and
- Rep. Strike B. Revilla

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- Rep. Munir M. Arbison
- Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun
- Rep. Noel L. Villanueva
- Rep. Arthur C. Yap
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- Rep. Edwin C. Ong
- Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao
- Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte
- Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato, and
- Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo

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as members:

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- Rep. Ron P. Salo
- Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.
- Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy, and
- Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

as members:

- Rep. Francis Gerald A. Abaya
- Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo
- Rep. Antonio L. Tinio, and

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles

COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

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Rep. France L. Castro
Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr., and
Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

as Vice Chairpersons:

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Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, and
Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon

as members:

Rep. Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella vice Rep. Arthur C. Yap
Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson vice Rep. Edward Vera
Perez Maceda
Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go
Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr.
Rep. Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera, and
Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta

SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON BASES ONVERSION

as Vice Chairperson:

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as members:

Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr. and
Rep. Pablo C. Ortega

COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

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Rep. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe

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Rep. Anna Katrina M. Enverga
Rep. Pablo C. Ortega
Rep. Michael John R. Duavit
Rep. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo, and
Rep. Celso L. Lobregat

COMMITTEE ON INTER-PARLIAMENTARY
RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

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Rep. Raul V. Del Mar, and
Rep. Lorna C. Silverio

as members:

Rep. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D.
Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez
Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu, and
Rep. Dennis C. Laogan

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

The aforementioned Members of the House
of Representatives are elected to their respective
committees.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we
adjourn the session until Monday, September 5, 2016,
at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia-Albano).
Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none;
the session is adjourned until Monday, September 5,
2016, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 6:04 p.m.