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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Mercedes K. Alvarez called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) Everybody 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. Alvarez, M.) Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the roll call is deferred.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of Journal No. 8.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the approval of the Journal of the previous session is deferred.

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

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 2378, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY UNIT THROUGH SUPPORT FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND BARANGAY VOLUNTEER WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2379, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE, AMENDING SECTIONS 27 AND 28 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Quimbo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2380, entitled:

“AN ACT INTRODUCING DIVORCE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 26, 55 TO 66 AND

REPEALING ARTICLE 36 UNDER TITLE II OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2381, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PANAON ISLAND CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN SOUTHERN LEYTE”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2382, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2383, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DONSOL, SORSOGON, DANCALAN, STA. CRUZ, BUENAVISTA, ZONE 1, PIO DURAN, ALBAY ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representatives Escudero and Gonzalez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2384, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BANWANG GURANG, DONSOL, SORSOGON - JOVELLAR, ALBAY ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representatives Escudero and Gonzalez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2385, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A SYSTEM OF PERFORMANCE PLANNING, BUDGETING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES”

By Representative Abad
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2386, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE FUNDAMENTAL EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 14, 96, 124, 211 AND 255 OF

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Abad
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 2387, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENFORCE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY IN PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (PFM) BY STRENGTHENING CONGRESS' POWER OF THE PURSE, INSTITUTING AN INTEGRATED PFM SYSTEM, AND INCREASING BUDGET TRANSPARENCY AND PARTICIPATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abad
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2388, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, PROMOTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR ENERGY SECURITY, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AND GRANTING INCENTIVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abad
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2389, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 279 AND 281 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Paduano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2390, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE VERDE PASSAGE MARINE CORRIDOR LOCATED IN THE PROVINCES OF BATANGAS, MINDORO OCCIDENTAL, MINDORO ORIENTAL, MARINDUQUE, AND ROMBLON AS A PROTECTED AREA, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2391, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE ALLOCATION FORMULA USED IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE SHARE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE TWO PERCENT (2%) TAX ON GROSS INCOME EARNED BY ALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WITHIN THE SUBIC SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992,' AS AMENDED”

By Representative Roman
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BASES
CONVERSION

House Bill No. 2392, entitled:

“AN ACT CLASSIFYING THE SERVICES OF FRANCHISE GRANTEEES OF WATER UTILITIES, AND SALE OR IMPORTATION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT DIRECTLY USED IN OPERATING, MAINTAINING, IMPROVING AND EXPANDING DISTRIBUTION OF POTABLE WATER BY WATER UTILITIES AS VALUE-ADDED TAX EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 933, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 2393, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING A THREE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON TUITION AND OTHER FEE INCREASES (TOFI) ON ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2394, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ACT, AND RECHANNELING THE SAME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MASS TRANSPORT SYSTEM SUPPORT FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2395, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY ADDITIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE AND BENEFITS FOR JOURNALISTS, EMPLOYEES OF MEDIA ENTITIES ON FIELD ASSIGNMENT AND FREELANCE JOURNALISTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2396, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS' ”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL
SERVICES

House Bill No. 2397, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN BUILDING STANDARD FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE PRACTICES, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND RETROFITTING OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Bondoc
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2398, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND (1000), UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bondoc
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2399, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL SOCIAL AND CIVIC SERVICE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS BY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9163 OR THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP) ACT OF 2001”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2400, entitled:

“AN ACT INCLUDING VALUES FORMATION
AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT IN THE
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
CURRICULA AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2401, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF ONE TOILET FOR
EVERY FIVE CLASSROOM IN ALL PUBLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE FOURTH
DISTRICT OF LEYTE”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2402, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF AN ADDITIONAL BUILDING FOR
THE ORMOC CITY JAIL IN BARANGAY
ALTA VISTA, ORMOC CITY, LEYTE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2403, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PROVIDING
FOR MORE SEVERE PENALTIES FOR
LARGE SCALE EXPLORATION AND
EXPLOITATION OF CORAL, CORAL
REEFS, AND FISHING OR TAKING
OF THREATENED OR ENDANGERED
SPECIES, AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTS OF
DESTRUCTION OF OUR MARINE AND
AQUATIC RESOURCES, AMENDING FOR
THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISION OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES
CODE OF 1998”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2404, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL FILM
ARCHIVE TO BE MANAGED BY THE
FILM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2405, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROVISIONS
OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 8550,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE
FISHERIES CODE OF 1998, BY INCREASING
THE PENALTY FOR THE FISHING OR
TAKING OF RARE, THREATENED OR
ENDANGERED SPECIES AND THE
AMOUNT OF BAIL FOR VIOLATION OF
SECTIONS 87 AND 97”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2406, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) TO
OPEN ITS BRANCHES OR OFFICES ON
SATURDAYS TO SERVICE THE PUBLIC
NEED”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2407, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAMPO
3, MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR,
PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO
BE KNOWN AS THE CAMPO 3 NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo
(M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2408, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DE
ASIS, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN,
PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO
BE KNOWN AS THE DE ASIS NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo
(M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2409, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SUSO, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SUSO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2410, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DARUMAWANG ILAYA, MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DARUMAWANG ILAYA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2411, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAHAYAGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KAHAYAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2412, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY INUDARAN I (ONE), MUNICIPALITY OF SAPAD, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE INUDARAN I (ONE) NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2413, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAHAYAHAY, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAHAYAHAY NATIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2414, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAMAGUM, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAMAGUM NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2415, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CALUBE, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALUBE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2416, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY UPPER STA. CRUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE UPPER STA. CRUZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2417, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY OLD POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF POONA PIAGAPO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE OLD POBLACION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2418, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY REBE, MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE REBE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2419, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN MANUEL, MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN MANUEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2420, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MABUHAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MABUHAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2421, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LOCAL ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION OF LANA DEL NORTE INTERIOR CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD AT BARANGAY TAMBACON THROUGH BARANGAYS LEMONCRETE, SOMIORANG, POBLACION, AND BACK TO THE LANA DEL NORTE INTERIOR CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, TO BE KNOWN

AS MAGSAYSAY CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2422, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION OF THE ILIGAN - AURORA NATIONAL HIGHWAY AT BARANGAY BULOD OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, THROUGH BARANGAY BUALAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROY TO BARANGAYS PENDULONAN AND REBE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LALA TO BARANGAYS PANCILAN, PANOLOON, AND KATIPUNAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAPAD TO BARANGAYS MAHAYAHAY, BEL-IS, SOSO, KIDALOS, AND CATHEDRAL FALLS TO THE JUNCTION OF THE ILIGAN - AURORA NATIONAL HIGHWAY AT BARANGAY BUTADON IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, TO BE KNOWN AS KAPATAGAN VALLEY INTERSECTIONS NATIONAL HIGHWAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2423, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TAMBACON, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TAMBACON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2424, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MALA SALOG, MUNICIPALITY OF SAPAD, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MALA SALOG NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2425, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD WHICH TRAVERSES AND CONNECTS THE MUNICIPALITIES OF (MUDENG) LA PAZ, LANGIDEN AND (PALANG) SAN QUINTIN IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA AND (SALLACONG) BANTAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bernos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2426, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE REORGANIZATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2427, entitled:

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

By Representative Javier
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2428, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT OF APPEALS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION NINE OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG 129, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”

By Representative Defensor
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2429, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SANGLEY POINT SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN

THE CITY OF CAVITE, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE SANGLEY POINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2430, entitled:

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

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2431, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE CITY OF ILIGAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2432, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS FROM FIVE (5) TO TEN (10) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996' ”

By Representative Oaminal
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2433, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STO. TOMAS AND AGONCILLO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Collantes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2434, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF ALL PUNONG BARANGAYS WITHIN THE COVERAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) AND PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH)”

By Representative Collantes

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

House Bill No. 2435, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PHILIPPINE CREDIT CARD INDUSTRY”

By Representative Collantes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 2436, entitled:

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

By Representative Collantes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 2437, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015' ”

By Representative Ferrer (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2438, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9689, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SORSOGON SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ramos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2439, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10149 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'GOCC GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2011' ”

By Representative Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2440, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Arenas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2441, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CIGARS, CIGARETTES AND ALCOHOLIC OR INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR BEVERAGE TO MINORS”

By Representative Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2442, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING CITY AND MUNICIPAL REHABILITATION CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES”

By Representative Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2443, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PROTECTION, CONSERVATION AND REHABILITATION OF WATERSHEDS SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION SYSTEMS (NIS) TO GUARANTEE CONTINUING SUPPLY OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF FARMERS TO SUSTAIN FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND PROVIDING THE FUNDING THEREOF”

By Representative Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2444, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF FINE MESH NETS IN TRAMMEL NET SET-UP AND OTHER SIMILAR FISHING OPERATIONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 4 AND 89 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2445, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO FARMERS WHO SUFFER FROM RECURRENT DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES, TO SUSTAIN AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND FINANCING, AND TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY, BY MAKING INSURANCE MANDATORY FOR PALAY AND OTHER ESSENTIAL CROPS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1467, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8175, OR THE 'REVISED CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION (PCIC) ACT OF 1995', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2446, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE BOHOL PORTS AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2447, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF EXPIRATION OF PREPAID CARDS, CERTIFICATES OR OTHER DEVICES OF PREPAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2448, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ARTISTS' WELFARE PROTECTION AND INFORMATION ACT, AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE”

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

House Bill No. 2449, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC

ADJUSTMENT OF THE BASIC MONTHLY PENSION FOR RETIRED PERSONNEL COVERED BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO THE PREVAILING COST OF LIVING INDEX”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2450, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REPRESENTATION IN ALL LEVELS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, CREATING THE SANGGUNIANG SENIOR CITIZENS, THE KATIPUNAN NG SENIOR CITIZENS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2451, entitled:

“AN ACT DEVELOPING AND EXPANDING PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES, UTILIZING AND APPROPRIATING A PORTION OF THE RESERVE FUND OF THE PHILHEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE, AMENDING SECTION 27 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 1995', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2452, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TAX RELIEF DURING TIMES OF CALAMITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 2453, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORN INDUSTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2454, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE HONORARIA OR ALLOWANCES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AT MINIMUM WAGE LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 PARAGRAPH (a) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2455, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL DEVELOPMENT BY PROVIDING FOR A SIX-YEAR ACCELERATED IRRIGATION PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF IRRIGATION PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2456, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE CONDITIONAL CASH SUBSIDY PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 2457, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OF THE WATER SECTOR, CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER, SEWAGE, AND SANITATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2458, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP FOR AGRIBUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS IN THE AGRICULTURAL CURRICULA OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2459, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE AGRICULTURAL GUARANTEE FUND POOL AND RENAMING IT AS THE AGRICULTURAL GUARANTEE CORPORATION, EXPANDING ITS COVERAGE TO GUARANTEE POST PRODUCTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2460, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO EARMARK A PORTION OF THEIR INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT (IRA) FOR FREE MEDICINES TO INDIGENT PATIENTS IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2461, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOHOL SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BOHOL SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2462, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE STRENGTHENING OF THE NATIONAL EXTENSION SYSTEM TO ACCELERATE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2463, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION IN THE FORM OF SPECIAL ALLOWANCES FOR ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2464, entitled:

“AN ACT REVITALIZING THE COCONUT
INDUSTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2465, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF
FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES,
PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE
ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2466, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL,
REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO
ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
A DIALYSIS WARD OR UNIT AND
PROVIDING FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENT
TO INDIGENT PATIENTS”

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

House Bill No. 2467, entitled:

“AN ACT REINSTATING THE RESERVE
OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) AS
A MANDATORY COURSE OR SUBJECT
FOR STUDENTS IN ALL PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES AND
SIMILAR POST-SECONDARY LEARNING
INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE
COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2468, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF
LANAO DEL NORTE AS A TOURISM
DEVELOPMENT AREA, CREATING
THE LANA DEL NORTE TOURISM
COUNCIL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (M.) and Dimaporo
(A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2469, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ARBORETUM
IN THE PREMISES OF THE
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF KOLAMBUGAN,
LANAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS
THE KOLAMBUGAN ARBORETUM AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (M.) and Dimaporo (A.)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 2470, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ARBORETUM
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN,
LANAO DEL NORTE WITH THE MIGHTY
CAVE PARK IN IT, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
MIGHTY CAVE PARK ARBORETUM AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (M.) and Dimaporo
(A.)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 2471, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PRIVATE
SECURITY INDUSTRY, REPEALING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5487,
ENTITLED, 'AN ACT TO REGULATE
THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION
OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE, WATCHMEN
OR SECURITY GUARD AGENCIES', AS
AMENDED”

By Representative Geron
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2472, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING AGRICULTURAL
FARMERS AND FARMER BENEFICIARIES
NON-BENEFITS IN THE FORM OF
FREE TERTIARY EDUCATION FOR
AGRICULTURAL COURSES IN ALL
STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS
IMPLEMENTATION, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Geron
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2473, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF COOPERATIVES TO DEVELOP INTO VIABLE AND RESPONSIBLE ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 6938 BY ADDING SECTION 9-B ON COOPERATIVE POWERS AND CAPACITIES”

By Representative Geron
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2474, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE WORDS 'MUSLIM' AND 'CHRISTIAN' IN MASS MEDIA TO DESCRIBE ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OF OR CONVICTED FOR HAVING COMMITTED CRIMINAL OR UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF”

By Representative Papandayan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2475, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRIVATIZATION AND CORPORATIZATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES”

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

House Bill No. 2476, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING PUBLIC SOLICITATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1564, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLICITATION PERMIT LAW”

By Representatives Aggabao and Roa-Puno
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 2477, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) FARE DISCOUNT TO EVERY BONAFIDE STUDENT ON TRANSPORTATION FARES/RATES CHARGED BY TAXIS, SUVs, JEEPNEYS, BUSES, LIGHT RAIL TRANSITS, METRO RAIL TRANSITS OR SIMILAR LAND TRANSPORT SYSTEMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2478, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING THREE INTEGRATED AND CENTRALIZED BUS TERMINALS OR TRANSPORT HUBS FOR ALL CITY AND PROVINCIAL BUSES IN METRO MANILA THROUGH INTER-AGENCY APPROACH, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2479, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING AND IMPLEMENTING SEAT SPACE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSENGER JEEPNEYS BASED ON ANTHROPOMETRIC DIMENSIONS OF PASSENGERS EQUIVALENT TO 357 MM HIP BREADTH OR 14 INCHES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2480, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE-ONLINE LEARNING SYSTEM FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND FIRST TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 2481, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING ADVERTISERS AND ADVERTISING AGENCIES TO DETERMINE BILLBOARD CONTENT AND PRESCRIBING SELF-REGULATORY CRITERIA THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2482, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION TO LOOSELY REGULATE ACCREDITATION TOWARD A LIBERAL GRANT OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY AND SUPPORT TO EVERY LEGITIMATE ATHLETE OR TEAM COMPETING IN SPORTS COMPETITION ABROAD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2483, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CADIZ, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Cueva
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2484, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF SAGAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Cueva
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2485, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE LAKE MAINIT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representatives Amante and Barbers
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2486, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LOCAL ABSENTEE VOTING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS”

By Representatives Suansing (E.) and Suansing (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2487, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LOCAL ABSENTEE VOTING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY”

By Representatives Suansing (E.) and Suansing (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2488, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH, SANCTUARY OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAMPICUAN, NUEVA ECIJA AS A PILGRIMAGE SITE AND TOURIST

DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2489, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MOUNT BULAYLAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, NUEVA ECIJA AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2490, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALSO KNOWN AS THE TAONG PUTIK DAMBANA NI SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, IN BARANGAY BIBICLAT, ALIAGA, NUEVA ECIJA AS A PILGRIMAGE SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2491, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY SALARIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00) AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000.00)”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2492, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE STO. DOMINGO - QUEZON - LICAB - VICTORIA PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE PROVINCES OF NUEVA ECIJA AND TARLAC INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREON”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2493, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMBA - PURA ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO THE

MUNICIPALITY OF PURA, PROVINCE OF TARLAC INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2494, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE GUIMBA - TALUGTUG - UMINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GUIMBA AND TALUGTUG, NUEVA ECIIJA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF UMINGAN, PANGASINAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREON”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2495, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ANAO - CUYAPO ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY CABADUCAN WEST, MUNICIPALITY OF NAMPICUAN, TO BARANGAY CURVA, MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIIJA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2496, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF REDISTRIBUTING AND RECYCLING FOOD SURPLUS TO PROMOTE FOOD SECURITY”

By Representative Estrella
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 2497, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT WITH SEATS AT MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sandoval
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2498, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN ZAMBOANGA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2499, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2500, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) BARANGAYS, TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MASAO AND BARANGAY TIMBABAUAN, BOTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2501, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TITAY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2502, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING TUNGAWAN TO MALUNGON PROVINCIAL ROAD, SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY UP TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIOCON, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2503, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TITAY - BANGCO ROAD TO BOUNDARY OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF TITAY, PROVINCE

OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY AND THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2504, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SURABAY - SAN FERNANDINO ROAD TO BOUNDARY OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF R.T. LIM, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY AND THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2505, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MANDATORY COVERAGE IN THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS) OF SMALL FARMERS AND FARMWORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 9(a), 9-A(5) AND 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282 AND SECTIONS 8(3) AND 23(9) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7606, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Ortega (V.) and Estrella
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2506, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PASO DE BLAS, CITY OF VALENZUELA TO BE KNOWN AS PASO DE BLAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Martinez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2507, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY UGONG, CITY OF VALENZUELA TO BE KNOWN AS JUSTICE ELIEZER R. DE LOS SANTOS HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Martinez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2508, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAGBAGUIN, CITY OF VALENZUELA TO BE KNOWN AS BAGBAGUIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Martinez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2509, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS THROUGH THE USE OF THE INTERNET AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2510, entitled:

“COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES LAW”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2511, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT, AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HIV AND AIDS PLAN, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998,' APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2512, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2513, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE R.A. 7277 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS'“

By Representative Roa-Puno
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2514, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS, A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2515, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 22 INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR MAKING OR DRAWING AND ISSUANCE OF A CHECK WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS, OR CREDIT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES INCLUDING MAKING OR DRAWING AND ISSUANCE OF A CHECK WITH A CLOSED BANK ACCOUNT”

By Representative Durano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 2516, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SCIENCE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTHERN LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2517, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN PANAON ISLAND IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2518, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MALITBOG, SOUTHERN LEYTE”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2519, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BARANGAY ROAD FROM BARANGAY ASUNCION IN MAASIN CITY TO BARANGAY PAKU, BONTOC, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2520, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BARANGAY ROAD FROM BARANGAY PACO TO BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL IN MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2521, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TAWID - GUADALUPE - CABULIHAN - STO. ROSARIO - MANHILO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN MAASIN CITY, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2522, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ST. BERNARD - HINUNANGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST. BERNARD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2523, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PINUT-AN-BAHAY - LILOAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN BARANGAY PINUT-AN-BAHAY, MUNICIPALITY OF LILOAN, PROVINCE

OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2524, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAN JUAN TO NAVA, HINUNANGAN ROAD IN SOUTHERN LEYTE”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2525, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE LIMASAWA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2526, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF FORESTRY IN SOUTHERN LEYTE”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2527, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING GUINSAUGON ECO-ADVENTURE PARK IN GUINSAUGON, ST. BERNARD, SOUTHERN LEYTE AS THE GUINSAUGON ECO-ADVENTURE NATIONAL PARK”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2528, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2529, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING LOCAL TAXATION AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 150, CHAPTER 1, TITLE ONE, BOOK II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE”

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

House Bill No. 2530, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE OR HABAL-HABAL, THEREBY AUTHORIZING CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO GRANT FRANCHISES FOR THEIR OPERATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 447 AND 458 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”

By Representative Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2531, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE POSITION OF SANITATION INSPECTOR TO THE NEXT HIGHER SALARY GRADE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2532, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE POBLACION, PADRE GARCIA - SAN CARLOS, ROSARIO ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PADRE GARCIA AND ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF”

By Representative Bolilia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2533, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE TAYSAN, SAN JOSE - SAMBAT, SAN PASCUAL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF”

By Representative Bolilia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2534, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE POBLACION, PADRE GARCIA

– MARILAG, ROSARIO ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PADRE GARCIA AND ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF”

By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2535, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE POBLACION, ROSARIO – MAHANADIONG, TAYSAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ROSARIO AND TAYSAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF”

By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2536, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE POBLACION 3, SAN JOSE - POBLACION, IBAAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN JOSE AND IBAAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF”

By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2537, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE POBLACION - DAGATAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYSAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF”

By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2538, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE BANAY BANAY I - STO. CRISTO ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN

JOSE, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF”

By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2539, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FREE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS TO GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, COLLEGE ENTRANTS OR TRANSFEREES APPLYING FOR ADMISSION IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE TOP TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE GRADUATING CLASS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION IN PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2540, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTING PRODUCTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2541, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAYS THROUGH SUPPORT FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2542, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFESSIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TO FIVE YEARS”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2543, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TAGONGON - STA. MARIA - STA. JUANA - MAPUTI

- DREAMLAND - BINGCONGON - SAN ROQUE ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGBINA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2544, entitled:

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

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 2545, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE CONDITIONS FOR ENTITLEMENT THAT A FAMILY ENROLLED IN THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) OR IN OTHER CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER (CCT) SCHEMES MUST COMPLY WITH AS REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUED PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY
ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 2546, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING MANDATORY AND AUTOMATIC PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), THEREBY AMENDING 'THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY' OR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2547, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TABON - LABISMA - LAWIGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2548, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS SAFE AND QUALITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM,

REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 9173 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 2002, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 2549, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AND ENHANCING THE ROLE OF PARENT-TEACHER (COMMUNITY) ASSOCIATIONS IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND THE YOUTH, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 603 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE’”

By Representative Romualdez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2550, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ACCREDITED CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKERS (DAY CARE WORKERS), CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEACHERS, TEACHER AIDES, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND NUTRITION PROVIDERS, RURAL HEALTH MIDWIVES AND OTHER CARE PROVIDERS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10410 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'EARLY YEARS ACT OF 2013’”

By Representative Romualdez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF
CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2551, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING PUBLIC REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTERS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2552, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A FOURTH DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roque (R.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2553, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TEODORO N. PEPITO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roque (R.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2554, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 2555, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THEREBY INSTITUTIONALIZING A COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION PLAN THROUGH A WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY APPROACH WITH PHIVOLCS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS LEAD AGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2556, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION DIRECT REGULATORY POWER TO IMPOSE FINE AND REVOKE FRANCHISE OF FERRING TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS SERVICE PROVIDER ON UNSOLICITED OR UNWANTED MESSAGE OR MATERIAL VIA TEXT TO MOBILE PHONE USER/SUBSCRIBER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2557, entitled:

“AN ACT SPECIFYING ONE MORE EXCEPTION UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE ON EXTRA-TERRITORIAL CRIMINAL JURISDICTION THEREBY PROVIDING ADDED PROTECTION TO OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2558, entitled:

“AN ACT CONSTITUTING THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA), OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AND COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF CONGRESS INTO A TRIPARTITE BODY TO BE KNOWN AS THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL TO PERFORM IDENTIFIED TASKS ENABLING GOVERNMENT TO EFFECTIVELY RUN AFTER CORRUPT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND MAKE THEM TO ACCOUNT FOR EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2559, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS AS INTER-AGENCY STRUCTURE TO UNDERTAKE REGULATORY REVIEW AND TAKE CHARGE OF ALL REGULATORY AFFAIRS OF SMALL, MEDIUM, AND LARGE BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE OR ACTIVITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2560, entitled:

“AN ACT UNILATERALLY MANDATING COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO DEFINE CAMPUS HAZING, ENUMERATE FORMS OF HAZING, AND DISSEMINATE THROUGH PERTINENT CIRCULAR ACTIVITIES THAT COULD BE ENDORSED IN ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AS APPROPRIATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2561, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC ROADS IN ALL URBAN AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barbers
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2562, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
CONVERSION OF THE POBLACION -
BILOGO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAYSAN, PROVINCE
OF BATANGAS INTO A NATIONAL ROAD
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE
MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT
THEREOF”

By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2563, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING LOCAL CABINET
SECRETARY POSITIONS IN
THE PROVINCES, CITIES AND
MUNICIPALITIES, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Palma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 2564, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FIXED COMPENSATION
TO ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT 7160 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Palma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2565, entitled:

“AN ACT SEEKING TO INCLUDE BARANGAY
OFFICIALS IN THE COMPULSORY
MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNMENT
SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS),
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE RA 8291
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Palma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2566, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT
OF ONE MIDWIFE FOR EACH BARANGAY,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Palma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2567, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION

OF THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM
JUNCTION LUTIMAN TO GUICAM ROAD
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALICIA,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY
INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated August 3, 2016, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, entitled:

"CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we call the roll of Members.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Secretary General is directed to call the roll of Members.

PRESENT

Abad	Alvarez (M.)
Abayon	Alvarez (P.)
Abu	Amante
Abueg	Amatong
Acharon	Angara-Castillo
Acop	Aragones
Acosta	Arbison
Acosta-Alba	Arcillas
Aglipay-Villar	Arenas
Albano	Atienza
Alcala	Bagatsing
Almario	Barbers
Almonte	Bataoil
Alonte-Naguiat	Batocabe
Alvarez (F.)	Bautista-Bandigan

Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.)
Belmonte (R.)
Benitez
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel

Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Estrella
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Floirendo
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (J.)
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gorriceta
Gullas
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lazatin
Leachon
Lee
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.)
Loyola
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (S.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas

Mercado	Sarmiento (E.)
Mirasol	Savellano
Montoro	Siao
Nieto	Silverio
Noel	Singson
Nogralas (J.)	Suansing (E.)
Nolasco	Suansing (H.)
Núñez-Malanyaon	Suarez
Oaminal	Sy-Alvarado
Olivarez	Tan (A.)
Ong (E.)	Tan (M.)
Ong (H.)	Tan (S.)
Ortega (P.)	Tejada
Ortega (V.)	Teves
Pacquiao	Tiangco
Paduano	Ting
Palma	Tinio
Pancho	Tolentino
Panganiban	Treñas
Panotes	Tugna
Papandayan	Tupas
Pichay	Turabin-Hataman
Pimentel	Ty
Pineda	Umali
Plaza	Unabia
Primicias-Agabas	Ungab
Quimbo	Unico
Ramirez-Sato	Uy (R.)
Ramos	Uybarreta
Relampagos	Vargas
Revilla	Vargas-Alfonso
Roa-Puno	Velarde
Robes	Velasco
Rocamora	Velasco-Catera
Rodriguez (I.)	Veloso
Romero	Vergara
Romualdez	Villafuerte
Romualdo	Villanueva
Roque (H.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Roque (R.)	Villarica
Sacdalan	Villarin
Sagarbarria	Yap (A.)
Salceda	Yap (V.)
Salimbangon	Yu
Salo	Zamora (M.)
Salon	Zamora (R.)
Sambar	Zarate
Sandoval	Zubiri
Sarmiento (C.)	

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 239 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 239 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of our guests in the gallery.

We have guests of the Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nogralas, the Hon. Cesar V. Sarmiento, the Hon. Mark Aeron H. Sambar and the Hon. Jericho Jonas B. Nogralas. They are Ms. Priscilla Baek of Uber and Mr. Leo Gonzales of Grab transportation services.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). May we request the guests so mentioned to please rise to be acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. BONDOC. Likewise, Mme. Speaker, we would like to greet the guests of the Hon. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. from the Party-List KABAYAN. They are from the Balay Rehabilitation Center, namely: Ms. Lisa Ugay, Ms. Sarah Jane Salimbagat and Ms. Josephine Lascano; from the International Committee of the Red Cross, Atty. Evecar Cruz-Ferrer; from the National Anti-Poverty Commission Victims of Disaster and Calamities Sector, Mr. Redentor Matibag, Ms. Regina Antequisa and Ms. Editha Simagala; and from the UP Law Center IILS, Atty. Marwil Llasos, Atty. Celeste Cembrano-Mallari, Ms. Milagros Baetiong and Ms. Aurelia Tolentino. Mme. Speaker, they are the guests of the Hon. H. Harry L. Roque Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). We acknowledge the guests from KABAYAN Party-List. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, having disposed of the Business of the Day, and with the unanimous consent of the House, I move that we declare a Privilege Hour.

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

The Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, the first of our colleagues who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Gentleman from the Party-List KABAYAN. I move for the recognition of the Hon. H. Harry L. Roque Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Harry Roque is now recognized for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ROQUE (H.)

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mme. Speaker, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

Over the past few weeks, both local and international media have reported that hundreds of our fellow citizens have perished at the hands of state and non-state actors on what appears to be an unprecedented war against drugs and drug syndicates. If anything, what is more alarming than the number of people who have died is the number of people at home or in their room who have failed to recognize that we are at war against our own people within our own territory. While we can all agree that the invasion of illegal drugs in our society is an insidious evil, we must certainly agree that murdering accused persons is clearly manifest one.

It is in this light that the amendment of the International Humanitarian Law or IHL is timely. The development of the IHL has moved towards protecting civilians, not only in international armed conflicts, but also during times of peace. Thus, the IHL protects us not only during times of war, but it protects us at this very moment from the authority of our military. The importance of the IHL is now greater than it has ever been.

Today, I speak before you in advance of August 12, on which we commemorate the International Humanitarian Law Day or the IHL Day in the Philippines, as decreed by Executive Order No. 134.

Let us take this opportunity to remind ourselves of the significance of the IHL—how it has protected innocent civilians in wars all over the world, in the wars of the past, and how we can use it to protect our fellow brothers and sisters in the war at hand.

The IHL is that branch of international law that is applicable where there is an armed conflict. It seeks to protect individuals who are not actively taking part in any armed conflict. Included in this group of individuals accorded protection are the biggest group of individuals—civilians. It also seeks to limit the means and methods of warfare that combatants may resort to.

Mme. Speaker, I am proud to say that our country has made strides in strengthening its commitment and adherence to the International Humanitarian Law or the law on armed conflict, acting on the constitutional principle that we, as a nation, renounce war as an instrument of national policy and adopt generally accepted principles of international law as part of the laws of the land.

Foremost of this is the passage by this august Body of Republic Act No. 9851 or the “Philippine Act on Crimes Against International Humanitarian Law, Genocide and Other Crimes Against Humanity,” enacted on December 11, 2009, which defines and prohibits war crimes, crimes against humanity and

genocide. Furthermore, it codified the applicability of the exercise of universal jurisdiction for these crimes, thereby subjecting every Filipino, even a sitting President, to possible indictment.

We have affirmed the commitment of the country to uphold the principles of international law as demonstrated by our ratification of such conventions such as the 1948 Genocide Convention and its Additional Protocols. In 2011, we also became the 117th state party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

The Philippines now stands among the countries that have undertaken to insulate civilian populations from the adverse consequences of war. However, the culture of impunity within our country presents tough challenges to us as legislators where there are thousands of Filipinos in conflict-affected areas. The past decade has seen us grappling with serious violations of the IHL, especially the impact of conflicts on children and on communities in armed conflict.

In 2003, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon raised concern that virtually all military forces involved in armed conflicts in the Philippines employed child soldiers between the ages of 12 and 17, supplying them with uniforms and weapons, in order to further their cause. The MILF, the NPA, the NDFP, the Abu Sayyaf, and even our very own Armed Forces of the Philippines are all guilty of this unlawful practice. Whether fighting on our behalf or of the state, children have been caught in the middle of the socio-political conflicts of men. The United Nations has even verified the recruitment and use of 17 children by the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters—15 of them were used as human shields.

Just this year, the UN verified the rape of a 14-year-old girl by three soldiers in three separate incidents in May and July. The soldiers fortunately were punished under court martial proceedings.

We have also verified cases of attacks on schools and education personnel taking place in indigenous communities. Private schools run by non-governmental organizations were systematically targeted for alleged links to the New People’s Army. Five incidents were attributed to the Magahat Paramilitary Group, three to the Armed Forces of the Philippines, two to the Alamara Paramilitary Group, and one each to the New People’s Army and the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters.

On the situation of internally displaced persons, displacement caused by conflict and violence is reported to be on the rise since 2015. As of May 2015, it was estimated that at least 119,000 people remained displaced in the Philippines due to conflict and violence. This is nearly twice the number of people who were displaced in 2014. The majority of these persons fled military offensives launched by the AFP against the BIFF at the end of February 2015 in the provinces of

Maguindanao and North Cotabato.

Special mention must be given to Mindanao. It is estimated that since the year 2000, over four million people have been displaced there at one time due to a combination of conflict, crime and violence, including clan-related violence or “rido.”

Mme. Speaker, how can we not be alarmed by these data? How is it that we know very little about the victims of wars within our territory? The answer is simple. The most vulnerable victims of war are, as a general rule, the most marginalized—women, children, indigenous people and those farthest away from Manila.

The IHL is significant because it protects all of us. But its true value lies in the fact that it seeks to protect those who need protection the most. Recently, media has also been asking me if the supposed extrajudicial killings of suspected drug pushers fall under the scope of the IHL and can be brought to the International Criminal Court for redress. If I may, I would like to take some time to answer this carefully.

I stress that although we refer to the war against drugs as a war, it is not covered by the IHL. It is governed by the Human Rights Law and International Criminal Law, specifically by International Criminal Law, which is an area where the IHL and human rights have recently converged.

Under Article VII, Section 1 of the Rome Statute, a crime against humanity is defined, as “a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack.” By definition, crimes against humanity may be committed in times of peace, without the existence of an armed conflict, which is why crimes against humanity are outside the scope of the IHL. But from what we can see today, it is clear that civilian populations are, in fact, under attack. We see this, and the International Court of Justice has recognized this fact through news reports all around us, overwhelmingly establishing that hundreds of Filipinos have been killed either directly or by governmental forces or with their support or tolerance. The numbers today range from a high of 900 to a low of 600. It is also clear that apparently, the President is aware of these acts and that they are, in fact, ongoing. Even without proof of a directive on his part, he has, in many instances, spoken about the use of violence against drug syndicates.

The trickier question is whether these attacks can be considered widespread or systematic to justify an indictment. To understand what these two words mean, “widespread” and “systematic,” we can take a look at jurisprudence for guidance.

In the seminal case of *Prosecutor v. Akayesu*, decided by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, a former Mayor, Jean-Paul Akayesu, was found guilty of nine counts, including crimes against humanity, for subjecting many Tutsis to violence and

other forms of hatred during the Rwandan genocide of 1994.

To refresh your memory, this genocide was systematically implemented with state organs asking the population to go ahead and rape Tutsi women so they can taste how awful tasting these Tutsi women were. According to the tribunal for Rwanda, the term “widespread” could be defined as “massive, frequent, large-scale action, carried out collectively with considerable seriousness and directed against a multiplicity of victims” while “systematic” could be defined as “thoroughly organized and following a regular pattern on the basis of a common policy involving substantial public or private resources.”

Moreover, according to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, in the case of *Prosecutor v. Blaskic*, the term “systematic” was further defined as follows:

- (1) The existence of a political objective, a plan pursuant to which the attack is perpetrated or an ideology, in the broad sense of the word, that is, to destroy, persecute, or weaken a community;
- (2) the perpetration of a criminal act on a very large scale against a group of civilians or the repeated and continuous commission of inhumane acts linked to one another;
- (3) the preparation and use of significant public or private resources whether military or other;
- (4) and the implication of high level political and/or military authorities in the definition and establishment of methodical plan.

The plan, however, according to the tribunal, need not be declared expressly or even stated clearly and precisely. It may be surmised from the occurrence of a series of events.

In the case of *Prosecutor v. Kunarac*, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia Appeals Chamber held that while proof that the attack was directed against a civilian population, and proof that it was widespread or systematic, were legal elements of the crime, and it was not necessary to show that they were the result of the existence of a policy or plan. The existence of a policy or plan could evidentially be relevant, but it was not a legal element of the crime.

What can we conclude from this brief survey of international law? While it would be imprudent for me to say with certainty that President Duterte has already committed a crime against humanity, it would still be a disservice to this entire nation if I did not warn the President to be careful. Neither the Rome Statute nor the General International Law prescribes a minimum number of victims for indictment. For so long as the ICC believes that the war on drugs is widespread and systematic, they are likely to investigate.

Note that the principle of state immunity is not an effective shield against the International Criminal Court. The ICC has indicted leaders even during their terms of office. It has done so in Kenya, Sudan, and other countries. Even without actual or direct participation, the President can be indicted for crimes under the principle of command responsibility for as long as he knows that such crimes were being committed, and that he failed to take all necessary and reasonable measures within his power to stop such acts.

The ICC does not need to wait for news about the massacre of an entire town or barangay before it can investigate. If the Administration does not temper the methods it has been using for the past few weeks, then it is only a matter of time before the international community turns its focus on the Philippines for justice. Please note that no less than 500 international organizations have now expressed alarm over these drug-related extralegal killings.

It is true that the ICC operates under the principle of complementarity, meaning, that primary jurisdiction to prosecute international crimes still belong to the State, and that is why we have the IHL Law. However, the International Tribunal may step in when it is clear that the State is unwilling and unable to do so, under the Principle of *aut dedere, aut judicare*. In other words, half-hearted investigation efforts or the refusal to investigate and prosecute widespread and systematic extrajudicial killings constituting crimes against humanity just cannot be an effective shield against the ICC's jurisdiction.

Mme. Speaker, fellow colleagues, in the same way that the Philippines has looked to international law as an impartial normative guide in addressing the issues surrounding the West Philippine Sea, so should it recall that it has acceded to the Rome Statute in its entirety.

We cannot have our cake and eat it too. If we are to aspire for any form of compliance with the ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration, we should not, on the other hand, turn a blind eye towards violations of human rights and International Humanitarian Law within our own country.

Today, to commemorate the IHL further, or the IHL Day further, I am filing two bills so that we may better be able to discharge our obligations under international law, and I will file this after this privilege speech.

The first is an "IHL Amendatory Act." It is meant to address infirmities or shortcomings in R.A. No. 9851. It revises the definitions of crime, genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, to follow and adhere strictly to the definitions found in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. It also deletes some acts not found within the Rome Statute. This proposed bill also integrates the elements of crimes as provided by members of the assembly of state parties of the International Criminal Court to assist in the interpretation and application of these crimes.

The second is a bill entitled, "Philippine-ICC Cooperation Act" with the principal objective of facilitating compliance with the Philippines' obligations under the Rome Statute. The bill recognizes that the ICC is not a supranational court. Its jurisdiction is complementary to that of states that have ratified its statute. When the court does act, it will rely at every step of its investigation and prosecution upon the cooperation with national law enforcement authorities to help gather evidence and testimony, to investigate and document crime scenes, to arrest suspects, and to imprison those individuals who are convicted by the court. The court will also rely on national law enforcement bodies to respect without delay privileges and immunities of the court and persons involved in its work.

For your information, Mme. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a Filipino sitting as a judge in the International Criminal Court in the person of Prof. Raul Pangalangan, former Dean of the UP College of Law.

Mme. Speaker, this is also an act of solidarity with the hundreds, if not thousands of children recruited to war efforts, over 60 million refugees who are fleeing siege conditions and enduring hunger and statelessness, doctors and medical personnel killed by indiscriminate aerial bombardment, and other persons who perished or endured widespread violations of International Humanitarian Law.

The bills are an output of the technical working group of the ICC implementation project of the Institute of International Legal Studies of the UP Law Center, which, until the filing of my certificate of candidacy, I used to head.

I thank the members and experts of the technical working group composed of the following agencies: the Institute of International Legal Studies of the UP Law Center, the UP College of Law, the Department of Justice, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Coalition of the International Criminal Court, the Commission on Human Rights, the Department of National Defense, and the Philippine Coalition for the International Criminal Court (PCICC).

I also thank nongovernmental organizations for their work in the IHL promotion and humanitarian protection. The guardian of the IHL, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and civil society groups like Balay Rehabilitation play the important role of neutral and impartial civil society in the promotion, respect and implementation of the IHL in the Philippines.

Without going into detail, I note related bills which had already been filed on the first day of the Seventeenth Congress on internally displaced persons and the establishment of a permanent Human Rights Victims Compensation Board in addition to the existing one, which exists solely for providing compensation to victims of martial law.

Honorable Members of the House of Representatives, Mme. Speaker, let us do our part in the fight against impunity of heinous crimes, and ensure sanctions against the most horrendous violations that can be committed in times of armed conflict and in the absence of one. It is in our power to help uphold the rule of law in our country and the system of international justice.

To one and all, happy IHL Day, happy IHL Month.

Maraming salamat po. I am now ready for interpellation, if there is any.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Roque (H.) to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) Hearing none, the motion to refer the speech of the Honorable Roque (H.) to the Committee on Rules is hereby approved.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, the next of our colleagues who wish to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Gentleman from the First District of Samar. I move that we recognize the Hon. Edgar Sarmiento.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento is now recognized for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SARMIENTO (E.)

REP. SARMIENTO (E.). Mme. Speaker, my dear colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen, good afternoon.

I am a Civil Engineer by profession and a practicing one before I became a Member of this Chamber.

I submitted this traffic scheme proposal in August of last year, prior to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation or APEC Summit while looking at the different construction activities in the elevated skyways.

I remembered reading from a write-up by a former NEDA Chief, saying that if time were money, then “the Philippines is losing P2.4 billion a day in potential income due to traffic congestion that eats up time that could have been used for productive pursuits.”

The NEDA Chief based his statement on the study

of JICA on the effect of traffic in Metro Manila on the national economy. However, based on the Senate hearing this morning, Secretary Art Tugade of the DOTr stated that our country is actually losing P3.2 billion a day in potential income due to the traffic problem.

Mme. Speaker, whether or not the loss of P3.2 billion daily is accurate or not, the reality which we do not want to live with any longer is the traffic problem.

After our session tonight, Mme. Speaker, once we hit the road, we go back to the same reality—traffic chaos. Our traffic situation is a multidimensional problem that has evolved and accrued through the years. We cannot just blame one cause alone, like the lack of discipline among drivers or the presence of colorum PUVs plying our roads.

Mme. Speaker, EDSA was built in the 1940s, when the population of Metro Manila was only 1.7 million while the national population was only 19 million. Seventy-six years later, the most needed infrastructure to support a rapidly growing metropolis and population—now totaling around 13 million in the National Capital Region—were never proportionately built for one reason or another. From the way the civil engineer in me sees it, and maybe all of us, we can no longer widen the roads. What can we do in the meantime, Mme. Speaker?

My proposal is to adopt the scheme used in New York City. New York, which is one of the oldest cities in the world, adopted a one-way system to resolve the traffic that up to now is still working. One-way system may be considered while work is in progress in the needed infrastructure like the connector for NLEX to SLEX, airport skyways, and proposed elevated highways.

EDSA, portion of Roxas Boulevard passing through C3, C4 and C5, should be converted into a one-way directional scheme. By converting these three major arteries to one-way roads, the road capacity will be doubled, hence, allowing the traffic to flow smoothly. This will give space for the construction of new elevated highways, additional public transport system, and address the problem of the delivery trucks as well.

This will just be a temporary scheme for a limited period of time. Upon completion of needed infrastructure to decongest the traffic, traffic route can be returned to the original system. Like the typical North America Interstate, these three major arteries of roads, namely: EDSA, Roxas Boulevard, and C3, 4, 5, will serve as a one-way interstate highway allowing exit to the different communities with the same traffic flow like Ortigas, Fort Bonifacio, Makati, and others.

My detailed proposals are as follows:

1. Convert the entire EDSA from Caloocan all

the way to Pasay–MOA intersection to one-way except for the outermost lanes which will serve as Bus Rapid Transit System lanes, one outer lane going down to Pasay, the other side outer lane going back to Caloocan City;

2. Convert a portion of Roxas Boulevard passing through C3, C4 as a one-way scheme also. This road will be used as the route going back to Caloocan from those residing in Manila; and

3. Convert the entire stretch from C5–Taguig as a one-way scheme. This is the route that will be used by commuters going back to Quezon City. By doubling the road capacity, the Bus Rapid Transit System or BRT System can be introduced the soonest possible time.

For immediate implementation, bus companies can form a consortium and assign some of their buses to the proposed Bus Rapid Transit System, which will be supervised by the owners and regulated by the LTFRB.

The Bus Rapid Transit System will have a frequency of 1 bus per 10 minutes. This will eliminate the problem of undisciplined bus drivers because there will no longer be competition or overtaking since the different bus companies are already assured of profit since they are now the owners of the consortium firm. Intersections along the three major one-way routes will be reduced to have a consistent traffic flow. The number of intersections should be strategically determined by the MMDA and the LGUs concerned.

Furthermore, the following are my proposals for the efficient movement of passengers and goods to attain the productivity level put forward by the Management Association of the Philippines to ensure that we are on the right track in achieving the Philippines' GDP growth target of seven percent or higher:

1. Provincial buses should no longer be allowed in EDSA. Instead, terminals will be placed in the north and south of EDSA. Bus companies that operate the Bus Rapid Transit System will be asked to provide buses that will carry passengers from the north and south terminals to the loading areas;

2. For immediate implementation and to cut on the cost and development of platforms and waiting sheds, the LRT and MRT terminals' loading and unloading areas will also serve as the only loading and unloading terminals for the buses. This will augment the capacity of our Mass Railway Transit System, since passengers who will not be accommodated in the trains have the option to use the BRT System; and

3. Delivery trucks will be allowed on the outermost lanes provided that they will still follow the scheduled truck ban.

Mme. Speaker, the solution to our traffic problem calls for actions that must be legislated and actions that can simply be implemented by the Executive

Department. One notable legislative proposal is the grant of emergency powers to the President. The emergency powers to be granted to the President would ease the application of procurement laws and prevent lower courts except the Supreme Court from issuing TROs and the likes to executive actions in traffic solutions. While the grant of emergency powers might seem sufficient, I believe that our traffic situation which took years to build up calls for every doable and practical solution possible.

Hence, Mme. Speaker, this Representation will be glad and will be supportive if our House Transportation Committee Chairman, Cong. Cesar V. Sarmiento, will convene a multi-government caucus for solving traffic in Metro Manila. Similar to the LEDAC or the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council, I believe that a similar setup is in order to draw up a long-term roadmap with short-, medium-, and long-term targets in easing traffic in Manila.

Let us attack the problem of traffic from all directions in a calibrated and strategic manner, Mme. Speaker. We should have done this way back. We should at least do something about the traffic mess in time for the upcoming Miss Universe pageant and let us do it now to make it really more fun in the Philippines.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Good afternoon, everyone.

I am ready for interpellations, if ever there are any. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Sarmiento (E.) to the Committee on Rules.

Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia to interpellate the honorable Speaker.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable De Venecia is now recognized for his interpellation.

REP. DE VENECIA. With the permission of the honorable Congressman from Samar, is it okay if I may just ask one query on your privilege speech?

REP. SARMIENTO (E.). Gladly, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DE VENECIA. Thank you, Mme. Chair.

You know, first of all, congratulations on this thorough study of the traffic situation in Metro Manila. I am from the Fourth District of Pangasinan but, of

course, I live here in Metro Manila and I encounter this traffic day in and day out.

I remember the State of the Nation Address of President Duterte and he did mention the Pasig River ferry system as a means of decongesting the traffic.

I wanted to ask your expertise, my dear colleague, on the viability of this Pasig River ferry system. I myself am very curious as to the scope and the effectivity of this and how this might affect the overall picture of the traffic in Manila.

REP. SARMIENTO (E.). Mme. Speaker, if you notice, most passengers do ride on the railway system rather than the ferry. Much as we want to introduce this, but one or two companies already introduced this sea transportation before, but unluckily it is not sustainable.

REP. DE VENECIA. Well, that is all. I just wanted to be enlightened because the prospect of a ferry system in Pasig is very exciting and I wish we could have a more thorough study of how this could possibly decongest the traffic situation in Metro Manila. I believe the same system is being explored in Cebu as what I read in the newspaper since it has also become, there is very heavy traffic from the airport to the city and that is one of the ways that they have devised to alleviate this problem.

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

REP. SARMIENTO (E.). Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Sarmiento (E.) and its interpellation to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to refer the speech of the Honorable Sarmiento to the Committee on Rules is hereby approved.

REP. SARMIENTO (E.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, our next colleague who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Lady from Party-List KABATAAN. I move that we recognize the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her privilege speech.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago from Party-List KABATAAN is now recognized for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ELAGO

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Distinguished colleagues, good afternoon.

On Friday, August 12, we are one with the youth of the world in celebrating the International Youth Day. Institutionalized in 1998 by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, the annual celebration aims to highlight the global impact of the youth.

This year, the International Youth Day is themed “The Road to 2030: Eradicating Poverty and Achieving Sustainable Consumption and Production.” But how do we make this relevant to the Filipino youth? How do we make initiatives and engagements felt on the ground?

Earlier today, we had a successful Young Legislators’ Forum. On behalf of student-leaders from various schools and universities, we are grateful to our colleagues, especially to Speaker Alvarez, to Rep. Toff De Venecia who co-hosted the event, to Rep. Winnie Castelo, to Rep. Geraldine Roman, and to Rep. Jonathan Sy-Alvarado who did not only grace the event, but more importantly expressed their commitment to decisively address the needs and demands of the youth and the students sector. Maraming salamat po sa inyong pagdalo at pakikiisa sa laban ng mga kabataan.

Mme. Speaker, in this morning’s forum, we were enlightened on the gravity of the crisis that hounds the Philippine education sector. More importantly, we felt the urgent need to respond. A significant majority of the Filipino youth are students but we fear that this will no longer be the case in the future if education becomes more deregulated and privatized.

For instance, representatives from a secondary public school aired out their concerns over the ramifications of the K to 12 Program. They denounced forced enrollment to private senior high schools due to the insufficiency of public senior high school facilities. They hit the flawed voucher system, forced homeschooling, among others. This Representation earlier decried the 400,000 students who were forced to drop out.

Tertiary education is at a much worse state now. College unaffordability escalated under the previous administration. In 2010, students had to pay an average of P30,000 to P50,000 on tuition. This amount grossly doubled to P100,000 in 2015.

The inaccessibility of UP education is emblematic of the crisis of public tertiary education system in our country. With the implementation of the Socialized Tuition System or commonly known as the STS, students are expected to shell out an average of P30,000 and an additional P20,000 for other school fees on top of the already burdensome tuition. Under this system,

only one percent of the population of UP students in Diliman enjoy free tuition. This is while the system has collected over P400 million, but only P30 million has been expended for student financial assistance. It is only accurate that UP students call themselves *Iskolar ng Bayad* and no longer *Iskolar ng Bayan*. Other commercialization schemes were raised by students, the dubious e-registration program under the eUP or SAIS, the privatization of dormitories, food service, and the perverse return service agreement of UP Manila, among others.

Coupled with the implementation of these anti-student policies are various forms of repression and democratic rights violations. To this day, some schools still lack representation, and in dire cases, students no longer see the relevance of student councils. As a former national president of the National Union of Students of the Philippines, this is an affront to representation and undermines the history and political value of student governance in higher education institutions. Nakakalungkot po na sa ating pinakamalalaking educational institutions, nagkakaroon ng mga failure of elections sa ating mga student councils. Ito ay talagang nagpapakita na dapat pa nating pagkaisahan ang pagbibigay halaga sa ating mga student representations sa ating mga paaralan.

Academic freedom is perennially threatened with the presence and operations of military personnel. We have yet to see the pullout of military troops and personnel in schools, especially in Lumad schools in Mindanao. Now, with news to revive the mandatory ROTC, we fear that the operations of the military will be legitimized and consequentially academic freedom will be undermined.

Outside our schools and universities, the youth labor force is subject to 5-5-5 or commonly known as the five-month endo, the five-month renewal or contractualization. Contractualization thrives because of the extreme inadequacy of jobs vis-à-vis the number of the new entrants into the labor force every year. In addition, young skilled or semi-skilled workers are forced to migrate to find work overseas where they are exposed to different forms of vulnerabilities.

The neoliberal thrust in the labor sector is to increase the cheap labor force for massive profits. Now, the past administration's K to 12 Program is the material basis for the intensified contractualization. It will produce a reserve force of semi-skilled workers that could serve as steady supply of cheap laborers both for the domestic and global markets.

There is unrest, discontent and resistance among the people and more pervasively among the youth. "Change is coming" is a commitment and a challenge. It is a challenge to deviate from the economics that has shoved the people to economic and political exploitation. Change, therefore, can only be substantiated with

the abrogation of the neoliberal policies. It is only by decisively breaking away from the chains of deregulation, privatization and commercialization of the youth and the workforce can we foment the youth as agents of genuine social change that the nation desires and deserves.

To end, Mme. Speaker, this Representation is ultimately invigorated with the enthusiasm and energy of the youth leaders who visited us early today. The future is bright for as long as we, the youth, use our openness to ideas, our energy, and our idealism to serve the people. There is no greater task than this. There is no better way to celebrate International Youth Day than to reignite the commitment of the youth to fulfill our historical role to side with the oppressed and the marginalized, to fight for freedom and civil liberties of the Filipino people.

Mabuhay ang mga pag-asa ng bayan. Mabuhay ang mga kabataan at sambayanang Pilipino. Maraming salamat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the Third District of Camarines Sur, the Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., for his chance to interpellate the distinguished Lady.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Bordado is now recognized for his interpellation.

REP. BORDADO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

I am happy to hear the voice, the literal and figurative voice, of the nation's young people here. Kindly see, Mme. Speaker, if I can propound a question to Congresswoman Elago. Where is Congresswoman Elago?

REP. ELAGO. Yes, my pleasure, Your Honor.

REP. BORDADO. Mme. Speaker, recently several quarters expressed alarm over the supposed "revisionism" in the history of our country. This process, as stated by, again, some quarters, is using the social media platforms and the ones greatly affected by this so-called "revisionism" are the young people of the Philippines.

Congresswoman Elago, kindly tell what specific courses of action is your group taking to address this concern?

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Representative Bordado.

KABATAAN Party-List is really fighting for an

educational system that is nationalist, scientific and mass-oriented. By nationalism, we fight for the teaching of Nationalism and History subjects that are nourished by telling of stories and iyong saysay ng kasaysayan sa pamamagitan ng pagkukuwento kung ano nga ba iyong mga nagawa ng mga bayani na nauna sa atin. Our Filipino revolutionary heroes are young. Andres Bonifacio, when he founded the Katipunan, was just 29. Mayroon tayong pinakabatang Heneral sa Katipunan at 21 years old si Gregorio Del Pilar when he was martyred in Tirad Pass. Kaya kami po ay naniniwala, lalung-lalo na sa pag-i-instill ng nasyonalismo at ng kung ano ang mga tunay na nangyari at ang saysay ng ating kasaysayan sa pamamagitan ng pagtuturo ng ating kasaysayan, hindi lamang sa grade school at high school, kundi hanggang sa kolehiyo.

REP. BORDADO. I fully agree, Mme. Speaker, with the contention of our Congresswoman Elago, that in History, most of our leaders were very young. But the problem, Mme. Speaker, history books are not as accurate as we have seen before. We are faced with this problem of books that are full of erroneous information.

REP. ELAGO. Indeed, we should really review our History books. We uphold the fact that History should really be told from the perspective of the Filipino people based on the struggle of the Filipino people, from the precolonial times up to now. Hindi ba, we should really give importance to studying History based on the perspective of the toiling masses of the Filipino people.

REP. BORDADO. Yes, precisely, I agree with you that we must take the side of the masses in interpreting history. But the problem is a lot of History books have been discovered to be full of errors. So what specific course of action will your group take on this?

REP. ELAGO. Right now, we are partnering with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines on their Project, "Saysay." It is a project in which they go to public high schools, they go to basic education schools to really tell History based on the National Historical Commission's perspective. What is really important in this, we should really check, hindi ba, the textbooks, kasi ito iyong pinag-aaralan ng ating mga kabataan at sa ating paniniwala, knowledge is power indeed, hindi ba? Mainam na itong mga libro natin, isang kasalanan, isang disservice sa ating mga students, sa ating mga kabataan, kung ang mismong mga textbooks na required silang basahin, required silang pag-aralan, ang mga modules na ginagamit nila sa paghuhubog ng kanilang mga utak, ng kanilang mga perspektiba sa buhay, ay mayroong mali-mali.

Iyan po ay dapat itama at iyan ay dapat mapag-aralan, hindi lamang ng ating mga estudyante kundi ng ating mga kaguruan. Dapat po tayong magtulung-tulungan para diyan dahil kami po ay naniniwala na ang mga kabataan bilang mga pag-asa ng bayan ay hindi lamang dapat mag-aral ng Kasaysayan kundi dapat lumikha ng kasaysayan para sa mamamayang Pilipino.

Maraming salamat po.

REP. BORDADO. Okay. Thank you very much, Congresswoman Elago.

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Representative Bordado.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago and its interpellation to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to refer the speech of the Honorable Elago to the Committee on Rules is hereby approved.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for the approval of Journal No. 8 of August 9, 2016.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the approval of the Journal of the previous session, dated August 9, 2016, is hereby approved.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

REP. FARIÑAS. I move for the election of

the following as members of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

The Majority Leader read the names of the Members elected to the Committee on Constitutional Amedments, per Journal No. 9, dated August 10, 2016.

Rep. Alfredo “Albee” B. Benitez
Rep. Roy M. Loyola
Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento
Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali
Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco
Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora
Rep. Gus S. Tambunting
Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel
Rep. Horacio P. Suansing Jr.
Rep. Arthur C. Yap
Rep. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe
Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda
Rep. Ron P. Salo

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

The Members so mentioned by the Majority Leader are hereby elected to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until August 15, 2016, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until August 15, 2016, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 5:26 p.m.