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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano called the session to order.*

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

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Everyone is requested to rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

### PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

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

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, I move for the deferment of the calling of the roll.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, I move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). 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. 3441, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ASSIST INDIGENT CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE AN INDIGENT CANCER PATIENTS ASSISTANCE FUND AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Escudero and Bravo (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3442, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES SPECIAL POWERS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE CURRENT CRISIS IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Escudero and Bravo (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3443, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA

BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3444, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DISQUALIFICATION OF ANY PERSON HOLDING A PUBLIC APPOINTIVE OFFICE WHO FAILS TO VACATE A PUBLIC APPOINTIVE OFFICE ON THE DAY OF FILING OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR ANY ELECTIVE POSITION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8436, AS AMENDED”

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

House Bill No. 3445, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED (100) DAYS FOR FEMALE EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND GRANTING AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 3446, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTS TO PLANT TWO TREES FOR EVERY CHILD BORN TO THEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 3447, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL SPORTS TRAINING CENTER’, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3448, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY-BASED NATIONAL ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Teves  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 3449, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BICOL UNIVERSITY EAST CAMPUS AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE EDUCATION-SCHOOL FACILITIES INSIDE THE BICOL UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, LEGAZPI CITY, ALBAY”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3450, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING DULY APPOINTED METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) TRAFFIC ENFORCERS HAZARD PAY EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THEIR MONTHLY BASIC SALARY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3451, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF AIRLINE PASSENGERS AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3452, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FULL TUITION FEE SUBSIDY FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Villarín  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3453, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM”

By Representative Villarín  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3454, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE SANGGUNIANG

KABATAAN, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015 AND AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

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

House Bill No. 3455, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING CASINO OPERATORS AS COVERED PERSONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001’, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Oaminal  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3456, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7653, ENTITLED ‘THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT’ ”

By Representative Oaminal  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3457, entitled:

“AN ACT CLASSIFYING THE SAN FERNANDO BYPASS ROAD AND SAN FERNANDO BYPASS EXTENSION ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION, INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND RENAMING THE SAME ROADS TO GOV. JUSTO O. ORROS, JR. HIGHWAY”

By Representative Ortega (P.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3458, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE PLANTILLA POSITION OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR IN EVERY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIVISION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ortega (P.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3459, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING

HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘LA UNION DAY’ ”

By Representative Ortega (P.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3460, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NEW SUBDIVISIONS, CONDOMINIUM COMMUNITIES, MALLS, GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PARKS IN METRO MANILA TO CONSTRUCT RAIN HARVESTING FACILITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3461, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY FORT BONIFACIO IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF TAGUIG, TO BE KNOWN AS GAT ANDRES BONIFACIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cayetano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3462, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAHARLIKA VILLAGE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF TAGUIG, TO BE KNOWN AS MAHARLIKA VILLAGE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cayetano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3463, entitled:

“AN ACT REVERTING THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TINIO IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA TO ITS ORIGINAL NAME, THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAPAYA”

By Representative Antonino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3464, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) REGIONAL

TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Aragon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3465, entitled:

AN ACT MANDATING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, OFFICES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO EVALUATE AND CONSIDER QUALIFIED CONTRACTUAL WORKERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO PERMANENT POSITIONS

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

House Bill No. 3466, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SYSTEM FOR PERSONS WITH HEARING DISABILITIES AND PERSONS WITH SPEECH DISABILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3467, entitled:

"THE REVISED ANTI-HAZING LAW"

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3468, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION OR BELIEF AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR"

By Representative Tan (S.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 3469, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING TITLE V, SECTION 470 (A), (B) AND SECTION 471 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Mariño  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3470, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING SMALL-SCALE MINERS FROM THE PAYMENT OF INCOME AND EXCISE TAXES FOR THE SALE OF GOLD TO THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1158, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE'"

By Representative Paduano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3471, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE PURCHASE OF GOLD AND SILVER BY JEWELRY ENTERPRISES FROM OTHER SOURCES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8502, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'JEWELRY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1998'"

By Representative Paduano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3472, entitled:

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

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3473, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AMONG HIGH RISK YOUTH"

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3474, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM"

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3475, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.

9298, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE ACCOUNTANCY ACT OF 2004”

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

House Bill No. 3476, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1096, THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, BY MANDATING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONWIDE INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS AND IMPOSING STIFF PENALTIES AGAINST BUILDING OFFICIALS WHO VIOLATE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE SAID CODE”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3477, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3478, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 3479, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING AUTOMATIC PROMOTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES UPON RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 3480, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSABLG. 129, OR THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3481, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE STANDARD OF PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE WELFARE OF SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS AND CRAFTSMEN AND THE PROMOTION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8282 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997”

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

House Bill No. 3482, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING PLEDGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY COVERING A LOAN OF MONEY NOT EXCEEDING TEN THOUSAND PESOS FROM DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 199 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 3483, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PARAGRAPH (A), SECTION 393, CHAPTER IV, TITLE I, BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3484, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL (JBC) WHO HAS ALREADY SERVED THE FULL TERM”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3485, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTY LOWER THAN THAT PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CRIMINAL CASES, WHERE THE CIVIL CASE IS SETTLED THROUGH OR BY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AMENDING

FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9285”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3486, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LIMITS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3487, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10149 OR THE GOCC GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2011”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3488, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING AND EXPEDITING THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT PROCESS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT’ ”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3489, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE”

By Representative Kho  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3490, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY’, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3491, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRIVATIZATION OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS”

By Representative Atienza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3492, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT MACABEBE, PAMPANGA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,’ AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bondoc  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3493, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIO OF DAAN FROM BARANGAY APURAWAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABORLAN, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY DAAN”

By Representative Acosta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3494, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE ILIGAN CITY WATERFALLS AND RIVER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL WATERFALLS, RIVERS, RIVER BASINS, RIVER SYSTEMS, AND NATURAL WATERWAYS WITHIN THE CITY’S JURISDICTION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3495, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING SWIMMING AS A SUBJECT IN THE K-12 BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE OVERALL STRATEGY TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DEATH FROM DROWNING DURING NATURAL CALAMITIES OR RECREATIONAL AQUATIC ACTIVITIES”

By Representative Siao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3496, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL METROPOLITAN POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, TO BE CALLED THE ‘METROPOLITAN MANILA REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION’ (MMRA), DEFINING ITS STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT, ENUMERATING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDING THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Erice  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3497, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO CONDUCT QUARTERLY BREAST CANCER DETECTION PROGRAMS”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3498, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000’ ”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3499, entitled:

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

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3500, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON PROSTATE CANCER AND OTHER LEADING TYPES OF CANCER”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3501, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FORMER PRISONERS’ EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3502, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONWIDE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN EACH CITY AND MUNICIPALITY”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3503, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SCREENINGS FOR GLAUCOMA TO INDIVIDUALS DETERMINED TO BE AT HIGH RISK FOR GLAUCOMA”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3505, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEES IMPOSED ON FARMERS, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA)”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3506, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996’ ”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3507, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING VICTOR MEDINA STREET (FORMERLY KABIHASNAN ROAD) TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3508, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ANGELINA CANAYNAY AVENUE, SAN DIONISIO, PARAÑAQUE CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3509, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE

SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD FOR SMALL-SCALE FISHERMEN AND SUBSISTENCE FISHERFOLKS IN COASTAL COMMUNITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES BY DEPUTIZING THEM AS AUXILIARY RESPONSE TEAM IN NATURAL AND MAN-MADE CALAMITIES AND DISASTERS”

By Representative Ortega (V.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3510, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SAN ANTONIO HIGH SCHOOL PARAÑAQUE (PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX) IN BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO, CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, FROM THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ANTONIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PARAÑAQUE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3511, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CURRICULA IN ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATION”

By Representative Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3512, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CONG. A. BACALTOS ROAD NATALIO BACALSO AVE. IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, CEBU FROM A CITY ROAD TO NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gullas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3513, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD OF WORKING WOMEN IN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO ONE HUNDRED (100) DAYS, AND GRANTING THE OPTION TO EXTEND IT FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY”

By Representative Alvarez (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 3514, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9048, AS AMENDED, BY EXEMPTING INDIGENTS FROM THE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT THEREOF AND CHANGING THE PENALTIES PROVIDED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romualdo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3515, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1602, PRESCRIBING STIFFER PENALTIES ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING”

By Representative Romualdo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3516, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FINAL FORESTLAND BOUNDARY OF THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR”

By Representatives Mellana and Plaza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3517, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Evardone  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 324, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING LIEUTENANT COLONEL OLIVER ALINA BAÑARIA FOR WINNING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION SEARCH FOR THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) OF 2016”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 325, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING MASTER SERGEANT ANDERSEN DAING



AVELLANA FOR WINNING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION SEARCH FOR THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) OF 2016”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 326, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SENIOR POLICE OFFICER 3 HAMIDHAN BIBIO TEBBENG FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT AS ONE OF THE WINNERS OF THE 2016 METROBANK FOUNDATION SEARCH FOR THE COUNTRY’S OUTSTANDING POLICE OFFICER IN SERVICE”

By Representative Lobregat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 327, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 328, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE SHOOTING CONTINGENT FOR WINNING MEDALS IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 2016 AUSTRALASIA HANDGUN CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN SURABAYA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Bernos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 329, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MR. NELSON G. AGOYAOY, A NATIVE FROM STA. MARIA, BULACAN, AS ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE PRESTIGIOUS 2016 METROBANK FOUNDATION SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHERS”

By Representative Villarica  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 330, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003 OR THE ‘ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CODE OF 2000’ THAT PROHIBITS THE USE OR MANUFACTURE OF NON-ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING AS

PART OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM”

By Representative Relampagos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Resolution No. 331, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE CONDEMNING IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN ROXAS BOULEVARD, DAVAO CITY THAT KILLED 15 PEOPLE AND INJURING MANY OTHERS, DEMAND JUSTICE AND EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE BOMBING”

By Representatives Brosas and De Jesus  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 332, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING COLONEL JOCELYN PANCRUDO TURLA FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT OF MARIKINA AS ONE OF THE AWARDEES OF THE SEARCH FOR THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) 2016 BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC.”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 333, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER 2 FATIMA IBIAS LANUZA (COPS-NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER CATEGORY) AND TECHNICAL SERGEANT DANILODELOSANTOS (TOPS-ENLISTED PERSONNEL CATEGORY) FOR THEIR STERLING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS ONE OF THE WINNERS IN THE 2016 SEARCH FOR THE COUNTRY’S OUTSTANDING POLICE OFFICERS IN SERVICE (COPS) AND THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) SPONSORED BY METROBANK FOUNDATION”

By Representative Fortuno  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 334, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JANELLE MAE FRAYNA OF LEGAZPICITY, ALBAY, FOR BECOMING THE FIRST FEMALE GRANDMASTER OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

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Rep. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora for House Bills No. 2396 and 2514;

Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bills No. 478 and 479;

Rep. Ben P. Evardone for House Bill No. 287;

Rep. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas for House Bills No. 478, 1871, 2287, 2514, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566 and 2567;

Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang for House Bills No. 262, 264, 477, 478, 479, 480, 1871, 2287, 2396, 2430, 2514, 2531 and 3532 and House Resolution No. 328;

Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel for House Bills No. 3181, 3350, 3351, 3352 and 3353;

Rep. Eric L. Olivarez for House Bills No. 2566 and 2567 and House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 2042, 2447, 2812, 2973, 2974, 2975, 2976, 2977 and 3159;

Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento for House Bills No. 476 and 477;

Rep. Tom S. Villarin for House Bills No. 477, 479, 1871 and 2514;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bills No. 860, 2550 and 3055;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bill No. 501;

Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel for House Bills No. 41, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566 and 2567;

Rep. Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro for House Bills No. 2563, 2564, 2565 and 2566;

Rep. Eric L. Olivarez for House Bills No. 2563, 2564 and 2565;

Rep. Michelle M. Antonio for House Bill No. 43;

Rep. Juliette T. Uy for House Bill No. 1208 and House Resolution No. 17;

Rep. Victor A. Yap for House Bills No. 9, 3384 and 3504;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bills No. 18, 3160, 3027, 3033 and 3274;

Rep. Antonio R. Floirendo Jr. for House Bill No. 3504;

Rep. Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez for House Bill No. 3428;

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for House Bill No. 2510;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bill No. 2437;

Rep. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso for House Resolution No. 105;

Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada for House Bills No. 458 and 3181;

Reps. Arnulfo P. Fuentebella and Emmanuel A. Billones for House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora for House Resolution No. 298;

Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda for House Bill No. 3469;

Rep. Gil “Kabarangay” P. Acosta for House Bills No. 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 2798, 2812.2973, 2974, 2975, 2976, 2977 and 3159;

Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera for House Bills No. 3350, 3351, 3352 and 3353; and

Reps. Ronald M. Cosalan, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV, Noel L. Villanueva and Romeo M. Acop for House Bills No. 458 and 3181.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF COAUTHORSHIP

Reps. Sarah Jane I. Elago and Antonio L. Tinio on House Bill No. 3504.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated April 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, May 31, June 22, 28, 29 and 30, 2016 of Cora Lea A. Dela Cruz, Director IV, Commission on Audit, transmitting 2015 Annual Audit Reports on the following:

1. Advanced Science and Technology Institute;
2. Council for the Welfare of Children;
3. Food and Nutrition Research Institute;
4. Industrial Technology Development Institute;
5. Inter-Country Adoption Board;
6. Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council;
7. Metal Industry Research and Development Center;
8. National Academy of Science and Technology;
9. National Council on Disability Affairs;
10. National Research Council of the Philippines;
11. National Youth Commission;
12. Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration;
13. Philippine Council for Health Research and Development;
14. Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development;
15. Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology;

16. Philippine Nuclear Research Institute;

17. Philippine Textile Research Institute;

18. Science and Technology Information Institute;

19. Science Education Institute; and

20. Technology Application and Promotion Institute.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated May 30, June 13, 28 and 30, 2016 of Cora Lea A. Dela Cruz, Director IV, Commission on Audit, transmitting 2015 Consolidated Annual Audit Reports on the following:

1. Commission on Population;
2. Department of Health;
3. Department of Science and Technology;
4. Department of Social Welfare and Development;
5. Information and Communications Technology Office;
6. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority;
7. National Nutrition Council; and
8. Philippine Science High School System.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the Third District of Negros Oriental, the Hon. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr., be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The honorable Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr. from the Third District of Negros Oriental is recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TEVES

REP. TEVES. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Good afternoon, everybody. I rise again today to expound on the issue of bashing on social media, which I brought up during one of the committee meetings. I would just like to inform everybody that what I was up to with regard to the regulation of social media was not a curtailment of their freedom of speech. Wala naman akong sinabi na hindi sila puwedeng magsalita ng kahit ano. What I was up to was the identification

and accountability of the account holders. Magsabi na sila, magmura na sila, kahit ano ang gusto nila. Sa akin lang ay magpakilala sila.

I brought this up here again in plenary because I am pretty sure that most of us here are victims of bashing on Facebook and other social media entities, especially during election time. Wala namang problema sa akin kahit ano ang sabihin nila, ma-totoo man o hindi—mas maganda lang sana kung totoo—but what is more important, dapat may accountability iyong may-ari ng account. They cannot just say anything and hide under fictitious accounts.

I plan to make a bill on this matter and I am begging for support from the Members of this august Body as this will not only benefit us but will benefit the whole nation of the Philippines. Simple lang ang balak kong gawin: kung kaya ng social media entity na tanggalin iyong account na may malicious post, I believe na kaya nilang i-regulate kung ano iyong account na tatanggapin nila right from the start.

To me, I would suggest that—later on, I will include, isasama ko sa bill na kung hindi ma-account ng social media entity iyong account na may malicious post, then we make them equally accountable to libel or whatever offense has been done through the post in that social media account.

Kapag ginawa natin iyon, sa tingin ko, gagawa ang Facebook, ang Twitter, at kung ano pa diyang social media entities na i-filter na nila iyong account na tatanggapin nila o ina-allow nila na mag-post ng kahit ano.

Just lately, in line with this, when I gave the suggestion na bawal ang masungit na mga nurses, ang daming bashing sa akin ngayon sa social media, lalo na iyong Nurses for Change Movement. Hindi nga natin alam kung itong Nurses for Change Movement ay totoong movement. Hindi natin alam kung totoo iyong mga miyembro nito. Mayroon ba sa atin dito ang may kilala kung sino itong Nurses for Change Movement? I do not think that even Facebook can point out to us who are the people behind this Nurses for Change Movement. I do not care what they say, basta totoo lang or kahit man mali, basta magpakilala lang sana sila.

I am appealing to Facebook to take down this account—hindi na maganda iyong kanilang mga sinasabi. Isa pa, this Nurses for Change Movement is just showing the public how grumpy these nurses really are. Sa Facebook pa lang ang sama na ng ugali, ano pa kaya kapag kaharap na nila iyong mga pasyenteng mahihirap? Tinitira nila ako dahil hindi ko raw alam na maliit iyong suweldo nila, ang daming pasyente, ang haba ng oras ng trabaho. All I would like to tell them is, kahit ano pa ang rason, may suweldo man kayo o wala, marami man kayong pasyente or kaunti lang, wala kayong rason magmasungit sa mahihirap nating mga kapatid na may sakit sa pampublikong hospital.

You know, I will take all these bashings, anyway,

iilan lang naman iyong nurses na ito compared sa mga mahihirap nating kapatid na matutulungan kung mawala ang masusungit na mga doctors at mga nurses sa mga ospital. There are so many poor, poor families or poor patients, victims of these masusungit na nurses. So, again, kahit sa politika pa, mas marami pa ring masaya na mahihirap kahit tirahin ako ng masusungit na nurses na ito. Again, what I am up to, and I would like to appeal to my colleagues here, I hope magustuhan ninyo iyong bill na gagawin ko—na i-regulate natin iyong social media accounts. Again, I would like to clarify dahil baka mamasamain na naman ng publiko, I am not here to curtail their freedom of speech but all I am up to is that there will be identity and accountability in whatever accounts they put up on social media.

That is all, Mme. Speaker. Thank you and good afternoon.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Teves to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, I move for the next speaker to avail of the Privilege Hour, Rep. Ramon V.A. “Rav” Rocamora of the Lone District of Siquijor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Representative Rocamora of the Lone District of Siquijor is recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ROCAMORA

REP. ROCAMORA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, dear colleagues, I wish to rise on an issue that is of utmost importance, especially now that our government is in the process of fulfilling its mandate, that is, to deliver change in our country. While President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has boldly promised sweeping political and social changes, he has also displayed sound diplomacy and willingness to partner with those committed to continue many of the practices and programs of the previous administration that have been effective. Among the programs he has committed to continue are the Conditional Cash Transfer Program, the country’s defense modernization and sound economic policies.

However, one program which was viewed with skepticism and is planned to be expunged from the proposed 2017 National Budget is the Grassroots

Participatory Budgeting or better known as Bottom-Up Budgeting or BuB. Many of the stakeholders of the BuB such as civil society partners, local government units and national agency partners, received the initial news with anxiety because they know that the BuB was already showing promise and if implemented longer, the program would deliver its promise of development to poor and neglected local communities. However, members from civil society and many local government officials spoke in defense of the BuB and that eventually convinced our national government to give the program a second look. Thankfully, our Interior and Local Government Secretary, Mike Sueno, agreed to continue a good part of the projects that were products of exhaustive discussions and deliberations by the communities. Hopefully, the DILG will heed the sentiments of the local communities and local government units that want to continue the program.

While some aspects of the program of the BuB may still be continued, I believe the question in the minds of many, especially in the rural and poor communities where the BuB has delivered is: What will happen to the program as a whole? What will happen to participatory budgeting? What will become of the Local Poverty Reduction Action Teams and Plans? Will the composition still be 50 percent society and 50 percent local government?

Let me voice out, together with those from the civil societies, from people's organizations and from local government units, in asking/declaring for the BuB to be continued, consolidated and strengthened.

Allow me to digress: I am the youngest brother of former National Anti-Poverty Commission lead convenor and Secretary, Joel Rocamora. While some may wish to interpret that our relationship drives me to support the BuB, I assure you that blood relations do not come into play when I speak on policy issues or on governance. We are brothers, yes, but that we are, is beside the point.

I support the program because the BuB is not simply another run-of-the-mill anti-poverty program. Participatory budgeting, or BuB or Grassroots Participatory Budgeting or whatever you want to call it, is really about empowering ordinary citizens to be part of the process of governance, most especially in crafting the budget. It is no wonder that the beloved late DILG Secretary Jesse Robredo was one of the main architects of the BuB because it bears the crucial characteristics of citizen's participation, a principle that Secretary Jesse carried with him from the time he served as Mayor of Naga City in Camarines Sur. Participatory budgeting takes inspiration from Naga's own experience with LGU-civil society collaboration, that is, with their acclaimed Naga City People's Council which opened the doors for non-governmental organizations and people's organizations to take part in the city's councils,

boards and task forces. Participatory budgeting is simply bringing the principle of citizens' involvement into the sphere of the government's budgetary functions.

Past Philippine Congresses, even prior to the PNoy administration, have allowed CSO participation in our budget deliberations of the General Appropriations Bill. Former Appropriations Committee Chair Edcel Lagman, during the time of former President Macapagal-Arroyo, allowed NGOs like Social Watch, Freedom from Debt Coalition, and other civil society organizations to submit their proposals to Congress. Social Watch calls it the Alternative Budget Initiative which they hope will continue in this Congress.

Participatory budgeting may be innovative in the Philippines but its practice is well-established in other countries as one of their democratic processes. In the city of Porto Alegre in Brazil where it was pioneered, participatory budgeting was brought to whole new heights by mandating that a substantial portion of the city's budget be determined through deliberations of citizens' assemblies. Through this, the Porto Alegre has made service delivery more effective because the public's inputs enable their city budget to focus on the programs and services that the city truly needs. In fact, the Porto Alegre model, as they call it, has been replicated to some extent by many local governments around the world, subject to minor changes to suit their specific contexts. To us, the possibilities are endless. Not only is it innovative but also revolutionary, with the potential of changing the relations between our political leaders and ordinary citizens.

I am sure my fellow colleagues, especially those from poorer provinces and districts, are familiar with the patron-client relation that exists between local officials and political leaders on one hand and their constituents on the other. The former are treated with such high esteem that ordinary folks tend to regard services and programs that they deserve as favors from their local officials and leaders. That should not be because we are here to serve their needs. Of course, I believe that effective governance and leadership should be commended and lauded by our constituents, but it is our mandate to serve them. We are their Representatives in the halls of Congress.

While the BuB has many critics, I urge them to judge it by its merits. Under the BuB, Local Poverty Reduction Action Teams or LPRATs composed of representatives from the CSOs and local governments, discuss and deliberate on programs and services that are badly needed by the community. If they can show why a basketball court or a waiting shed or a two-kilometer farm-to-market road or bridge will reduce their poverty, then, such a project will be proposed. They then craft a Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan that is consolidated at the regional level where the plan is further deliberated by representatives from CSOs,

LGUs, and national government agencies. Then, the plans are endorsed to the DBM for integration into the national budget.

A total allocation of P74 billion was incorporated in the General Appropriations Act covering the Fiscal Years of 2013 to 2016 with a total of 54,951 projects. There was a total of 194,955 CSOs that engaged in the various projects under the BuB. For Fiscal Year 2017, 1,633 LGUs were involved in preparing their Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan or LPRAP. Thus, for the past three years, the BuB clearly has been a massive mobilization of people's participation. It is an exercise in harnessing people's power. By allotting funds directly to the local communities and as such, to ordinary folks, we are able to leapfrog over numerous layers of government bureaucracy which often hamper proper identification of the needs of a community.

The BuB, while having been implemented for the past three years, is still in its infancy. The effect of democratizing the budget process has yet to be realized. At such stage of infancy, should the program be deprived of sustenance as the current National Expenditure Program proposes? I believe it should be continued and, in fact, further strengthened. The program, like any government program, still needs to be perfected, but we cannot perfect it if we emasculate it.

I hope the Executive, led by President Rodrigo Duterte, will engage with civil societies and LGUs which are championing the BuB. It is only through collaboration and cooperation where we can identify the shortcomings of the program and improve upon it. If the administration's apprehension with the program is its name and connection with the past administration, we can always rename it. I would even suggest calling it PRRD—yes, PRRD—short for Participatory Reform for Rural Development. Kidding aside, I truly hope our government will give this program a second look. I fear that discontinuing Participatory Budgeting would be a lost opportunity in our government's campaign to bring meaningful changes to the lives of our people, most especially those from our poorest communities.

Along this line, House Joint Resolution No. 4 was authored by this Representation, along with Congressmen Lazatin, Villarín and Baguilat, and it calls for the restoration of the P35 billion allotted for the BuB in the proposed 2017 National Budget. So much work has been put into it. I particularly seek the support of Appropriations Chair Karlo Nograles to help us see this through, as well as all the Members of the Seventeenth Congress. As of last Friday, more than 50—and lately, I have been told it is already about a hundred—of our colleagues have already coauthored the Joint Resolution.

My dear colleagues, Mme. Speaker, I hope you will all join me and the growing number of Members of this august Chamber to support the BuB.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker and dear colleagues, for the opportunity to articulate my thoughts on a program that I, together with other advocates, hold dearly.

Before I end, I would like to recognize the BuB advocates, the CSOs and the basic sector organizations, mainly from CALABARZON, who travelled all the way from their communities to support the continuance of our advocacy to empower the basic sectors and our communities. With them are two mayors, Mayor Nelson Traje of Macalelon, Quezon and Mayor Aurea Segunial from Sta. Teresita, Batangas. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). May we request the aforementioned guests of Representative Rocamora to rise so that the House of Representatives may acknowledge their presence. *(Applause)* Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. ROCAMORA. Salamat po sa pagpunta ninyo dito. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, my dear colleagues.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Thank you, Representative Rocamora.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, I move for the suspension of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). There is a motion to suspend the Privilege Hour. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

#### ROLL CALL

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). 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. 21, dated September 13, 2016:*

#### PRESENT

Abad	Abu
Abaya	Abueg
Abayon	Acharon
Abellanos	Acop

Advincula	Cerilles	Gorriceta	Primicias-Agabas
Agarao	Chavez	Gullas	Quimbo
Aggabao	Chipeco	Hernandez	Radaza
Aglipay-Villar	Co	Herrera-Dy	Ramirez-Sato
Albano	Cojuangco	Hofer	Ramos
Alcala	Cortes	Javier	Relampagos
Alejano	Cortuna	Kho	Revilla
Almonte	Cua	Khonghun	Roa-Puno
Alonte-Naguiat	Cuaresma	Labadlabad	Robes
Alvarez (F.)	Cueva	Lacson	Rocamora
Alvarez (M.)	Dalipe	Lagman	Rodriguez (I.)
Alvarez (P.)	Daza	Lanete	Rodriguez (M.)
Amatong	De Jesus	Laogan	Roman
Andaya	De Venecia	Lazatin	Romero
Angara-Castillo	De Vera	Lee	Romualdez
Antonino	Defensor	Lopez (B.)	Romualdo
Antonio	Del Mar	Lopez (C.)	Roque (H.)
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla	Lopez (M.)	Sacdalan
Arcillas	Dimaporo (M.)	Loyola	Sagarbarria
Arenas	Duavit	Macapagal-Arroyo	Salceda
Atienza	Durano	Maceda	Salo
Bag-ao	Dy	Madrona	Salon
Bagatsing	Elago	Malapitan	Sambar
Banal	Enverga	Manalo	Santos-Recto
Barbers	Erice	Mangaoang	Sarmiento (C.)
Barzaga	Eriguel	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sarmiento (E.)
Bataoil	Ermita-Buhain	Marcos	Sema
Batocabe	Escudero	Mariño	Singson
Bautista-Bandigan	Espina	Marquez	Suansing (E.)
Belaro	Espino	Martinez	Suansing (H.)
Belmonte (F.)	Estrella	Matugas	Suarez
Belmonte (J.)	Eusebio	Mellana	Sy-Alvarado
Belmonte (R.)	Fariñas	Mending	Tambunting
Bernos	Fernando	Mercado	Tan (A.)
Bertiz	Ferrer (J.)	Mirasol	Tan (M.)
Billones	Ferrer (L.)	Montoro	Tan (S.)
Bolilia	Ferriol-Pascual	Nava	Tejada
Bondoc	Floirendo	Nieto	Teves
Bordado	Flores	Noel	Tiangco
Bravo (A.)	Fortun	Nogralas (J.)	Ting
Bravo (M.)	Fortuno	Nolasco	Tugna
Brosas	Fuentebella	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Turabin-Hataman
Bulut-Begtang	Garbin	Oaminal	Ty
Calderon	Garcia (G.)	Ortega (P.)	Umali
Calixto-Rubiano	Garcia (J.)	Ortega (V.)	Unabia
Caminero	Garin (R.)	Pacquiao	Ungab
Campos	Garin (S.)	Paduano	Unico
Canama	Gasataya	Palma	Uy (R.)
Cari	Geron	Pancho	Uybarreta
Casilao	Go (A.C.)	Panganiban	Vargas
Castelo	Go (M.)	Panotes	Velarde
Castro (F.H.)	Gomez	Papandayan	Velasco
Catamco	Gonzaga	Pichay	Velasco-Catera
Cayetano	Gonzales (A.P.)	Pimentel	Villafuerte
Celeste	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda	Villanueva
Cerifica	Gonzalez	Plaza	Villaraza-Suarez

Villarica Yap (A.)  
 Villarin Zubiri  
 Violago

without any question, but let us not violate our rules just because we are in a hurry.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 237 Members responded to the call.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader will please respond.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, the Gentleman has not cited the particular rule and so, I will cite the rule for him. This is Section 58, Third Reading, and the second paragraph therein states: “No bill or joint resolution shall become law unless it passes three (3) readings on separate days and printed copies thereof in its final form are distributed to the Members three (3) days before its passage.”

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Cayetano relinquished the Chair to the Speaker.*

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

The Bill was distributed on September 7, today is September 13, so six days had passed, Mr. Speaker. That is what the rule says. It does not say session days. It says three days—I repeat, three days—before its passage. Mr. Speaker, we have complied with the Rule.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 3504  
 ON THIRD READING

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading House Bill No. 3504, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 7, 2016 pursuant to the Rules of the House. For this purpose, I move that the Secretary General be directed to read the title of the Bill and thereafter to call the roll for nominal voting.

REP. DEL MAR. Mr. Speaker, the “three days” have always referred to session days. How can we refer to calendar days, and include those days when we are not in session? That is the requirement so that Members can be able to decide accordingly. They are not deprived of the opportunity to be given a copy of the measure three session days before and so, this is the essence of our being able to vote as we see fit, with full information of what we are voting on.

REP. DEL MAR. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair upholds the position of the Majority Leader.

THE SPEAKER. What is the point of order of the Gentleman from Cebu City?

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

REP. DEL MAR. The point of order is that we cannot have a Third Reading on any bill unless it has been distributed and the requirement is three session days before we can call for a vote on Third Reading.

The Secretary General will read the title of House Bill No. 3504 and thereafter call the roll for nominal voting.

THE SPEAKER. May we hear from the Majority Leader.

REP. DEL MAR. Mr. Speaker, I appeal the ruling of the Chair.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, three calendar days are required, not three session days. It was distributed on September 7, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General, please.

REP. DEL MAR. This is what I mean, Mr. Speaker. We do not have a voice anymore. This is really reprehensible.

REP. DEL MAR. Mr. Speaker, I believe that, ever since, it is three session days, not three calendar days, because how can you include Thursday, Friday when we have no sessions. Then Saturday, Sunday and in this case, Monday—five calendar days, but not session days. So, let us not hurry this because it is violating our rules. This will be approved anyway. If we will only schedule this tomorrow, we will approve it tomorrow

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 7, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 3504, entitled: AN ACT POSTPONING THE



OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 21, dated September 13, 2016.*

REP. DEL MAR. Mr. Speaker, I would have voted “No” if this Third Reading is not out of order.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, for the record, may I explain my vote.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman may do so after the voting.

REP. LAGMAN. I vote “Yes,” but I will have to explain my vote, Mr. Speaker.

#### RESULT OF THE VOTING

THE SPEAKER. With 218 Members voting in the affirmative, four against, and no abstention, the Chair declares House Bill No. 3504 as having been approved on Third Reading.

REP. DEL MAR. Mr. Speaker.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEL MAR. Mr. Speaker, may I ask how my vote was registered.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Sir, registered as “did not participate.”

REP. DEL MAR. Well, that is correct because I consider the Third Reading voting as out of order. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Albay is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, may I know how my vote was registered.

THE SPEAKER. Yes, in the affirmative.

#### REP. LAGMAN EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. LAGMAN. May I explain my vote. I voted in favor of House Bill No. 3504 on account of the following reasons: Number one, the Constitution does not fix the term of office of elected barangay as well as Sangguniang Kabataan officials. Their term is provided or prescribed by law. Consequently, Congress can amend the pertinent law on the date of election of barangay and SK officials under the principle that Congress does not pass laws which it cannot repeal, amend or modify.

Number two, the rescheduling of the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections from 31 October 2016 to 23 October 2017 is not an extension of the term of office of these village and youth officials. When voters elected the incumbent barangay officials in 2013, they were fully aware as they are presumed to know that under Republic Act No. 9164, while the term of office of barangay officials is three years, they shall remain in office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. Hence, there is an automatic hold-over provision which is not deemed as a term extension but a policy to avoid disruption of public services and prevent a void in the position of concerned officials.

Number three, incumbent barangay officials are entitled to the presumption of regularity in the performance of official functions as well as the presumption of innocence until the contrary is proven. Consequently, barangay officials who are suspected to be errant or involved in drug trafficking enjoy these presumptions but they can be prosecuted and convicted if the evidence warrants; but there can be no removal like the replacement prior to a final determination of the respective culpabilities.

Number four, there is no provision in House Bill No. 3504 that says that incumbent barangay officials, after 31 October 2016, can be replaced by those appointed by the President through the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

For the foregoing reasons, Mr. Speaker, I cast an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 3504 ON THIRD READING

THE SPEAKER. With 218 affirmative votes, 4 against and zero abstention, House Bill No. 3504 is approved on Third Reading.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader is recognized.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Secretary General be directed to transmit immediately to the Senate a copy of the Bill approved on Third Reading.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is directed to transmit a copy of the approved Bill to the Senate.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend our session and invite all Members to an all-party caucus right now at the Makalintal Hall at the South Wing Annex.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 5:35 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:36 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano presiding.*

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

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the following guests of Cong. Amado T. Espino Jr. of the Fifth District of Pangasinan and Cong. Leopoldo N. Bataoil of the Second District of Pangasinan: Vice Governor Ferdinand Calimlim; together with First District Board Members Nong Fontelera and Rene Sison; Second District of Pangasinan Board Members Raul Siso, Generoso Jun Tulagan and Jinky Zaplan; Fourth District Board Members Rivy Villegas and Jeremy Rosario; Fifth District of Pangasinan Board Member Chinky Tababa; and Sixth District of Pangasinan Board Member Noel Bince.

We would also like to acknowledge the presence of Mayor Carlito Zaplan, Mayor Raul Martin Sison, Vice Mayor Marilyn Sison, the barangay captains of various municipalities of Pangasinan, and other guests from the local government of Pangasinan, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). May we request the guests of Congressmen Espino and Bataoil, the local government officials, to please rise so that we can give them a warm welcome from the House of Representatives. *(Applause)* Welcome.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the following individuals and organizations as guests of the House of Representatives who came to support the BuB advocacy under the banner of BuB Beyond 2016 Caucus: various

organizations in CALABARZON under the leadership of Mayor Nelson Traje of Macalelon, Quezon Province, the guests of Cong. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora of the Lone District of Siquijor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). We acknowledge the guests of Congressman Rocamora and ask that they rise so that the House of Representatives can give them a warm welcome. *(Applause)*

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of guests from San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, the guests of Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes of the Lone District, San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). We acknowledge the guests in the gallery from Bulacan. Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the following guests in the gallery: the doctoral students of Our Lady of Fatima University (OLFU) System, Lagro and Valenzuela campuses to attend and observe the plenary proceedings of the House today, September 13, 2016 at four o'clock this afternoon.

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter to the House Secretary General, requesting that we allow the doctoral students to enter the House premises and the list of doctoral students for our information. Together with them are their professors: Dr. Fred Ruiz, Graduate School Coordinator and Dr. Marcelina P. Tantay. *(Applause)* They are the guests of Harlin Neil J. Abayon III, Representative of AANGAT TAYO Party-List, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). We welcome the doctoral students and their professors from Our Lady of Fatima University. Welcome to the House of Representatives. You are always encouraged to come and observe our sessions.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mme. Speaker, may I move for a suspension of the session.

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

*It was 5:40 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:23 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, earlier, we referred House Resolution No. 334 inadvertently to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development and we seek to correct that this evening. I move for a reconsideration of the referral of House Resolution No. 334.

I so move.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we take up House Resolution No. 334 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of said measure for referral to the appropriate committee. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Secretary General is directed to read the title for the record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 334, entitled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JANELLE MAE FRAYNA OF LEGAZPI CITY, ALBAY, FOR BECOMING THE FIRST FEMALE GRANDMASTER OF THE PHILIPPINES.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer House Resolution No. 334 to the Committee on Rules. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). To the Committee on Rules. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

#### APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 20 of September 7, 2016. I so move.

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 334

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 334.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 334, entitled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JANELLE MAE FRAYNA OF LEGAZPI CITY, ALBAY, FOR BECOMING THE FIRST FEMALE GRANDMASTER OF THE PHILIPPINES.

#### ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 334

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 334.

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

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

##### *Continuation*

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

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

The Privilege Hour is resumed.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the Lone District of Siquijor, the Hon. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora, to avail of the Privilege Hour. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Congressman Rocamora is hereby recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, to interpellate the Honorable Rocamora, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the Party-List AKBAYAN, the Hon. Tomasito "Tom" S. Villarín. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Representative Villarín is hereby recognized.

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Would the Gentleman from the Lone District of Siquijor yield to an interpellation?

REP. ROCAMORA. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker, this year, we will be celebrating the silver jubilee of our 1991 Local Government Code. Some of the major highlights of the Local Government Code are contained in the State policies, particularly on Book I, Section 3, the Operative Principles of Decentralization. If I may quote, letter (g) states:

The capabilities of LGUs, especially municipalities and barangays shall be enhanced by providing them with opportunities to participate actively in the implementation of national programs and projects.”

Another section, letter (k) states:

The realization of autonomy shall be facilitated through improved coordination of national government policies and programs and extension of adequate technical and material assistance to less developed and deserving local government units.

Mme. Speaker, would the Gentleman say that these provisions basically would apply to the Bottom-up Budgeting process?

REP. ROCAMORA. Yes, Mme. Speaker, definitely, it will apply because the essence of BuB is simply to bring the budget process down to the municipal level.

REP. VILLARIN. Further to those provisions of our Local Government Code on decentralization, it states here, under Sections 34, 35 and 36, regarding the role of people’s and non-government organizations, the importance of linkages of people’s organizations; and NGOs; and the provision of assistance to POs and NGOs by the local government units. Corollary to that, we have Section 106 providing for the creation of local development councils, of which at least one-fourth of the membership should come from civil society organizations or what we call the “POs” and “NGOs.” So, would these provisions also support that process of Bottom-up Budgeting?

REP. ROCAMORA. Again, yes. These provisions—in fact, the Local Government Code has a provision for the participation of the community in the development—community development and other organs of the municipal LGUs, so that there can be clear coordination and collaboration between the CSOs and the LGUs.

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker, in spite of the fact that we have had 25 years of decentralization, if we look at the internal revenue allocation for LGUs, consistently, the IRA provided to our LGUs would just amount to a mere 14 percent of our total national budget. For 2016, I think, Mme. Speaker, it would just be around half a billion or less than half a billion pesos that are allotted for the IRA provided for our LGUs.

Now, with the bottom-up budget, of which I think there will be P34 billion supposedly provided for all the municipalities and cities, we have another, I think, that is 1.5 billion for a thousand pilot barangays for bottom-up budgeting and another, I think, another five billion under the Kalsada Program of the DILG which would be downloaded to the provincial governments. Does the Gentleman think that this BuB could enhance or would be a meaningful amount provided for our LGUs?

REP. ROCAMORA. Yes, definitely. Besides, this IRA is so limited, such that it has been our experience that it is not just sufficient to cover the needs of these LGUs. So, this provision for additional funding under the BuB would definitely be of help to the LGUs.

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker, I also agree with the good Gentleman from Siquijor, noting for a fact, Mme. Speaker, that there are only 17 municipalities out of the 1,600 plus municipalities whose revenues generated locally surpass or equalize what they receive from the internal revenue allocation or what we call the “downloaded funds” from the national government. So, this only proves or shows that we still do not have a meaningful decentralization policy.

Now, coming from the DILG before I became a Member of the House myself, what I saw firsthand when we had this Bottom-up Budgeting is that this process, Mme. Speaker, changes the potential in reorienting the bureaucracy, wherein political leaders and the citizenry become partners for change. Would the good Gentleman agree that if we institutionalize participatory budgeting—could he describe to us what the major impact of this policy would be.

REP. ROCAMORA. If we use the Porto Alegre model as any indication, continuing with participatory budgeting will lead to the path of further defining our democratic institutions. In other words, democracy will have a deeper meaning for our citizens beyond simply casting their votes every few years. It will mean our citizens will feel empowered to attend public hearings, meetings, and deliberations. It will mean increased participation. If that happens, our citizens will feel that they have a crucial role in running our government.

For elected officials like us, it will spell a huge difference in how we serve our constituents. Instead

of feeling pressured to focus more on delivering roads, services, jobs, and other medical assistance to our constituents, to the detriment of our legislative work, we can focus more on crafting laws because we can be assured that our constituents themselves are empowered enough to lobby and work for bigger government attention. This has also the effect of creating a more active citizenry, which is really a boon to an effective public service. So, this will also ensure that as Representatives of the people, we will double or triple our work.

REP. VILLARIN. Does the good Gentleman from Siquijor agree that participatory budgeting and the process of further devolution and decentralization would be complementary to a shift to a federal form of government?

REP. ROCAMORA. Yes, because through the participation of these CSOs, in cooperation with local government units and the funds being directed directly to the local governments, then the LGUs will then be able to perform or act independently, rather, of any pressure from the national government.

REP. VILLARIN. Again, Mme. Speaker, for any policy that would empower not just LGUs but the citizenry at the barangay and municipal levels, there should be indicators. It is important that there are indicators in the mechanisms that we set. So for any government program, especially with the BuB or bottom-up budget, or as what the good Gentleman from Siquijor suggested that its name be changed to PRRD, would this institutionalization policy have specific indicators, performance indicators needed—meaning, can we measure the BuB or the PRRD as the suggested change in its name? So do we have measures for these anti-poverty programs?

REP. ROCAMORA. In fact, I am filing a bill to institutionalize the BuB and in that bill, we have the clear indicators and certain protection against partisan politics. It is also stated there that the members of the CSO cannot be relatives of certain members of the LGU to a certain level.

REP. VILLARIN. So, again, Mme. Speaker, these participatory mechanisms which BuB espouses would prevent the consolidation of power among the local elites or only for specific families or set of groups, vested interest groups. Is that what the Gentleman is pointing at, Mme. Speaker?

REP. ROCAMORA. Yes, it is. With the participation of the community and of course, with the collaboration and cooperation of the local units, there can be an

assurance that these CSOs will function as they are supposed to function and not be beholden to or controlled by the local executives.

REP. VILLARIN. So, with that Mme. Speaker, I hope that this proposal of the good Gentleman from Siquijor would be followed through or would be pushed through under this current administration because this Representation thinks that our decentralization policy, which is now on its 25th year, needs to have some boost, needs to have some incentives, as our LGUs, for so long a time, have still been looking up to our national government for that.

Now, with the proposed participation of the communities at the barangays, municipalities, cities and now up to the province level, we can see that this policy of decentralization and people's participation will be complementary to a major shift now being proposed under this administration.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Your Honor.

REP. ROCAMORA. If I may add, I think the ideas of devolution and participatory budgeting run parallel and, in fact, complement each other with this federalism concept. If the idea behind federalism is to delegate the powers from the central government to the provinces because they can effectively address their needs, participatory budgeting, or any participatory mechanism for that matter, is about distributing political and economic power from our political and economic leaders to the ordinary citizens because we believe that they can also address their needs if only they are empowered.

If I could make an unsolicited advice to President Rodrigo Duterte, the shift towards federalism should be partnered with greater citizens' empowerment; and participatory budgeting is exactly about citizens' empowerment.

REP. VILLARIN. I have no more questions, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker. Thank you for the privilege.

REP. ROCAMORA. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Thank you.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

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

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

REP. GULLAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Arlene D. Brosas of Party-List GABRIELA for her short manifestation.

REP. BROSAS. Yes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Honorable Brosas from the Party-List GABRIELA is hereby recognized.

REP. BROSAS. Yes, Mme. Speaker, I would like to make a manifestation regarding the previously held voting on House Bill No. 3504 on the postponement of the barangay and SK elections. I came in late so I was not able to vote but I would like it to be put on the Record that I will be allowed to submit an explanation of my “No” vote on House Bill No. 3504.

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

The Lady’s motion to submit her explanation of vote is hereby noted and approved.

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. BONDOC. On behalf of the Majority, may I move for the election of the following Members to various committees:

*The Dep. Majority Leader, Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, read the names of the House Members elected to the various committees, per Journal No. 21, dated September 13, 2016.*

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES

as member:

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

as Vice Chairperson:

Rep. Dennis C. Laogan

as members:

Rep. Pablo C. Ortega

Rep. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara

Rep. Enrico A. Pineda

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTH LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE

as Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Pablo C. Ortega

Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia

Rep. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso

as members:

Rep. Jesus “Boying” F. Celeste

Rep. Amado T. Espino Jr.

Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano

Rep. Mark O. Go

Rep. Randolph S. Ting

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN TAGALOG DEVELOPMENT

as member:

Rep. Rico B. Geron

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA

as members:

Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

Rep. Makmod D. Mending Jr.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

as Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria

Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia

as members:

Rep. Peter “Sr. Pedro” M. Unabia  
Rep. Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg  
Rep. Micaela S. Violago  
Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada  
Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

as members:

Rep. Enrico A. Pineda  
Rep. Ricardo T. Belmonte Jr.  
Rep. Michael L. Romero, PhD

#### COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

as members:

Rep. Christopher S. Co  
Rep. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano  
Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Members so named are hereby elected to the Committees and positions so mentioned.

#### ELECTION OF REP. CHIPECO TO THE HRET

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, on behalf of the Majority, I move to elect Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. as member of the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal. I so move.

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

#### ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKERS

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I also move that we elect Rep. Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg and Rep. Rolando G. Andaya Jr. as Deputy Speakers.

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

The aforementioned Members are hereby elected.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, September 14, at four o’clock in the afternoon.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The session is adjourned until four o’clock tomorrow afternoon.

*It was 7:45 p.m.*