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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:00 p.m., pursuant to Section 15(h), Rule IV of the House Rules, the Presiding Officer, Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, called the session to order.*

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Bondoc). The session is now called to order.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Bondoc). Everybody will please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Bondoc). Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer. Our prayer will be led by the Hon. Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera.

*Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.*

### INVOCATION

REP. VELASCO-CATERA. Let us put ourselves in the presence of the Lord.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty Father, we gather before You as Representatives of our respective constituents. We humbly ask for Your guidance, wisdom and support as we strive to create meaningful and lasting change. Guide us as we engage in genuine discussion and grant us the wisdom to create laws which will help mold a better nation for the present and future generations.

Strengthen our community bonds and allow us to unite with a common goal of bringing forth proper legislation. May we be continually reminded that all our actions today—all discussions, meetings, bills or resolutions passed—are in pursuit of Your greater glory.

Bestow on us Your knowledge and understanding as we make decisions which will affect the citizens of our great nation so that what we say, think and do will be in accordance with Your will.

We humbly ask these in Your name. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Bondoc). *Motu proprio*, the Chair suspends the session to give way to our honorable Deputy Speaker, the Hon. Gwendolyn F. Garcia.

The session is suspended.

*It was 4:02 p.m.*

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:04 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia presiding.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The session is resumed.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, may I move that we dispense with the calling of the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). There is a motion to dispense with the calling of the roll.

Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the calling of the roll is dispensed with.

REP. MERCADO. I would like to recall that motion, Mme. Speaker, and move instead to defer the calling of the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The motion is recalled. There is a motion now to defer the calling of the roll.

Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the calling of the roll is deferred.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the reading of the Journal.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). There is a motion to defer the reading of the Journal. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the reading of the Journal is deferred.

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

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

#### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 3427, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION PROGRAM IN STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM)”

By Representative Tan (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3428, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A PERMANENT JOB ITEM FOR ALL DAY CARE WORKERS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 3429, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN THE PLANNING AND IDENTIFICATION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT”

By Representative Rocamora

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3430, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF AN ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUGS SUBJECT IN THE K+12 PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lopez (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3431, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN, HEREBY CREATING TWO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3432, entitled:

“AN ACT SETTING THE STANDARD FOR THE DISTRIBUTION AND OPERATION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3433, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3434, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF CLEANING WORKERS SUCH AS STREET SWEEPERS AND GARBAGE COLLECTORS”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3435, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, GRANTING CONDITIONS, WHOSE STATUS OF APPOINTMENT IS EITHER CASUAL OR CONTRACTUAL AND

WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF FIVE  
(5) YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE  
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3436, entitled:

“AN ACT TO TAX TWENTY PERCENT OF  
LOTTO EARNINGS, TEN PERCENT OF  
WHICH FOR HOUSING AND ANOTHER  
TEN PERCENT FOR EDUCATION  
AND PRESCRIBING MECHANISM  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 3437, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ON-LINE  
NETWORK ESTABLISHMENT POLICY  
FOR THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Arenas and Fuentebella  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3438, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY UGONG CITY  
OF VALENZUELA TO BE KNOWN AS  
ANTONIO M. SERAPIO ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Martinez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3439, entitled:

“AN ACT FORMALLY INCORPORATING  
THE EL NIDO MANAGED RESOURCE  
PROTECTED AREA SITUATED IN THE  
MUNICIPALITIES OF EL NIDO AND  
TAYTAY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN  
WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTALLY  
CRITICAL AREAS NETWORK SYSTEM  
OF PALAWAN AND THE NATIONAL  
INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM,  
PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Alvarez (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3440, entitled:

“AN ACT CLASSIFYING THE MINE  
REHABILITATION AND THE RESERVE  
FUND AS A PUBLIC FUND, AMENDING

FOR THE PURPOSE RA 7942”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 320, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS, TO INVESTIGATE, IN  
AID OF LEGISLATION, THE KILLING OF  
ARNOLD JARAMILLO AND 6 OTHERS IN  
AN ALLEGED ENCOUNTER WITH THE  
41ST INFANTRY BATTALION UNDER  
THE 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE  
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES ON  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 IN GUINGUINABANG,  
LACUB, ABRA”

By Representatives Belmonte (J.), Castro (F.L.)  
and Casilao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 321, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING JERWIN  
‘PRETTY BOY’ ANCAJAS FOR HIS  
DOMINATING VICTORY OVER MCJOE  
ARROYO DURING THEIR SEPTEMBER  
3, 2016 BOUT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL  
BOXING FEDERATION (IBF) SUPER  
FLYWEIGHT WORLD TITLE”

By Representative Florendo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND  
AMUSEMENTS

House Resolution No. 322, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE  
OMBUDSMAN, HONORABLE CONCHITA  
CARPIO MORALES FOR BEING  
EXTOLLED TO LEAD THIS YEAR’S  
RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD”

By Representative Villarica  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 323, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES  
DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN  
INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF KAMPILAN  
MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (KMPC)  
AND THE EXISTING POLICY ISSUANCES  
RELATED TO THE LOAN COLLECTION  
MANAGEMENT OF THE COOPERATIVE  
AND OTHER COOPERATIVES SIMILARLY  
SITUATED”

By Representatives Bravo (A.) and Canama  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Reps. Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, Maximo B. Dalog, Joseph Stephen S. Paduano, Jorge “Bolet” Banal, Emmanuel F. Madrona, Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Rico B. Geron and Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte for House Bill No. 2798;

Rep. Elisa “Olga” T. Kho for House Bills No. 2389, 2915, 3470 and 3471;

Rep. Eric L. Olivarez for House Bills No. 3, 9, 20, 51, 56, 74 and 78;

Reps. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada, Carlo V. Lopez, Geraldine B. Roman, Ruby M. Sahali, Aurora Enerio Cerilles, John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto, Cheryl P. Deloso Montalla, Josephine Ramirez-Sato, Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Mauyag “Jun” B. Papandayan Jr., Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Strike B. Revilla, Nancy A. Catamco, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Pablo C. Ortega and Elisa “Olga” T. Kho for House Joint Resolution No. 4.

Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bills No. 2472 and 2560;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bills No. 118, 472, 885, 1170, 1616, 1745, 2392 and 2733 and House Resolution No. 67;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 262, 264, 478, 2396, 2430 and 2514;

Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III for House Bill No. 2208;

Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora for House Bill No. 3241;

Rep. Juliette T. Uy for House Bill No. 2061;

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for House Bill No. 2903;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Resolution No. 215;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bill No. 473;

Rep. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III for House Bills No. 133, 525 and 1514;

Rep. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bills No. 58, 392, 576, 578 and 579;

Rep. Marisol C. Panotes for House Bills No. 56, 58 and 59;

Reps. Horacio P. Suansing Jr., Geraldine B. Roman, Winston “Winnie” Castelo, Carlito S. Marquez and Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr. for House Bill No. 56;

Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva for House Bill No. 3248;

Reps. H. Harry L. Roque Jr., Jose Carlos L. Cari and Rogelio J. Espina, M.D. for House Resolution No. 258;

Rep. Strike B. Revilla for House Bill No. 159;

Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano for House Bills No. 102, 105, 118, 119, 121, 217, 220, 221, 475, 843, 846, 848, 853 and 857;

Rep. Randolph S. Ting for House Bill No. 334 and House Resolutions No. 16 and 17;

Rep. Peter “Sr. Pedro” M. Unabia for House Resolutions No. 16 and 17;

Rep. Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu for House Bills No. 334 and 1208 and House Resolutions No. 16 and 17;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bill No. 3181;

Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr. for House Bill No. 475 and House Resolution No. 16;

Reps. Alberto T. Ungab, Corazon T. Nuñez Malanyaon, Emmanuel F. Madrona, Robert Ace S. Barbers, Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada, Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang, Rogelio Neil P. Roque, Raul “Boboy” C. Tupas and Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba for House Bill No. 192;

Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr. for House Bill No. 5;

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for House Bills No. 142, 143, 145 and 173; and

Reps. Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Winston “Winnie” Castelo and Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu for House Bill No. 159.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated July 26, 2016 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Office of the Chairperson, Commission on Audit, transmitting copies of the 2015 Annual Audit Reports (AARs) and Management Letters (MLs) on the following government agencies:

Annual Audit Reports:

1. Commission on Filipinos Overseas;
2. Foreign Service Institute;
3. Games and Amusement Board;
4. Movie and Television Review and Classification Board;
5. National Anti-Poverty Commission;
6. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples;
7. National Historical Commission of the Philippines;
8. National Security Council;
9. Office of the President of the Philippines;
10. Office of the Vice President;
11. Optical Media Board;
12. Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency;
13. Presidential Broadcast Staff-RTVM;
14. Bureau of Broadcast Services;
15. Presidential Communications Operations Office;
16. Technical Cooperation Council of the Philippines; and
17. UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines.

Management Letters:

1. Commission on the Filipino Language;

2. National Library of the Philippines; and
  3. Dangerous Drugs Board.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 23, 2016 of Commissioner Isabel D. Agito, Officer-in-Charge, Commission on Audit, transmitting copies of the CY 2015 Consolidated Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies:

1. Department of Agriculture (DA);
2. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR);
3. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
4. Environmental Management Bureau (EMB);
5. Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB);
6. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR); and
7. Department of Trade and Industry.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. MERCADO. With leave of the House, Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Privilege Hour.

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

The Chair declares the Privilege Hour.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the Lone District of Baguio City, the Hon. Mark O. Go, be recognized for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Hon. Mark O. Go is recognized to speak under the Privilege Hour.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. GO (M.)

REP. GO (M.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

My distinguished colleagues, friends, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

Mme. Speaker, my dear colleagues:

Last September 1, 2016, the people of Baguio celebrated the 107th Charter Day of our city. I am pretty sure, my dear colleagues, that you are all familiar with Baguio City and one of those who frequent our city, especially during the summer season because of its cool weather and scenic views among other local and foreign tourists.

I rise today to speak on the current situation of Baguio and its nearby towns—La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba, and Tublay, commonly called as BLISTT, the acronym for this city and the five municipalities—and on the viability and potentials of a cluster growth area and the need for a BLISTT Development Authority to be known as BLISTTDA. The BLISTT intends to centralize and oversee the development efforts and initiatives which deal with the challenges and problems confronting the city of Baguio and nearby municipalities.

The city of Baguio is popularly known as the summer capital of the Philippines. To give you a brief background, Baguio was once a tiny settlement or rancheria established in 1846 by the early Spanish colonizers in the pine-covered highlands of Benguet province. The rancheria, which eventually became Baguio City, was called Kafagway, a village inhabited by the Kankana-ey and the Ibaloi tribes of the Cordillera. The name of the city derived from *bagiw*, the Ibaloi word for moss, M-O-S-S.

Governor General William Howard Taft in his first visit in 1901 noticed the cool temperature of Baguio as a perfect summer station or rest and recreational area for American servicemen. In 1903, the construction of Kennon Road started. During that time, Kennon Road was built in the mountains around or surrounding the Bued River Canyon, connecting Baguio to Pangasinan. It was considered a supreme engineering feat. The plan and design for Baguio meanwhile was created by Architect Daniel Burnham who was considered as a foremost urban and city planner.

Baguio was designed as a mountain retreat following the tenets of the City Beautiful Movement, a reform philosophy of North American architecture and urban planning in the early 1900s, focused on the beautification of cities.

My dear colleagues, it is worthy to mention that the Japanese occupation of the Philippines ended in Baguio City. It is where they gave up the entire Imperial Japanese Armed Forces to American authorities at what is now the United States Ambassador's Residence in Camp John Hay on September 3, 1945, marking the end of World War II.

The year that followed saw the growth of Baguio as a melting pot of various cultures as migrants from the nearby provinces of Kalinga, Apayao, Mountain Province, Abra and Ifugao, as well as from the lowlands of Pangasinan; Tarlac; La Union; San Fernando, La Union; and Manila were drawn by the rapid urbanization of the city. It was this development, coupled with Baguio's natural scenic attractions that made Baguio a top travel destination for Filipinos as the years went by.

Mme. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, many are familiar with the wonders of our city. It is situated at an altitude of more than 5,000 feet above sea level, with a land area of 57.5 square kilometers. With a cool climate due to its altitude, Baguio is the haven for lowlanders

who want to escape the extreme summer heat of nearby provinces and of Metro Manila.

Aside from being a tourist destination, Baguio is also a higher education hub, attracting tens of thousands of students from across Northern Luzon and beyond, with Saint Louis University, University of Baguio, University of the Cordilleras, University of the Philippines-Baguio, and the Philippine Military Academy, representing the leading local educational institutions. The wide network of universities, relatively affordable living expenses, and engaging climate attracted thousands of students from the Middle East and Northeast Asia, particularly South Korea, who have chosen to study in Baguio in recent decades. As a result, the city has a strong cosmopolitan culture.

We also have many popular tourist attractions ranging from religious shrines to man-made parks. We have the Lourdes Grotto, the Baguio Cathedral, the Bell Church, the famous Burnham Park, the Mines View Park, the Wright Park, and the Session Road. Fifty percent or half of tourists who visit the Cordillera Region end up in Baguio. In the recent past, there was renewed interest in the number of tourists coming to Baguio, mostly because of certain movies and TV shows which used Baguio, Benguet and Sagada as primary locations. The construction of TPLEX will further shorten the travel time from Manila to Baguio and is expected to add more tourist arrivals.

According to the 2015 census, Baguio has a population of about 345,366. It is said that the city was built for only 25,000 people. Back in 1976, the population of Baguio was only about 85,000 which is one-fourth of the current population. The population of Baguio grows at a rate of about 1.6 percent annually. While this is below the national average of less than two percent, it is estimated that the current population of Baguio will double in the next 30 years.

Those who were fortunate enough to have lived in Baguio during its heyday from the 1950s to the 1980s can attest and remember the city that was clean, modernized and cosmopolitan but retained its idyllic charms because it was less populated. But as years went by, it has become increasingly difficult to find a green and pristine place in Baguio except in some areas. It is unfortunate to say that the old Baguio has been replaced by a jungle of concrete and congestion. The city seems to struggle with traffic, pollution, unplanned construction, informal settlers and waste management. We can say that these are some of the inevitable effects of rapid urbanization. Yes, my dear colleagues, Baguio City has quite changed. I am afraid that we are suffering from what historian Francis Fukuyama's label as "modernization without development."

These factors, my dear colleagues, have prompted me or prompted this Representation to address the situation in partnership with other BLISTT stakeholders.

There is an urgent need to manage its present conditions and to institutionalize growth and development. There must be holistic, joint, well-planned and sustainable development of Baguio and its nearby municipalities.

The formation of the BLISTT development is a proposal supported by our NEDA-CAR and the Cordillera Regional Development Council as one of the 12 defined metropolitan areas in the Philippines identified by the NEDA.

BLISTT was initiated in 2009 under a memorandum of understanding establishing the BLISTT Mayors' Forum. In 2012, the BLISTT MOA provided the venue for inter-local cooperation to cover transportation, solid waste, water supply, eco-tourism, industrial land expansion, housing, and disaster risk reduction management.

On January 17, 2014, the BLISTT was officially established after the signing of a memorandum of agreement by the mayors of the component local government units. According to the NEDA, BLISTT was described as a contiguous group of LGUs, committing to jointly provide services and implement projects. The basis for which is Section 13, Article X of the Constitution, which provides, and I quote:

Local government units may group themselves, consolidate or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them in accordance with law.

Cooperative undertakings among local government units were also provided under Section 33 of the Local Government Code. The basic principle of BLISTT cooperation is based on convergence for a common purpose, complementary support for each other, cooperation by sharing its resources and active collaboration.

According to NEDA-CAR, there are specialized roles attributed to BLISTT: regional administrative center, regional trading and banking, specialized and professional services, higher education, training, research and development, conventions and conferences, rest and recreation, and specialized industries. My dear colleagues, this is now the opportunity to seal and institutionalize these initiatives. Mme. Speaker, with the intention to manage all these developmental efforts and activities in this contiguous area which compose the BLISTT, I have filed House Bill No. 1554, which seeks to create the Baguio City, La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay Development Authority.

The city of Baguio and its nearby municipalities have so much to offer for the growth of business, agriculture and tourism. Baguio City, considered as the summer capital of the Philippines, is famous for its heritage and landmarks; La Trinidad is famous for its strawberries and vegetable plantations; Itogon, with its hot springs and hanging bridge; Sablan, with its

beautiful waterfalls; Tuba, with its caves and waterfalls; and Tublay, with its caves and the Asin hot springs.

With the passage of time, however, the problems of environment, congestion, traffic, informal settlers, waste management, and the provision of basic services in these attractive tourism places have become more evident. The influx of tourists and the increase in the number of vehicles, without the corresponding expansion of roads, as a result, cause daily traffic gridlock. The economic and social affairs of Baguio and nearby municipalities are now more difficult to manage.

There is a need to centralize and oversee the development efforts and initiatives which deal with the challenges and problems confronting the whole BLISTT. The proposed BLISTT Development Authority will render services that have greater and wider coverage and as well as impact. It seeks to rationalize the usage of infrastructure and thoroughfares, and to implement an effective transport and traffic management. In a larger scale, House Bill No. 1554 intends to build alternative roads that would bring tourists straight to their intended destinations.

The contiguous area of BLISTT is also beset with solid waste management problems. Thus, the proposal aims to provide engineered sanitary landfill and treatment facility for solid wastes acceptable to the city and all the adjoining municipalities. Included in the Bill are the provisions for better flood control and management system linkage. In times of calamities and disasters, programs and policies will be adopted to address public safety, preparedness and pre-emptive measures, and rescue operations in coordination with national agencies.

These are the services under the jurisdiction of the BLISTT Development Authority which have wide impact and transcend local political boundaries or entail huge expenditures such that it would not be viable for said services to be provided by the individual local government units.

The BLISTT Development Authority shall be managed by the BLISTT Council, which shall serve as the governing board and policy-making body to be composed of the governor of the province of Benguet, Representatives from Baguio and Benguet, the mayors of the city of Baguio and the municipalities of La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay.

May I quote the Declaration of Principle of House Bill No. 1554:

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to pursue the acceleration of social, economic and political development of local government units and their communities through the creation of special development and administrative areas that will ensure the efficient and effective planning, supervision and coordination of essential basic services without prejudice to the autonomy of the local government units concerned.

Abating the further deterioration of Baguio and its neighboring municipalities is an arduous task. The creation of the BLISTT Development Authority offers a road map to bring back the glory days of these places and to achieve a sustainable social and economic growth for the interest and benefit of its people.

Mme. Speaker, my dear colleagues, this is the proper time to finally address the development issues and challenges confronting our city and the neighboring municipalities. It is through this creation of the BLISTT Development Authority that we can be assured of concrete and positive step towards our growth and development. I ask, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your support in this undertaking.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker, and thank you, my dear colleagues.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, considering that no Member has registered to interpellate the Gentleman from Baguio City, I move that the speech of the Hon. Mark Go be referred to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of the Hon. Mark Go, representing the Lone District of Baguio City, is hereby referred to the appropriate committee.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from Party-List, 1-Ang Edukasyon, the honorable Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr., be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Representative from the Party-List 1-Ang Edukasyon, the Hon. Salvador Belaro Jr., is recognized.

REP. BELARO. A gift of time.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. MERCADO. I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The session is suspended.

*It was 4:27 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:28 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The session is resumed.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from 1-Ang Edukasyon be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Hon. Salvador Belaro, Jr. is again recognized.

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BELARO

REP. BELARO. Because of that technical interruption, instead of a gift of time, I would now say, a gift of time and the intervening minutes.

At this juncture that we are celebrating Teachers' Month with the one million, more or less, teachers nationwide, we at 1-Ang Edukasyon Party-List wish to pay homage to these unsung heroes for their contributions to nation-building by giving them a gift of time via the institutionalization of legislation that would give them more time for themselves, more time for their families, as well as for other relevant concerns.

Mme. Speaker, my fellow colleagues in Congress, my fellow countrymen who, at one point in their lives, have shared their dreams with teachers of various kinds, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Much has been said about the problems of Philippine education, many solutions have been offered to solve these problems. A great part of these problems concerns teachers. The basic problem, they say, is the problem of teachers' salaries that are low, that we have one of the lowest salaries in the whole of Asia, if not, in the world. And that, as compared to the more developed economies in the world, Filipino teachers earn around seven to eight times less than their counterparts in developed economies. Of course, there are other attendant concerns because these teachers are underpaid, like we have problems getting the best minds to be in the teaching profession. There is also the problem of brain-drain. Of course, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have heard countless sob stories of teachers who are left behind to teach in our country who are, sad to say, made to embrace the profession.

The teaching profession, it is not only about pedagogy, it is not only about teaching, but also it is involved in a lot of myriad tasks like, for example, election duties. If there is a problem or there is any activity of the national or local government units, then these teachers are handy.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the traditional prescription

to solving these problems has always been economic, in consonance with the rather Marxist idea that everything could be solved economically. But, Ladies and Gentlemen, the old notion about Bolshevism, the old notion about Communism has already been demolished. We are now in search for new ideals, for new models, for new paradigms, for new Weltanschauungs.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is in this light that this Representation is also proposing a new way of looking at this problem, of teachers' salaries and other concerns. We are proposing to look at this thing in a different light. After all, as the song goes, it is not just about money; sometimes it is also about the terms and conditions of work. It is also about what makes teachers like us happy.

That is why, Ladies and Gentlemen, to abbreviate our proposal, we are proposing that teachers be allowed to work only halftime a day. Well, it is not as simplistic thing as that because when you say "halftime," we do not really mean that they work only half-day. What we mean is that they work continuously for eight hours.

Ladies and Gentlemen, is it not rather thinking outside the box? This is what we need because we have a very limited budget but we can make do with what we have without increasing the pie because if we increase the pie, then it would have impact on other aspects of the economy.

Ladies and Gentlemen, again, with this proposal, we are not saying, in our party-list, that we will be violating the law. We are aware that the Labor Code provides for eight hours of employment but, of course, we have to recognize the fact that in the nature of things, teaching does not just involve eight hours of work, it does not just involve ministerial duty. Sometimes when you are at home, you still think about your lectures, your lesson plans. And, of course, Ladies and Gentlemen, we do not mean that with this proposal we are trying to lead to a violation of the equal protection of the law because, after all, there is a valid distinction. Teachers bite themselves off to be incentivized.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we appeal to the august halls of this Congress, to the Members of this Congress, that we support the legislation that will be filed by this Representation after this speech. That is the proposal, to make teachers work for only half-day. The benefits, Your Honor, Ladies and Gentlemen, are quite obvious—they will have more time for their families, more time for their kids, more time for other worthy concerns.

Let me just share with you a personal note. My mother is a teacher. After she got married, she started teaching and she has been teaching for 40 years, and after that, she died. At one point in time, my mother and I conversed and she told me her utmost regret in life, and her utmost greatest regret in life is that she was not able to finish her master's degree. That is why, in all her qualifications, in all her papers, she indicated therein her



name, “Lourdes Bagayaua Belaro, BSE, MA (12 units).” See that, Ladies and Gentlemen, that is how my mother values education. So, she indicates in all credentials, in all papers, that she at least finished 12 units.

Again, in ensuing conversations with my mother before her death, she told me, “Do not worry my son because even if I was not able to finish my graduate studies, I was able to make all of you, six kids, graduates and professionals.”

Begging your kind indulgence, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, of the six children of my mother: one become a lawyer, and that is the one standing before you; the second became a banker; the third became a medical technologist; the fourth, a doctor; the fifth, a pharmacist; and, the sixth, a businesswoman.

She told me, “It is okay that I am not able to finish my dreams, to fulfill my dreams because I was able, anyway, to transplant or engraft my dreams to yours.”

Ladies and Gentlemen, at this juncture in our history, we are now in a position to propose a new kind of legislation which will create a new world of opportunities for our teachers. And, that is why, the reason *raison d'être*, Ladies and Gentlemen, why this Representation is proposing this Bill that will make teachers work for only half a day.

Ladies and Gentlemen, in closing, may I say that when you give somebody the gift of time, you do not only give him the gift of minutes and seconds but you also give him the gift of opportunity, the opportunity to live a fuller life, the opportunity to be more relevant in society, the opportunity to pursue happiness because after all, Ladies and Gentlemen, a gift of time is not just a gift of opportunity, but more importantly, it is a gift of life.

Thank you very much, Ladies and Gentlemen.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the honorable Rep. Salvador Belaro Jr. to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of Rep. Salvador Belaro Jr., representing 1-Ang Edukasyon, is hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, if the honorable Rep. Ariel Casilao is around, I move that the Gentleman, Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao, of the Party-List ANAKPAWIS, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). Rep. Ariel Casilao from the Party-List ANAKPAWIS is hereby recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

REP. CASILAO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, Dep. Majority Leader.

Magsasalita po sana ako, magde-deliver sana ako ng speech hinggil doon sa nakakalungkot na pangyayari noong September 3, kung saan apat na magsasaka ang napatay at pinaslang sa Nueva Ecija. Dahil po sa advice ng aming Legal Department aming Legal Department na may mga inaayos pang usaping legal, kaya’t in-form ko po ang Rules na babaguhin ko na lang ang topic ng aking privilege speech.

I will be speaking now with regard to our campaign, our call to seize and to immediately stop the practice of contractualization. Ang pagpapabasura po na noon pa mang hindi pa pumapasok ang 2016 election, hindi pa man natin naririnig ang pangako ng mga kandidato, at mismo ng mga tumatakbo sa pinakamataas na posisyon, halos lahat ng mga kumandidatong pagka-Pangulo, kabilang na ang nakaupong Pangulo, si Presidente na Mayor Rodrigo Roa Duterte noong panahon, ay pare-pareho po ang kanilang panawagan.

Pero sinabi ko na nga po, hindi pa man pumapasok ang electoral season, ang pinagmulan ko pong organisasyon mula mismo sa hanay ng mga manggagawa bilang isang lider-manggagawa, bilang Deputy Secretary General ng Kilusang Mayo Uno at Regional Coordinator ng National Federation of Labor Unions, ilang dekada na po nating ikinakampanya ang usapin ng pagtanggap ng practice ng kontraktwalisasyon.

Kaya natutuwa po kami noong nanalo ang ating Pangulo, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, na ilang ulit at ilang beses na nating narinig sa kaniyang bibig noong panahon ng kampanya na tatanggalin na niya ang kontraktwalisasyon kung siya ay papalarin at kung siya ay mananalo bilang Pangulo. At noong nanalo nga siya, in-offer niya ang Department of Labor and Employment sa kaliwa. In fact, hindi lang siya simpleng kaliwa, in-offer niya ang paghawak sa isang departamento ng gobyerno sa kamay ng Communist Party of the Philippines. Though the CPP cordially and humbly denied the offer, the CPP and the NDFP nominated progressive personalities with high competence and integrity to the work required. At noong inanunsiyo ni Pangulong Duterte na ang hahawak sa departamento ay dati ring progresibo at nananatiling progresibo na si Secretary Bebot Bello, si Manong Bebot, at maging ang ibang mga nominasyon nito para sa Undersecretary ay nagmula mismo sa dating Kinatawan ng ANAKPAWIS Party-List at ang Vice Chairperson for Mindanao ng Kilusang Mayo Uno na si kasamang Joel Maglunsod na

kasalukuyang Undersecretary, gayundin, noong maupo si Kalihim Bello, kasabay ng kaniyang bagong team, ilang beses rin nating narinig, ilang beses din nating nabasa at nabalitaan sa mainstream media na under sa leadership ni Secretary Bello, magiging pangunahin ang pagsunod sa marching orders ni Pangulong Duterte na tapusin na ang practice ng kontraktwalisasyon.

G. Ispiker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, kami po ay nagagalak and welcome na welcome po ang mga ganitong pahayag mula sa pinakamataas na opisyal ng ating bansa, si Pangulong Duterte, hanggang sa humahawak sa departamento, sa Department of Labor and Employment na may mga ganitong usapin na tinatalakay at ginagawan ng plano at paraan. In fact, habang dinidinig ng Committee on Appropriations ang budget proposal ng Department of Labor and Employment kaninang umaga, naroon po, nasaksihan natin ang lahat ng opisyal ng Department of Labor and Employment. Ang pangunahin kong naitanong kaagad, ano na ang plano ng DOLE sa mga pronouncements sa pag-alis o pagtanggap sa praktis ng kontraktwalisasyon? At ganoon din ang kasagutan ng ating mabuting Kalihim, binibigyan na lang ng isang buwan ang isang ahensiya o attached agency ng DOLE para tapusin ang kanilang mapping sa lahat ng bilang. Ang sinabi ng ating Kalihim, sa humigit-kumulang 500,000 companies registered under the DOLE, tapusin na lang ang mapping na ito para makita ang exact figures kung ilan talaga ang eksaktong bilang ng mga manggagawang nasa antas ng kontraktwal, ilan ang bilang ng mga manggagawa na ilang taon na nagtrabaho ngunit ang kanilang status sa pagtrabaho ay kontraktwal pa rin at hindi regular, hindi nakakatanggap ng mga benepisyo, hindi naoorganisa sa isang unyon, at walang karapatang makipag-negotiate sa kanyang employer.

Habang dinidinig din natin kanina sa Committee, nasa labas po ang humigit-kumulang 100 na mga manggagawa, mga maralitang lungsod mula sa organisasyong Kilusang Mayo Uno at mga miyembro ng aking party-list, ANAKPAWIS Party-List, kasabay na ng mga ibang miyembro ng BAYAN MUNA at ng Gabriela Women's Party para makiisa, makinig, at magbantay sa mga pangakong bibitawan ng ating Kalihim ng Departamento, ng Department of Labor and Employment—makikinig at magbantay para sa susunod na mga panahon, sa susunod na mga araw, may batayan tayong maningil at magtanong kung ano na po ang status.

In fact, this Representation manifested to the Secretary after the result of the mapping of the current existing registered companies with their corresponding employees and the status of their employees, not just the Committee to be furnished but if it is possible if we can be active participants in deliberating especially in their course of review doon sa batas o Kautusang Ehekutibo ng Department of Labor and Employment na nagbibigay-

katwiran at nakakalusot ang mga malalaking kapitalista at mga negosyante sa contractualization practice. Ito po iyong sinasabi natin na Department Order No. 18-A, Series of 2011. Marami pong mga kasamahan ko sa Kongreso ang nagtanong at humingi ng opinyon mula kay Kalihim Bello kung kaya na bang i-retract or magkaroon ng bagong Department Order para mapawalang-bisa ang Department Order No. 18-A. Pero ang sagot ng ating Kalihim, reresultahin ito, proproduktuhin ito ng rekomendasyon na magmumula doon sa mapping na kanilang ilalabas sa buwan ng Oktubre.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa ko Kinatawan, inabuso po ang Department Order No. 18-A, at ang personal kong karanasan mula noong ako ay nasa Labor Center na kumikilos sa dalawang rehiyon sa Mindanao, Region XI and Region XII, paulit-ulit po ang mga hinaing at ang mga reklamo ng mga manggagawang natatanggal, nadi-dismiss abruptly, indiscriminately without due process dahil dito sa probisyong sila ay nasa categoryang kontraktwal. Ang Department Order na ito ay mistulang workbook na mula pa noong 2011 ay nagturo na sa mga employer kung paano mabisang iikutan ang batas at magpapatupad ng iba't ibang tipo ng endo. Pinasahol po nito ang kontraktwalisasyon sa paggawa.

Kaya naman, Mme. Speaker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, ang tantiya ng independent research institution na IBON Foundation, apat sa 10 rank-and-file employee na mga manggagawa ay hindi regular. Ito na po ang sinasabing conservative estimation ng isang independent survey institution. Kaya nga po gusto nating malaman sa ilalabas na report ng DOLE sa kanilang mapping kung tutugma ba itong sinasabi ng isang independent institution na four out of 10 na empleyado ng pribadong mga kumpanya ay mga kontraktwal. I am afraid that it goes further and more than these figures. I am afraid na baka six out of 10 or eight out of 10 employees of a certain company ang usapin ng bilang o ratio ng mga kontraktwal.

Mme. Speaker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, dadako naman ako sa usapin ng sahod dahil magkapatid po ito. Multiple whammy po ang kinakaharap na problema ng ating mga manggagawa—security of tenure and just wages. Narinig na natin sa Department of Labor and Employment that by October, malilinan na kung iaatras ba ang Department Order No. 18-A o may certain nullification, certain changes lamang dito. Pero itong just wages o karampatang sahod ng ating mga manggagawa, bagama't kanina personal kong narinig at sang-ayon ang ating Kalihim ng Departamento na magbigay ng dagdag pasahod and, in fact, figures circulating, and he and Secretary Bello confirmed that the figures between P100 to P125 are being considered and being studied by the Department of Labor and Employment.

Sinalubong ng Kilusang Mayo Uno bilang isang positibong development ang pahayag kahapon lamang

ng ating Kalihim na si Secretary Bello na magtatakda ang DOLE ng P125 dagdag na sahod across-the-board sa lahat ng mga manggagawa matapos ang 18 buwang mahabang—sinimulang ipanawagan ito ng kilusang paggawa. Gayunman, kailangang matiyak na kagyat itong ipapatupad sa buong bansa, across-the-board at hindi sa pamamagitan ng mga regional wage board.

Mga kasama, mga kaibigan, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, ilang ulit po nating narinig si Pangulong Duterte under his administration, under his watch, gusto niyang i-level ang wage category, gusto niyang alisin ang sinasabing provincial wage levels o itong tinatawag natin na iba ang tinatanggap na sahod ng mga manggagawa sa NCR. At napakababa ng difference, at napakalaki ng difference at napakababa ang tinatanggap ng mga manggagawa lalo pa sa mga regions ng Mindanao. Imagine the discrepancy, my fellow colleagues. In NCR, the minimum wage is P486, but in the ARMM they are still receiving P180.40 A discrepancy of P300, ito po ang kaibahan. Pero kung tatanungin natin, nasa sa mga bayang ito, nasa Mindanao ang top five na pinaka-poorest municipalities and provinces. Pero hindi naman po magkaiba ang kinakain nating bigas, ang kinakain nating isda, karneng baboy, karneng baka at iba pang mga ulam. Dagdag pa ang halagang P125 na dagdag na sahod ay sadyang kapos. Kapos pa rin ito, Mme. Speaker. Imagine, P480 plus P125 ang itinatakda po ng National Economic Development Authority o NEDA. In families of six, the daily cost of living of a family of six ranges to P1,088 per day; ito na po ang tinatawag na decent living. And yet, our workers are receiving the minimum wage as according to the Department of Labor and Employment—P480. A big difference, halos po sobra sa kalahati po or 100 percent ang agwat nito sa itinatakda mismo ng NEDA na pangangailangan ng isang pamilya na may anim na miyembro. Kung gayon, Mme. Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, ang panawagan ng mga manggagawa para makaagapay sa ipinapangakong P125 na dagdag na sahod, kailangang ipatupad ang isang pambansang minimum wage na P750.

This Representation will be filing the soonest, a bill that will provide a national minimum wage. Sa kasalukuyan po, we have currently, we have at least more than a thousand different wage levels in the Philippines. Iba-iba po ang kategoryang ito. Kaya po ninanais ng Kinatawag ito na magkaroon ng isang unified, national minimum wage.

Ipinagpapalagay ng Kinatawag ito, Mme. Speaker, sa yaman ng mga talakayan hinggil sa agenda para sa social economic reforms. Noong nagdaang formal peace talks sa pagitan ng gobyerno ng Pilipinas at ng National Democratic Front of the Philippines na ginanap sa bansang Norway, dinaluhan mismo ito ng ating Kalihim, Secretary Bello, bilang pinuno ng panel ng gobyerno, paborableng ikokonsidera po ng Kalihim

ng DOLE ang mga isyung ito lalo pa ang mga isyung sa interes at kagalingan ng uring manggagawa. Ano't anumang nakasalalay po at nakasalalay pa rin sa malakas na militanteng kilusan ng mga manggagawa at iba pang api, at pinagsasamantalang sektor ang pagsulong ng mga demokratikong pagbabago para sa kanilang proteksiyon ng kanilang kagalingan at karapatan.

Babalik po akong muli, Mr. Speaker, sa paksa ng endo. Dito sa Ikalabimpitong Kongreso, ang Kinatawag ito ng ANAKPAWIS kasama ng buong Makabayan, ay may isinusulong na panukalang batas, ang House Bill No. 556 or Anti-Contractualization Bill. Gayun din ang aking mga kasamahan sa Makabayan bloc, may kanyakanya ring House Bill, ang Regular Employment Bill at ang Anti-Endo Bill ng BAYAN MUNA.

Labas dito sa aking pagkakaalam, marami din sa aking mga kapwa Mambabatas ay ganoon din ang mga panukalang ini-file at mga kanya-kanyang panukala na naglalayon na tanggalin ang kontraktwalisasyon. Idagdag ko na rin, Mme. Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, pinasisimulan po ng Kinatawag ito ang pag-aaral sa kalagayan ng mga manggagawa sa loob po mismo ng Batasan dahil po hindi lang endo sa pribado ang ating dinadalang kampanya at maging ang endo na rin sa lahat ng mga opisina ng ating gobyerno at ahensya ng ating gobyerno na sumasaklaw din ng napakarami, daang libo din, ang mga manggagawa na tinatawag sa kategoryang kontraktwal. Tinatanong natin, gaano, halimbawa, kalaganap ang kontraktwalisasyon sa manggagawa dito sa ating mga gusali at bulwagan? Ano ang mga umiiral na iba't ibang antas ng mga pasahod, kasama na ang iba't ibang mga ahensya, mga government agencies and their attached agencies?

Kung sinasabing maraming kapwa Mambabatas ang nagsusulong ng laban sa kontraktwalisasyon, magtulung-tulong po tayo para sa kagyat ay siyasin at kaagad din tugunan ang mga kahilingan ng mismong mga manggagawa sa loob ng Kongresong ito.

Mme. Speaker, to end my privilege speech, ang sigaw po para tapusin ang endo ay ilang dekada na po ito. We have now a golden opportunity where the sitting President, the leadership of the Department of Labor and Employment responds positively to these calls. Now, the ball is in our hands. Ang bola po ay nasa atin. Kaya nilang gawing Executive order ang ibang mga usapin pero dahil nasa Article 106 and Article 109 of the Labor Code ang nagbibigay ng ligal na basehan o batayan ng Department Order No. 18-A, gawain po ito ng legislative and the legislative action is by virtue of a passage of a law. So, hinihikayat ko po na karamihan sa atin na nag-file ng similar bills ay mapag-usapan natin sa mabilisan at madaliang panahon upang kahit papaano, kung maaprubahan sa level ng Kongreso ang bagong panukalang batas para matiyak ang pagtatanggal ng

kontraktalisasyon, maaari natin itong gawin bilang Pamaskong handog sa mga manggagawa ng pribado sa pagdating ng buwan ng Disyembre.

Magandang hapon at maraming salamat. Daghang salamat, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, a distinguished Member has registered his intention to interpellate the Gentleman from ANAKPAWIS. I move that we recognize the Gentleman, Hon. Edgar R. Erice from the Second District of Caloocan City, to give his interpellations.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Hon. Edgar Erice is hereby recognized.

REP. ERICE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Would the Gentleman from the Party-List ANAKPAWIS yield to a few questions?

REP. CASILAO. Yes, Mme. Speaker, I am glad to.

REP. ERICE. Well, I also intend to deliver a privilege speech regarding this matter since my district, Caloocan, one of the oldest industrial cities in our country, has a lot of manufacturing plants and has a lot of workers.

Gusto ko pong sabihin sa inyo na nakikiisa ako doon sa inyong adhikain na mabigyan ng patas na laban iyong ating mga maralitang manggagawa. Kaya't nais ko lang po sanang tanungin ang ilang mga bagay sapagkat kausap ko po iyong ilang mga negosyante sa aking distrito. For example, mayroon po akong isang constituent na mayari ng pabrika ng mga bags na mayroon siyang 300 endo employees. Three hundred, ano po. Sabi niya, "Ayaw naman namin ng endo eh—iyong five months contract. Napipilitan lang kami dahil ito iyong nasa batas, dahil first two months, tinuturuan namin sila. Pag marunong na sila, third, fourth month, mataas ang production nila. Pero sa ikalimang buwan, aba, naghahanap na naman sila ng ibang trabaho o di kaya kumukuha sila ng ibang mga requirements para sa kanilang reemployment. Kaya iyong productivity ng mga empleyado namin pataas, pababa, every five months. Subali't napipilitan sila sapagka't ito iyong nasa batas. Subali't kung ito naman daw po ay ihihinto ng pamahalaan, iyong 300 na empleyado niya, mapipilitan siyang bawasan ito ng 100 sapagka't hindi niya kakayanin. Mayroon siyang 300 promodisers sa mga iba't ibang mga tindahan at mapipilitan siyang paghati-hatiin na lamang iyong mga assignments dahil hindi niya ito makakayanan. Sinasabi

niya naman na lahat naman ng benepisyo ay ibinibigay niya, pangkaraniwan sa isang regular employee, maliban lang doon sa status na pagiging isang regular employee. At sa aking pag-aaral, kung 30 porsyento ng mga endo workers ay tatanggalin ng mga employers, mayroon pong anim na milyong mga manggagawa ang mawawalan ng trabaho. That will increase our unemployment rate from five to 15 percent. Paano po kaya natin mabibigyan ito ng kasagutan, iyong anim na milyon? Sabi po noong isa ko pong employer din sa aking distrito, dati-rati po, mayroon siyang naghuhugas, may nagsasabon. Pitong libo iyong kanyang empleyado. Kapag ipinagbawal iyong endo, ang gagawin niya po, babawasan niya ng 40 percent at sasabihin niya doon sa kanyang mga manggagawa, "O, kayo na rin, kung sino iyong nagsabon, siya na rin iyong magbabanlaw." So, another 40 percent of the 7,000 employees will be out of job. Papaano po kaya natin masasagot iyong problema na ito?

REP. CASILAO. Mme. Speaker, itatanong ko rin ulit. Karamihan po sa mga arguments ng mga employers, kapag strictly ifa-follow iyong regular hiring as mandated by law, especially the necessary and desirable work, ang isinasagot po palagi ng mga employer, imu-multiwork din sila or multitask. Now, siguro po ang alam ko pong datos na ibinibigay ng Department of Labor and Employment, during their several instances of dialogues with the Employers Confederation of the Philippines or ECOP, the production cost, especially on payment of wages and other benefits, covers only at the maximum 10 percent. Ninety percent of other expenditures of the production costs shouldered by the businessmen, the employers, ay doon sa usapin ng pagbabayad ng mga napakaraming buwis, corporate taxes and all others, including the red tape and all other corrupt practices. Second, napakamahal na bayarin sa usapin ng kuryente at tubig na ginagamit ng kanilang mga negosyo.

With this justification, Mme. Speaker, I do not think it is acceptable na gawing rason ang usapin kung magiging istrikto ang gobyerno sa pagpapatupad ng regular na patrabaho sa bawat kumpanya, ay mangangahulugan ito ng mass layoff o iyong pag-streamline ng usapin ng trabaho. Dahil alam naman natin sa bawat negosyo, naka-identify diyan iyong mga necessary and desirable work. Iyong mga iba't ibang uri ng trabaho na kinakailangan na regular ang magma-man sa trabaho, ay iyon iyong sinisiguro na magkaroon ng proteksiyon o iyong security of tenure.

Now, if these complaints are really valid, it is upon the Department of Labor and Employment to really identify whether or not the compliance of these companies, these businesses, will really take a big effect if the law on regularization will be implemented in a much stricter compliance, or in a much stricter way.

Dahil naman po, alam naman natin, na karamihan sa mga overstaying workers sa mga pribadong kumpanya, nakakalusot ang mga may-ari nito dahil hindi naman ganoon ka-efficient and ka-effective ang mga visitorial sessions na ginagawa ng mga empleyado ng DOLE, liban pa sa limitado at kakaunti ang kanilang manpower sa pagpunta at pagbisita sa mga kumpanyang ito, nandiyan din at alam din ng ating Kalihim ang mga corrupt practices na nababayaran sila para mag-certify na in compliance with the labor standard ang mga kumpanyang ito.

I believe, Mme. Speaker, within the provisions of the existing law and the possible amendments, we will take into serious consideration the opinion and the complaints of the employers and let us, jointly, together with the Department of Labor and Employment and my colleagues, validate these positions of the different employers, or the Employers Confederation of the Philippines, to come up with a more mutually acceptable setup especially in crafting this law. I believe that when this law will be passed to strictly implement the provision to regularize workers, this will be a part of the contribution of our business community in the President's call for genuine change, kabahagi po sila noon.

REP. ERICE. Well, sabi ko nga po, naniniwala ako na hindi po makatarungan iyong limang buwan na kontrata, pero, is there something like a middle ground here where we can ensure continuity of work of our workers, and at the same time, masisiguro natin na hindi lamang sahod iyong natatamo noong ating mga workers kung hindi pati iyong mga necessary skills para sa patuloy nilang pagtatrabaho? For example, I am contemplating on suggesting na instead of a five-month contract, let us make it three years, one three-year contract then the employer decides whether he will take the guy as a regular employee or he will fire him. Is it a possibility that we have a middle ground on this particular issue?

REP. CASILAO. Yes, Mme. Speaker, we can discuss that possible middle ground. But, again, I would like to reiterate that whatever, especially if we are—let us say, let us take into consideration the recommendation of the good Gentleman, that a three-month contract should be imposed.

REP. ERICE. Three years, three years.

REP. CASILAO. Ah, three years contract upon employment, upon acceptance of employment. Again, it falls short or it would be reformist in the sense that the security of tenure can be questioned later in the process of his employment or her employment, because even if you set a three-year contract and then, you are still subject to be renewed or not under the existing contract,

again, the provisions of the security of tenure falls short on that recommendation. But for the satisfaction of the good Gentleman—well, we can consult the different labor organizations and associations or even the employers confederation if to that effect, to that suggestion, it would make a big difference from the current setup.

Dahil alam naman po natin, Mme. Speaker, iyong iba nga na mga kliyente ng Kinatawang ito, 10 taon na, walong taon na po nagtatrabaho, kontraktwal pa rin. Kung kaya nilang lumusot sa ganyang usapin, kaya pa rin nilang ikutan whatever the changes or reforms to the proposed employment contract upon hiring.

So, ang ibig ko pong sabihin, mas nakakagarantiya at nakasisiguro tayo kung ang usapin ng security of tenure is clearly and explicitly written by law under an amended law as I have expressed during my privilege speech. In fact, iyong three-year contract, signing contract, magiging, ano pa rin iyan, magkakaroon pa rin ng butas na kayang lusutan o ikutan at mapepeligro pa rin iyong usapin ng security of tenure ng ating mga manggagawa, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ERICE. Yes, I do not want to belabor the good Representative from ANAKPAWIS with all these questions. Anyway, I will be delivering my own piece on this matter. Maybe, we can discuss lengthily my proposal for a three-year contract instead of the defective 5-5-5.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, my colleague.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the honorable Rep. Ariel B. Casilao of ANAKPAWIS and its interpellation to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of the Hon. Ariel Casilao of Party-List ANAKPAWIS and its interpellation shall be referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, at this juncture, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the following guests of the honorable Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. of COOP-NATCCO Party-List. They are the following, Mme. Speaker: Mr. Abner Nayve, member of Pusu Cooperative; Ms. Celia Sayno, member of Pusu Cooperative; Mr. Joel L. Canuel, member of Kampilan Multi-Purpose Cooperative; Ms. Marites Malto, member of Pulis Kapit-Bisig Multi-Purpose Cooperative; Ms. Laarni Infante, member of Pulis Kapit-Bisig Multi-Purpose Cooperative; and, Mr. Rey

Parza from the Innovative Bank, member of Pusu Cooperative. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). Will the guests of the Hon. Anthony Bravo please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives. The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 20, dated September 7, 2016:*

#### PRESENT

|                 |                   |                 |                  |
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| Abad            | Antonio           | Bordado         | Fortun           |
| Abaya           | Aragones          | Bravo (A.)      | Fortuno          |
| Abayon          | Arcillas          | Bravo (M.)      | Fuentebella      |
| Abellanos       | Arenas            | Brosas          | Garbin           |
| Abu             | Atienza           | Bulut-Begtang   | Garcia (G.)      |
| Abueg           | Bag-ao            | Cagas           | Garcia-Albano    |
| Acharon         | Bagatsing         | Calderon        | Garin (S.)       |
| Acop            | Baguilat          | Calixto-Rubiano | Gasataya         |
| Acosta          | Banal             | Caminero        | Geron            |
| Acosta-Alba     | Barbers           | Campos          | Go (M.)          |
| Adiong          | Barzaga           | Canama          | Gomez            |
| Advincula       | Bataoil           | Cari            | Gonzaga          |
| Agarao          | Bautista-Bandigan | Casilao         | Gonzales (A.P.)  |
| Aggabao         | Belaro            | Castelo         | Gonzales (A.D.)  |
| Akbar           | Belmonte (F.)     | Castro (F.L.)   | Gonzalez         |
| Alcala          | Belmonte (J.)     | Castro (F.H.)   | Gorriceta        |
| Alejano         | Belmonte (R.)     | Catamco         | Gullas           |
| Almonte         | Benitez           | Celeste         | Hernandez        |
| Alonte-Naguiat  | Bernos            | Cerilles        | Herrera-Dy       |
| Alvarez (F.)    | Bertiz            | Chavez          | Hofer            |
| Alvarez (M.)    | Biazon            | Chipeco         | Javier           |
| Alvarez (P.)    | Billones          | Co              | Kho              |
| Amante          | Biron             | Cojuangco       | Khonghun         |
| Amatong         | Bolilia           | Cortes          | Labadlabad       |
| Angara-Castillo | Bondoc            | Cortuna         | Lacson           |
|                 |                   | Cosalan         | Lanete           |
|                 |                   | Crisologo       | Laogan           |
|                 |                   | Cua             | Lazatin          |
|                 |                   | Cuaresma        | Leachon          |
|                 |                   | Cueva           | Limkaichong      |
|                 |                   | Dalipe          | Lobregat         |
|                 |                   | Dalog           | Lopez (B.)       |
|                 |                   | Daza            | Lopez (C.)       |
|                 |                   | De Jesus        | Lopez (M.)       |
|                 |                   | De Venecia      | Macapagal-Arroyo |
|                 |                   | De Vera         | Madrona          |
|                 |                   | Del Mar         | Manalo           |
|                 |                   | Deloso-Montalla | Mangaoang        |
|                 |                   | Durano          | Mangudadatu (Z.) |
|                 |                   | Dy              | Marcos           |
|                 |                   | Elago           | Mariño           |
|                 |                   | Enverga         | Marquez          |
|                 |                   | Erice           | Martinez         |
|                 |                   | Eriguel         | Mellana          |
|                 |                   | Ermita-Buhain   | Mending          |
|                 |                   | Escudero        | Mercado          |
|                 |                   | Espina          | Mirasol          |
|                 |                   | Espino          | Montoro          |
|                 |                   | Estrella        | Nava             |
|                 |                   | Eusebio         | Nieto            |
|                 |                   | Evardone        | Noel             |
|                 |                   | Fariñas         | Nogralas (J.)    |
|                 |                   | Fernando        | Nolasco          |
|                 |                   | Ferrer (J.)     | Nuñez-Malanyaon  |
|                 |                   | Ferrer (L.)     | Oaminal          |
|                 |                   | Flores          | Olivarez         |

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| Ong (H.)         | Savellano        |
| Ortega (P.)      | Sema             |
| Ortega (V.)      | Siao             |
| Pacquiao         | Singson          |
| Paduano          | Suansing (E.)    |
| Palma            | Suansing (H.)    |
| Pancho           | Sy-Alvarado      |
| Panganiban       | Tambunting       |
| Panotes          | Tan (A.)         |
| Papandayan       | Tan (M.)         |
| Pichay           | Tan (S.)         |
| Pimentel         | Tejada           |
| Pineda           | Teves            |
| Plaza            | Tiangco          |
| Primicias-Agabas | Ting             |
| Quimbo           | Tinio            |
| Radaza           | Tugna            |
| Ramos            | Tupas            |
| Relampagos       | Ty               |
| Revilla          | Umali            |
| Roa-Puno         | Unabia           |
| Robes            | Ungab            |
| Rocamora         | Unico            |
| Rodriguez (I.)   | Uy (J.)          |
| Rodriguez (M.)   | Uy (R.)          |
| Roman            | Uybarreta        |
| Romero           | Vargas           |
| Romualdez        | Vargas-Alfonso   |
| Romualdo         | Velarde          |
| Roque (H.)       | Velasco-Catera   |
| Sacdalan         | Vergara          |
| Sagarbarria      | Villanueva       |
| Sahali           | Villaraza-Suarez |
| Salceda          | Villarica        |
| Salo             | Villarin         |
| Salon            | Violago          |
| Sandoval         | Yap (M.)         |
| Santos-Recto     | Yu               |
| Sarmiento (C.)   | Zarate           |
| Sarmiento (E.)   | Zubiri           |

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 242 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). With 242 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 19, dated September 6, 2016.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). Is

there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Journal of the House of Representatives, Journal No. 19, dated September 6, 2016, Tuesday, is hereby approved.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully move that we recognize our colleague, Asst. Majority Leader, the Hon. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Asst. Majority Leader Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

May I move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez and Deputy Speaker Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo. We have with us the Metrobank Foundation President Aniceto Sobrepeña and together with him are the Outstanding Filipinos awardees. The winners for the Outstanding Filipinos, we have with us the Outstanding Teachers: Mrs. Winona Y. Diola, Ms. Rujealyn R. Cancino, Mr. Arnol M. Rosales, Mrs. Josephine Chonie M. Obsenares...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). May we request the Outstanding Filipinos, the awardees of the 2016 Search for Outstanding Teachers to please rise. (*Applause*)

May we request all of the awardees, including our Outstanding Policemen and Outstanding Soldiers, to please all rise.

Please go ahead.

REP. HERRERA-DY. ... Dr. Roy B. Basa, Mr. Nelson G. Agoyaoy, Mrs. Ma. Regale A. Olarte, Dr. Katherine Faith M. Bustos, Dr. Emelea P. Cao, and Dr. Mark Anthony J. Torres.

For The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers or TOPS awardees: Technical Sergeant Bernardo Labao Tacbas, Technical Sergeant Danilo delos Santos Ramos, Lieutenant Colonel Eliglen Ferrer Villaflor, Staff Sergeant Albert Dangan Eleazar, Intelligence Specialist Chief Fernando Junio Parcon, Lieutenant Colonel Wilfredo Baylon Manalang Jr., Master Sergeant Andersen Daing Avellana, Master Sergeant Abel Lim Indusma, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver Alina Banaria, Colonel Jocelyn Pancrudo Turla. (*Applause*)

We also have with us the Outstanding Police Officers in Service or COPS awardees: Police Officer 2 Fatima Peñones Ibias Lanuza, Police Officer 3 Nida Lachica Gregas, Senior Police Officer 1 Mhay Mayuyo Rubio, Senior Police Officer 2 Jeffrey Bayotlang Ojao, Senior Police Officer 3 Hamidhan Bibio Tebbeng, Senior Police Officer 3 Ezrael Domingo Lantingan, Police Chief Inspector Ryan Lopez Manongdo, Police Superintendent Jemuel Felongco Siason, Police Superintendent Mario Navarro Rariza Jr., and Police Senior Superintendent Susan Rabano Jalla. (*Applause*)

We also would like to—with your permission, from the Rotary Club of New Manila East, Rotarians John Paul

Montero, Christopher Ponce, and Jay Enage. *(Applause)* They are the guests of Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez and Deputy Speaker Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). We welcome the guests of Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez and Deputy Speaker Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo, *(Applause)* and we congratulate the Outstanding Filipinos, Outstanding Teachers, the Outstanding Philippine Soldiers, and the Outstanding Police Officers. Thank you for representing the best of the Filipino. *(Applause)*

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, may I also move to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Rep. Henry S. Oaminal from the Second District of Misamis Occidental. They are the Members of Sangguniang Bayan: Rosito Tampooog, Samuel Edusma III, Bonifacio Alcosoba, Priscilla Padullon, Aristanco Tagupa, Ronil Obut, Restituto Llorong, Edwin Misdon, Felix Balais, and Fernando Magante led by their Vice Mayor Honorable Estela Estano from the municipality of Tudela. *(Applause)* They are the guests of Congr. Henry S. Oaminal.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). Will the guests of Congr. Henry S. Oaminal again please rise. *(Applause)* We welcome you to the House of Representatives.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, may I also move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Rep. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarin of AKBAYAN Party-List, Mayor Angel Montesa Saulong of Bansud, Oriental Mindoro. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker.

REP. DAZA. Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker.

REP. DAZA. Indulgence to the Majority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. FARIÑAS. May I move for the election of the following Members to various committees that I will read after their names:

*The Majority Leader, Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas, read the names of the House Members elected to the various committees, per Journal No. 19, dated September 7, 2016.*

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GLOBALIZATION AND WTO

As Vice Chairperson:

Hon. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara

As members:

Hon. Manuel Luis T. Lopez

Hon. Manuel T. Sagarbarria, and

Hon. Enrico A. Pineda

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

as Vice Chairperson:

Hon. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

As members:

Hon. Ann K. Hofer

Hon. Horacio P. Suansing Jr., and

Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BICOL RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

as Vice Chairperson:

Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

As members:

Hon. Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella

Hon. Evelina G. Escudero, and

Hon. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo

#### COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

as Vice Chairpersons:

Hon. Divina Grace C. Yu and

Hon. Jennifer Austria Barzaga

As members:

Hon. Aurora Enerio Cerilles

Hon. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara

Hon. Sitti Djalía A. Turabin-Hataman



Hon. Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, and  
Hon. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

As member:

As Vice Chairperson:

Hon. Ann K. Hofer

Hon. Paolo Everardo S. Javier

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

As members:

As members:

Hon. Ann K. Hofer and  
Hon. Manuel F. Zubiri

Hon. Henry S. Oaminal  
Hon. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano, and  
Hon. Makmod D. Mending Jr.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

As member:

As Vice Chairpersons:

Hon. Ann K. Hofer

Hon. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang and  
Hon. Salvio B. Fortuno

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

As member:

As members:

Hon. Glona B. Labadlabad

Hon. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.  
Hon. Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro  
Hon. Magnolia C. Antonino, and  
Hon. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

As Vice Chairpersons:

COMMITTEE ON POPULATION  
AND FAMILY RELATIONS

Hon. Melecio J. Yap Jr. and  
Hon. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo

As members:

As members:

Hon. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr. and  
Hon. Sitti Djalía A. Turabin-Hataman

Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda  
Hon. Vini Nola A. Ortega  
Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.  
Hon. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy  
Hon. Sabiniano S. Canama  
Hon. Arlene D. Brosas, and  
Hon. France L. Castro

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

As members:

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Rodel M. Batocabe  
Hon. Jesulito A. Manalo  
Hon. Rico B. Geron, and  
Hon. France L. Castro

As members:

COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Christopher S. Co and  
Hon. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy

As Vice Chairperson:  
Hon. Manuel Luis T. Lopez

COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

As members:

As member:

Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda  
Hon. Wes Gatchalian, and  
Hon. Ricardo T. Belmonte Jr.

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Hon. Christopher S. Co

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

As member:

Hon. Ann K. Hofer

COMMITTEE ON INTER-PARLIAMENTARY  
RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

As Vice Chairperson:

Hon. Ann K. Hofer

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

As Vice Chairperson:

Hon. Ann K. Hofer

COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS  
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES  
AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

As members:

Hon. Sitti Djalila A. Turabin-Hataman  
Hon. Arlene D. Brosas, and  
Hon. France L. Castro

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

As members:

Hon. Paolo Everardo S. Javier and  
Hon. Ferjenel G. Biron, M.D.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

As member:

Hon. Ferjenel G. Biron, M.D.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES  
AND PRIVATIZATION

As member:

Hon. France L. Castro

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

As Vice Chairpersons:

Hon. Manuel T. Sagarbarria

Hon. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, and  
Hon. Lorna C. Silverio

As members:

Hon. Aurora Enerio Cerilles  
Hon. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara  
Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.  
Hon. Virgilio S. Lacson, and  
Hon. Enrico A. Pineda

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

As members:

Hon. Paolo Everardo S. Javier and  
Hon. Dakila Carlo E. Cua

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

As members:

Hon. Dennis C. Laogan and  
Hon. Arlene D. Brosas

COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

As member:

Hon. Benhur B. Lopez Jr.

COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

As member:

Hon. Paolo Everardo S. Javier

COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

As Vice Chairpersons:

Hon. Ansaruddin A.M. A. Adiong and  
Hon. Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro

As members:

Hon. Henry C. Ong  
Hon. Dennis C. Laogan  
Hon. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta and  
Hon. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE  
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

As member:

Hon. France L. Castro

## COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

As member:

Hon. Michelle M. Antonio

## COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

As Vice Chairpersons:

Hon. Henry S. Oaminal

Hon. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D.

Hon. Ansaruddin A.M. A. Adiong and

Hon. Randolph S. Ting

As members:

Hon. Peter “Sr. Pedro” M. Unabia

Hon. Pedro B. Acharon Jr.

Hon. Napoleon S. Dy

Hon. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.

Hon. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB

Hon. Arnulfo P. Fuentebella

Hon. Noel L. Villanueva, and

Hon. Francis Gerald A. Abaya

## COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

As member:

Hon. Paolo Everardo S. Javier vice Peter “Sr. Pedro” M. Unabia

## COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

As Vice Chairpersons:

Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan

Hon. Maria Valentina G. Plaza, and

Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

As Vice Chairperson:

Hon. Virgilio S. Lacson

As member:

Hon. Francis Gerald A. Abaya

COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE  
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

As member:

Hon. Shernee Abubakar Tan

## COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

As Vice Chairpersons:

Hon. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara and

Hon. Manuel F. Zubiri

As member:

Hon. Francis Gerald A. Abaya

## COMMITTEE ON MINDANAO AFFAIRS

As member:

Hon. Shernee Abubakar Tan

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, in the interest of the people of the First District of Sulu, in view of the demise of their Representative, Tupay T. Loong, I move that we designate Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles of Party-List PBA as caretaker of the First District of Sulu.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the approval of Journal No. 19 in order to make the necessary corrections.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The approval of Journal No. 19 is reconsidered.

REP. DAZA. Mme. Speaker.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, may I respectfully move that we recognize Rep. Raul A. Daza from the First District of Northern Samar.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Hon. Raul A. Daza of the First District of Northern Samar is recognized.

REP. DAZA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

I seek correction on page 17 of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings, specifically on the first paragraph of page 17. The Journal says in part that the distinguished Sponsor, Congressman Tugna, who sponsored the bill last night, and I discussed, "the violation of the Constitution on the term of office of incumbent barangay and SK officials." The transcript of my interpellation last night, I am certain, will show that I opined and the distinguished Sponsor concurred that there was no violation precisely of the Constitution because the barangay officials are not constitutional officers. So, I would like the Journal to reflect correctly in such a manner that instead of the word "violation," it should be NON-VIOLATION.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, on behalf of the Majority, we have no objection.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The Chair hears no objection; the appropriate correction shall be incorporated in the Journal.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I move to approve Journal No. 19, dated September 6, 2016, as corrected.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none, the approval of Journal No. 19 is hereby approved with corrections. The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. MERCADO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until September 13, 2016.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The session is adjourned until September 13, 2016, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 5:55 p.m.*