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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez called the session to order.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Everybody is requested to rise for the singing of the National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

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

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, I move to defer the calling of the roll.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, may I request for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:03 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, I move to defer the approval of the Journal.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up the Reference of Business and request that the Secretary General be directed to read the same.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4056, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE IRRIGATION SERVICE AND AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION PROJECTS, STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Chavez and Panganiban
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4057, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 151 OF

REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997”

By Representative Kho
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8496, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representative Mending
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4058, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CHOCOLATE HILLS AS NATIONAL PATRIMONY NATURAL HERITAGE PARK AND GEOLOGICAL MONUMENTS PENALIZING THEIR PILLAGE, DESTRUCTION AND DEFACEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4063, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SEAWEED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PSIDA), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mending
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4059, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MEASUREMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM (NMIS) AMENDING RA 9236 ALSO KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL METROLOGY ACT OF 2003 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Aumentado and Jalosjos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4064, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE RUBBER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mending
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4060, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAGALUAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PASIL IN THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mangaoang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4065, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Floirendo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4061, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MALALAO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mangaoang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4066, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TULALIAN IN STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE”

By Representative Floirendo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4062, entitled:

“AN ACT REDEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL (PSHS) SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE

House Bill No. 4067, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7042, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8179, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ACT OF 1991’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 4068, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWABLE
PERSONAL AND ADDITIONAL
EXEMPTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL
TAXPAYERS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 35 (A) AND (B) OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 4069, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INTEGRATE DRUG PREVENTION
EDUCATION IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
CURRICULUM”

By Representative Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4070, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 53, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE
PUBLISHER, EDITOR OR REPORTER OF
ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING
THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS
OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN
CONFIDENCE’, BY INCLUDING WITHIN
ITS COVERAGE JOURNALISTS FROM
BROADCAST, NEWS AGENCIES AND
INTERNET PUBLICATIONS”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 4071, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BEREAVEMENT LEAVE
OF TEN WORKING DAYS WITH PAY TO
EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC
SECTORS IN THE EVENT OF DEATH OF AN
IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER”

By Representative Garcia-Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE
ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION

House Bill No. 4072, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE CURRENT

FOUR (4) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OF
THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON TO SEVEN
(7) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4073, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE USE OF THE
LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS ‘THE MIGRANT WORKERS
AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995’,
AS AMENDED”

By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4074, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE SEATS
OF TWO (2) NEW REGIONAL TRIAL
COURTS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ALABEL, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI
TO THE MUNICIPALITIES OF KIAMBA
AND MALUNGON, PROVINCE OF
SARANGANI, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10123
AND FURTHER AMENDING BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4075, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MALUNGON,
SARANGANI - SANTA MARIA, DAVAO
OCCIDENTAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL
SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4076, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CATTLE
FATTENING STATION AND AGRO-
FEEDS EXPERIMENTAL FARM IN EACH
OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF RIZAL,
PINUKPUK AND THE CITY OF TABUK
IN THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mangaoang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4077, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROTECT WORKERS IN THE EVENT OF COMPANY CLOSURES OR CESSATION OF OPERATIONS BY ESTABLISHING THE MECHANISM AND PROPER STANDARDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4078, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 4079, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPEN ELECTRONIC LEARNING SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 4080, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 4081, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING THE INCENTIVE PROVISIONS OF INDUSTRY AND SECTOR SPECIFIC AND INVESTMENTS AND INCENTIVES RELATED LAWS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4082, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SHARE IN THE NATIONAL TAXES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4083, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Alvarez (F.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4084, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTRY, CREATING THE YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bernos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4085, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICE, IMPOSING AND AUTHORIZING FEES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bernos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4086, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LANAO DEL NORTE SPORTS TRAINING CENTER TO BE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Dimaporo (M.) and Dimaporo (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4087, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE ACCEPTABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS AS SECURITY FOR LOANS OBTAINED FROM LENDERS, BANKS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THEREBY PROMOTING

ACCESS TO RURAL CREDIT, PROVIDING MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Lee and Salon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4088, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE MICRO-CREDIT FINANCING FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR”

By Representatives Lee and Salon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4089, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Lee and Salon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4090, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION, BROADENING ITS POWERS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, FARMERS, FISHERFOLKS, AND WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7393, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION ACT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Lee and Salon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4091, entitled:

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

By Representative Quimbo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4092, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 108, 123, 184 AND 185 OF THE NATIONAL

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Quimbo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4093, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE AUTHENTICATION OF ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA MEMBERSHIPS IN THE COUNTRY THROUGH REGISTRATION OF THEIR ACCOUNTS USING ANY VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION AND/OR BARANGAY CERTIFICATE”

By Representative Teves
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4094, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAUBAN IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF MAUBAN”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4095, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY TANODS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4096, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL EYE CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4097, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING PAGBILAO – TAYABAS PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4098, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING CALUMPANG – TAYABAS PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A

NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4099, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING INFANTA – GENERAL NAKAR PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4101, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH, PROMULGATING A NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY TOWARDS THE ENHANCEMENT OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF PERSONS UTILIZING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH TESTING FOR DRUG DEPENDENTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHILIPPINE MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL”

By Representative Roa-Puno
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4102, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADING OF THE CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN PAMPANGA TO ACCOMMODATE MORE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4103, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING EMPLOYERS WITH LESS THAN TEN (10) EMPLOYEES FROM SECURING BUSINESS PERMITS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIES OR MUNICIPALITIES”

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

House Bill No. 4104, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PTA) IN THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM”

By Representative Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4105, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6958, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT CREATING THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TRANSFERRING EXISTING ASSETS OF THE MACTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE LAHUG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE AUTHORITY, VESTING THE AUTHORITY WITH POWER TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE MACTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE LAHUG AIRPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Radaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4106, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (AFAB), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9728, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (FAB) ACT OF 2009’ ”

By Representative Garcia (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 470, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S (DOTR) DECISION TO ADOPT FORMER DOTC SECRETARY ABAYA’S PROPOSED COMPROMISE OF ESTABLISHING TWO RAIL TERMINALS, OR THE LINE 1-LINE 3-LINE 7 UNIFIED STATION BETWEEN SM NORTH EDSA AND TRINOMA, IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO APPEASE COMPETING BUSINESS INTERESTS, BUT IS VIEWED BY MANY AS DISADVANTAGEOUS TO PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND INTEREST”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 471, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE PSALM CORP. BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO EXPEDITE THE RENEWAL OF THEIR POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENTS WITH THE MINDANAO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND TO PRESENT ITS POWER ALLOCATION FOR THE NEXT FIVE (5) YEARS”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 472, entitled:

“RESOLUTION FOR THE DEFERMENT OF THE PRIVATIZATION OF AGUS-PULANGUI HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Resolution No. 473, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT TO CREATE, AUTHORIZE, AND EMPOWER A GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION THAT WILL STUDY, REGULATE AND IMPLEMENT A HARMONIZED, COMPREHENSIVE URBAN PLANNING IN METRO MANILA”

By Representatives Castelo, Zamora (R.), Lopez (M.) and Fernando
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 474, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MISS JANICEL JARANILLA LUBINA FOR PLACING AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 FINALISTS AND WINNING THE BEST DRESSER SPECIAL AWARD DURING THE MISS INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT 2015 HELD AT TOKYO, JAPAN”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 475, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE UNABATED, UNPLANNED, AND UNSOUND LAND DEVELOPMENT IN METRO MANILA

WHICH WORSENED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND CONTRIBUTED TO URBAN BLIGHT”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 476, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THRU THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS JOINTLY WITH THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE ALARMING STATE, UNDER PAR, AND SLOTH-PACED COMMUNICATION AND INTERNET SERVICE QUALITY, PROVIDED BY NETWORK OPERATORS. MISLEADING OFFERS HIGHLIGHT EVERY ADVERTISEMENT OFFER BY THESE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY. OVERSUBSCRIPTION AND BANDWIDTH ABUSE PRIMARILY CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORSENING INTERNET QUALITY TO THE GREAT PREJUDICE OF THE PUBLIC. WORST, THESE ACTS HAVE BEEN TOLERATED, UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, BY THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (NTC), THE AGENCY TASKED TO REGULATE THESE ENTITIES. FURTHERMORE, THE UNCONTROLLED DISTRIBUTION OF UNREGISTERED PREPAID NUMBERS HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR THE PROLIFERATION OF CRIMES, TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, AIDING AND ABETTING DRUG OF OPERATIONS TO GROW TO ASTRONOMICAL PROPORTIONS”

By Representatives Teves, Lopez (M.), Pineda, Acharon and Sarmiento (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 477, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING TEAM PHILIPPINES FOR BAGGING THREE (3) GOLDS AND FIVE (5) BRONZES IN THE RECENTLY HELD 10TH WORLD TAEKWONDO POOMSAE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LIMA, PERU”

By Representatives Sambar, Nograles (J.) and Nograles (K.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy Alvarado for House Bills No. 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1672, 1675, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 2228, 2234, 2235, 2236, 3133, 3134, 3819, 3820, 3821, 3822, 3823, 3824, 3826, 3827, 3828, 3829, 3856 and 3955;

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. for House Bills No. 533, 534, 535, 2774, 2775 and 2926;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 1047, 2624 and 3191;

Rep. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bill No. 292;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 1858 and 1859;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bill No. 416;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bill No. 4100 and House Resolutions No. 328 and 393;

Reps. Leo Rafael M. Cueva, Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III, Estrellita B. Suansing, Deogracias B. Ramos Jr., Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga, Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro, Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, Eric M. Martinez, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Arnel U. Ty, Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, Len B. Alonte-Naguiat, Alexandria P. Gonzales, Corazon T. NuñezMalanyaon, Joey Sarte Salceda, Mark O. Go and Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bill No. 1858; Reps. Celso L. Lobregat, Emmanuel F. Madrona, Abraham “Bambol” N. Tolentino, Mauyag “Jun” B. Papandayan Jr., Rolando “Klarex” A. Uy, Melecio J. Yap Jr., Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Rodrigo A. Abellanosa, Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III, Greg G. Gasataya, Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. and Arnel U. Ty for House Bill No. 1859;

Rep. Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II for House Bills No. 487, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1671, 1672, 1677, 3133, 3820, 3821, 3822, 3824, 3826 and 3827;

Rep. Marisol C. Panotes for House Bills No. 502, 503, 504, 539, 541 and 542;

Reps. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr., Alexandria P. Gonzales, Emmanuel A. Billones, Edwin C. Ong, Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg, Michael John R. Duavit, Strike B. Revilla, Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III, Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D., Pablo C. Ortega and Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for House Bill No. 516;

Reps. Henedina R. Abad, Jose L. Atienza Jr., Kaka J. Bag-ao, Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano, Arthur R. Defensor Jr., Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., Paolo Everardo S. Javier and Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II for House Bill No. 476;

Reps. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr., Henedina R. Abad, Jose L. Atienza Jr., Kaka J. Bag-ao, Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano, Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., Paolo

Everardo S. Javier, Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II and Noel L. Villanueva for House Bill No. 477;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 1859, 3475, 3476, 3477, 3478, 3480, 3481, 3485, 3486, 3487, 3488 and 3509;

Rep. Melecio J. Yap Jr. for House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bills No. 3813, 3820 and 3823;

Rep. Victor A. Yap for House Bill No. 487;

Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III for House Resolution No. 436;

Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 1853, 2141, 3556, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Ron P. Salo for House Bills No. 1853 and 3556;

Rep. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan for House Bill No. 555; and

Rep. Ramon “Red” H. Durano VI for House Bill No. 1858 and House Resolution No. 393.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 15), re H.B. No. 2576, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RULES ON THE PROPER USE AND DISPLAY OF OUR NATIONAL SYMBOLS AND THE RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Escudero and Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization (Committee Report No. 16), re H.B. No. 2158, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997’ ”

recommending its approval with amendments and in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 1947, 2776 and 3550

Sponsors: Representatives Sacdalan, Pineda, Romero, Santos-Recto, Escudero and Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 17), re H.B. No. 4149, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM THE POPULATION AND LAND AREA REQUIREMENTS THE CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY INTO A COMPONENT CITY IF IT HAS A LOCALLY GENERATED AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P250,000,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 257

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Loyola
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of our guests in the gallery. We have the Civil Engineering Batch of 2009 from the Ramon Magsaysay Technological University in Zambales, namely: Maricel Deloso Hilario, Roanne Bugo Gonzales, Mary Ann Keisha Domacena and Ariel Alay-ay. They are the guests of Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla from the Second District of Zambales.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The guests of Representative Deloso-Montalla, please rise so that your presence will be acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:44 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, before we proceed,

may we acknowledge the presence of our guests. Specifically, they are the guests of Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Deputy Speaker Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo, Hon. Gary C. Alejano, and Hon. Richard C. Eusebio. They are from the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Program and the American Council of Young Political Leaders. We have Atty. Patrick Lespinasse, Director of Government Affairs for Verizon Communications, New York, USA; and, we have officers from the U.S. Embassy, Mr. Geoffrey Sibengartner and Mr. Ryan Madrid. They are accompanied by Ms. Czarina Nava-Sacaguing.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Will the guests of Representatives Garcia (G.), Quimbo, Alejano, and Eusebio please rise so that their presence will be acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll of Members.

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 39, dated October 19, 2016:

PRESENT

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| Abad | Angara-Castillo |
| Abayon | Antonino |
| Abellanos | Antonio |
| Abu | Aragones |
| Abueg | Arbison |
| Acharon | Arcillas |
| Acop | Arenas |
| Acosta | Atienza |
| Acosta-Alba | Bag-ao |
| Adiong | Bagatsing |
| Advincula | Banal |
| Agarao | Barzaga |
| Aggabao | Bataoil |
| Aglipay-Villar | Batocabe |
| Akbar | Bautista-Bandigan |
| Alejano | Belaro |
| Almonte | Belmonte (F.) |
| Alonte-Naguiat | Belmonte (J.C.) |
| Alvarez (F.) | Belmonte (R.) |
| Andaya | Benitez |

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| Bertiz | Garcia (G.) | Paduano | Suansing (H.) |
| Billones | Garcia-Albano | Palma | Suarez |
| Biron | Garin (S.) | Pancho | Sy-Alvarado |
| Bolilia | Gasataya | Panganiban | Tambunting |
| Bondoc | Geron | Panotes | Tan (A.) |
| Bordado | Go (A.C.) | Papandayan | Tejada |
| Bravo (A.) | Go (M.) | Pimentel | Teves |
| Cagas | Gonzaga | Pineda | Tiangco |
| Calderon | Gonzales (A.D.) | Plaza | Ting |
| Calixto-Rubiano | Gonzalez | Primicias-Agabas | Tinio |
| Caminero | Gullas | Quimbo | Tugna |
| Campos | Hernandez | Radaza | Ty |
| Canama | Herrera-Dy | Ramirez-Sato | Umali |
| Casilao | Hofer | Ramos | Unabia |
| Castro (F.L.) | Jalosjos | Relampagos | Ungab |
| Castro (F.H.) | Kho | Revilla | Unico |
| Catamco | Khonghun | Robes | Uy (J.) |
| Cerilles | Labadlabad | Rodriguez (I.) | Uy (R.) |
| Chavez | Lacson | Roman | Vargas-Alfonso |
| Chipeco | Lagman | Romero | Velarde |
| Collantes | Lanete | Romualdez | Velasco |
| Cortuna | Laogan | Roque (R.) | Velasco-Catera |
| Cosalan | Leachon | Sagarbarria | Veloso |
| Crisologo | Lee | Salimbangon | Vergara |
| Cua | Limkaichong | Salo | Villafuerte |
| Cuaresma | Lobregat | Salon | Villanueva |
| Cueva | Lopez (B.) | Sambar | Villaraza-Suarez |
| Dalipe | Lopez (M.L.) | Sandoval | Villarica |
| Dalog | Macapagal-Arroyo | Santos-Recto | Villarín |
| Daza | Maceda | Sarmiento (C.) | Violago |
| De Jesus | Madrona | Sarmiento (E.M.) | Yap (M.) |
| De Venecia | Malapitan | Savellano | Yu |
| De Vera | Manalo | Siao | Zamora (M.C.) |
| Defensor | Mangaoang | Silverio | Zamora (R.) |
| Del Mar | Mangudadatu (Z.) | Singson | Zubiri |
| Del Rosario | Marcoleta | Suansing (E.) | |
| Deloso-Montalla | Marcos | | |
| Dimaporo (M.K.) | Mariño | | |
| Duavit | Marquez | | |
| Durano | Martinez | | |
| Dy | Matugas | | |
| Enverga | Mellana | | |
| Eriguel | Mending | | |
| Ermita-Buhain | Mercado | | |
| Escudero | Mirasol | | |
| Espina | Montoro | | |
| Estrella | Nava | | |
| Eusebio | Noel | | |
| Fariñas | Nogralas (J.J.) | | |
| Ferrer (J.) | Nogralas (K.A.) | | |
| Ferrer (L.) | Núñez-Malanyaon | | |
| Ferriol-Pascual | Oaminal | | |
| Flores | Olivarez | | |
| Fortuno | Ong (H.) | | |
| Fuentebella | Ortega (P.) | | |
| Garbin | Pacquiao | | |

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 223 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With 223 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of the Journal of the previous session, Journal No. 38.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up bills on Third Reading.

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

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 3408 and direct the Secretary General to read the title and call the roll for nominal voting.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Is there any objection? (Silence) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved. The Secretary General will read the title of the Bill and thereafter call the roll for nominal voting.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). What is the pleasure of the Representative from Albay, the Honorable Lagman?

REP. LAGMAN. Before we go on voting on the measure, and I understand this will be the third reading, I have made a reservation to make a short manifestation. So, after the title of the Bill is recited by the Secretariat, I would be asking for recognition.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Dep. Majority Leader may respond.

REP. DEFENSOR. We will gladly accommodate the Gentleman, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Secretary General will read the title of the Bill and thereafter call the roll for nominal voting.

May I request the honorable Representative from Albay to make the manifestation now, because once we start the nominal voting, it cannot be interrupted. Please proceed.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LAGMAN

REP. LAGMAN. That is precisely why I said that I would make a manifestation before the voting. I thank the Chair for giving me the opportunity to make the manifestation now.

I seek recognition, Mr. Speaker, not to oppose any motion to approve on Third Reading House Bill No. 3408 or the 2017 General Appropriations Bill. I rise to manifest my reservations on the validity of approving on Third Reading the 2017 GAB based on the President's message for its immediate enactment pursuant to Section 26, paragraph 2 of Article VI of the Constitution which provides, and I quote:

No bill passed by either House shall become a law unless it has passed three readings on separate days, and printed copies thereof in its final form have been distributed to its Members three days before its passage, except when the President certifies to the necessity of its immediate enactment to meet a public calamity or emergency.

Let me underscore the last portion of this provision: "the President certifies to the necessity of its immediate enactment to meet a public calamity or emergency." For the enlightenment of the Members of the House, I have great reservations on the compliance with this provision with the President's certification on the immediate enactment of the 2017 General Appropriations Bill pursuant to Section 26, paragraph 2 of Article VI, for the following reasons:

First, both the letter dated 11 October 2016 of President Duterte and the letter also dated 11 October 2016 of the Executive Secretary Medialdea, addressed to Speaker Alvarez, did not mention any public calamity or emergency necessitating the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 3408 or the General Appropriations Bill. Absent such reference or invocation of a public calamity or emergency, the condition provided for by the Constitution is not complied with.

Second, what the letter of President Duterte mentioned, justifying the immediate enactment of the 2017 General Appropriations Bill, are the following, and I quote:

- a. To address the need to maintain continuous government operations following the end of the current fiscal year;
- b. To expedite the funding of various programs, projects and activities for Fiscal Year 2017; and
- c. To ensure budgetary preparedness that will enable the government to effectively perform its constitutional mandate.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, the aforesaid reasons are not compliant with the condition imposed by the Constitution on the need to meet a public calamity or emergency. Moreover, the reasons are contingent on the end of Fiscal Year 2016 and the start of Fiscal Year 2017, which is more than two months away from now. So, there is no question of emergency or urgency.

Lastly, while the distribution of copies of the printed Bill in its final form is dispensed with when there is a valid certification of urgency, there must at least be a showing that the Third Reading copy is complete with the incorporation of the amendments to the General Appropriations Bill by the Small Committee so much so that Members of the House are informed that the Bill proposed to be voted upon on Third Reading is already

complete. Nothing has been shown to the Members of the House.

For all the foregoing reasons, Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I have grave reservations on approving on Third Reading House Bill No. 3408 or the 2017 General Appropriations Bill. It does not comply with the constitutional requirement under Section 26, paragraph 2 of Article VI of the Constitution.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The manifestation of the distinguished Gentleman, Representative Lagman from Albay, is duly noted.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 3408
ON THIRD READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my original motion. I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 3408 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, pursuant to Article VI, Section 26(2) of the Constitution.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 3408, entitled: AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 39, dated October 19, 2016:

Affirmative

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| Abad | Acharon |
| Abaya | Acop |
| Abayon | Acosta |
| Abellanosa | Adiong |
| Abu | Advincula |
| Abueg | Agarao |

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| Aggabao | Cuaresma |
| Aglipay-Villar | Cueva |
| Akbar | Dalipe |
| Albano | Dalog |
| Alejano | Daza |
| Almonte | De Venecia |
| Alonte-Naguiat | De Vera |
| Alvarez (F.) | Defensor |
| Alvarez (M.) | Del Mar |
| Andaya | Del Rosario |
| Angara-Castillo | Deloso-Montalla |
| Antonino | Dimaporo (A.) |
| Antonio | Dimaporo (M.K.) |
| Aragones | Duavit |
| Arcillas | Durano |
| Atienza | Dy |
| Bag-ao | Enverga |
| Bagatsing | Eriguel |
| Banal | Ermita-Buhain |
| Barzaga | Escudero |
| Bataoil | Espina |
| Batocabe | Espino |
| Bautista-Bandigan | Estrella |
| Belaro | Eusebio |
| Belmonte (F.) | Fariñas |
| Belmonte (J.C.) | Ferrer (J.) |
| Belmonte (R.) | Ferrer (L.) |
| Benitez | Ferriol-Pascual |
| Bertiz | Flores |
| Billones | Fortun |
| Biron | Fortuno |
| Bolilia | Fuentebella |
| Bondoc | Garbin |
| Bordado | Garcia (G.) |
| Bravo (A.) | Garcia (J.E.) |
| Bravo (M.V.) | Garcia-Albano |
| Bulut-Begtang | Garin (R.) |
| Calderon | Garin (S.) |
| Calixto-Rubiano | Gasataya |
| Caminero | Geron |
| Campos | Go (A.C.) |
| Canama | Go (M.) |
| Castelo | Gomez |
| Castro (F.H.) | Gonzaga |
| Catamco | Gonzales (A.P.) |
| Cerilles | Gonzales (A.D.) |
| Chavez | Gonzalez |
| Chipeco | Gullas |
| Co | Hernandez |
| Cojuangco | Herrera-Dy |
| Collantes | Hofer |
| Cortes | Jalosjos |
| Cortuna | Javier |
| Cosalan | Kho |
| Crisologo | Khonghun |
| Cua | Labadlabad |

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| Lacson | Revilla | Villarin | Zamora (M.C.) |
| Lanete | Roa-Puno | Violago | Zamora (R.) |
| Laogan | Robes | Yap (M.) | Zubiri |
| Leachon | Rodriguez (I.) | Yu | |
| Lee | Rodriguez (M.) | | |
| Limkaichong | Roman | <i>Negative</i> | |
| Lobregat | Romero | | |
| Lopez (B.) | Romualdez | Casilao | |
| Lopez (M.L.) | Romualdo | Castro (F.L.) | |
| Macapagal-Arroyo | Roque (R.) | De Jesus | |
| Maceda | Sacdalan | Elago | |
| Madrona | Sagarbarria | Tinio | |
| Malapitan | Sahali | | |
| Manalo | Salimbangon | <i>Abstention</i> | |
| Mangaoang | Salon | | |
| Mangudadatu (Z.) | Sambar | Lagman | |
| Marcoleta | Sandoval | | |
| Mariño | Santos-Recto | REP. BORDADO. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker. | |
| Marquez | Sarmiento (C.) | | |
| Martinez | Sarmiento (E.M.) | REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, the voting cannot be interrupted, with the indulgence of the Gentleman. | |
| Matugas | Savellano | | |
| Mellana | Siao | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Please reserve your reason for your vote after the voting. | |
| Mending | Silverio | | |
| Mercado | Singson | | |
| Mirasol | Suansing (E.) | | |
| Montoro | Suansing (H.) | REP. BORDADO. Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. | |
| Nava | Suarez | | |
| Noel | Sy-Alvarado | | |
| Nogralas (J.J.) | Tambunting | RESULT OF THE VOTING | |
| Nogralas (K.A.) | Tan (A.) | | |
| Nolasco | Tan (S.) | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The result shows 243 affirmative votes, five negative votes and one abstention. | |
| Nuñez-Malanyaon | Tejada | House Bill No. 3408 is approved on Third Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized. | |
| Oaminal | Teves | | |
| Ocampo | Tiangco | | |
| Olivarez | Ting | | |
| Ong (E.) | Tugna | | |
| Ong (H.) | Tupas | REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker. | |
| Ortega (P.) | Turabin-Hataman | | |
| Ortega (V.N.) | Ty | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from Albay, Representative Lagman? | |
| Pacquiao | Umali | | |
| Paduano | Unabia | | |
| Palma | Ungab | | |
| Pancho | Unico | REP. LAGMAN. May I know, Mr. Speaker, how my vote was recorded. | |
| Panganiban | Uy (J.) | | |
| Panotes | Uy (R.) | | |
| Papandayan | Vargas | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Abstained. | |
| Pichay | Vargas-Alfonso | | |
| Pimentel | Velarde | REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, let me just explain very briefly my abstention. | |
| Pineda | Velasco | | |
| Plaza | Velasco-Catera | | |
| Primicias-Agabas | Veloso | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). You have ... | |
| Quimbo | Vergara | | |
| Radaza | Villafuerte | | |
| Ramirez-Sato | Villanueva | REP. LAGMAN. I abstain based on my earlier manifestation and reservation on the validity of our voting today on Third Reading. | |
| Ramos | Villaraza-Suarez | | |
| Relampagos | Villarica | | |

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Please proceed. You have three minutes.

REP. LAGMAN EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I abstained because as previously articulated, I have grave reservations on our voting on Third Reading today, pursuant to the certification of the President for the need for the immediate passage of this measure because such certification is not compliant with the condition of the Constitution wherein there can be an immediate passage without following our rules, if there is a reference to or invocation of a national emergency or calamity.

The letter of the President did not refer or invoke any national calamity or emergency. Consequently, I have grave reservation on the validity of our collegial action this afternoon.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 3408
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With 243 affirmative votes, five negative votes and one abstention, House Bill No. 3408 is approved on Third Reading. *(Applause)*

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 335
ON THIRD READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 335 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 13, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 335, entitled: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COURT TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY SERVICE IN LIEU OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE PENALTY OF *ARRESTO MENOR*, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER 5, TITLE 3, BOOK I OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE REVISED PENAL CODE."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the

roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 39, dated October 19, 2016:

Affirmative

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| Abad | Calderon |
| Abaya | Calixto-Rubiano |
| Abayon | Caminero |
| Abellanos | Campos |
| Abu | Canama |
| Abueg | Casilao |
| Acharon | Castelo |
| Acop | Castro (F.L.) |
| Acosta | Castro (F.H.) |
| Adiong | Catamco |
| Advincula | Cerilles |
| Agarao | Chavez |
| Aggabao | Chipeco |
| Aglipay-Villar | Co |
| Akbar | Cojuangco |
| Albano | Collantes |
| Alejano | Cortes |
| Almonte | Cortuna |
| Alonte-Naguiat | Cosalan |
| Alvarez (F.) | Crisologo |
| Alvarez (M.) | Cua |
| Andaya | Cuaresma |
| Angara-Castillo | Cueva |
| Antonino | Dalipe |
| Antonio | Dalog |
| Aragones | Daza |
| Arcillas | De Jesus |
| Atienza | De Venecia |
| Bag-ao | De Vera |
| Bagatsing | Defensor |
| Banal | Del Mar |
| Barzaga | Del Rosario |
| Bataoil | Deloso-Montalla |
| Batocabe | Dimaporo (A.) |
| Bautista-Bandigan | Dimaporo (M.K.) |
| Belaro | Duavit |
| Belmonte (F.) | Durano |
| Belmonte (J.C.) | Dy |
| Belmonte (R.) | Elago |
| Benitez | Enverga |
| Bertiz | Eriguel |
| Billones | Ermita-Buhain |
| Biron | Escudero |
| Bolilia | Espina |
| Bondoc | Espino |
| Bordado | Estrella |
| Bravo (A.) | Eusebio |
| Bravo (M.V.) | Fariñas |
| Bulut-Begtang | Ferrer (J.) |

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| Ferrer (L.) | Mercado | Silverio | Unico |
| Ferriol-Pascual | Mirasol | Singson | Uy (J.) |
| Floirendo | Montoro | Suansing (E.) | Uy (R.) |
| Flores | Nava | Suansing (H.) | Vargas |
| Fortun | Nieto | Suarez | Vargas-Alfonso |
| Fortuno | Noel | Sy-Alvarado | Velarde |
| Fuentebella | Nogralas (J.J.) | Tambunting | Velasco |
| Garbin | Nogralas (K.A.) | Tan (A.) | Velasco-Catera |
| Garcia (G.) | Nolasco | Tan (S.) | Veloso |
| Garcia (J.E.) | Nuñez-Malanyaon | Tejada | Vergara |
| Garcia-Albano | Oaminal | Teves | Villafuerte |
| Garin (R.) | Ocampo | Tiangco | Villanueva |
| Garin (S.) | Olivarez | Ting | Villaraza-Suarez |
| Gasataya | Ong (E.) | Tinio | Villarica |
| Geron | Ong (H.) | Tugna | Villarin |
| Go (A.C.) | Ortega (P.) | Tupas | Violago |
| Go (M.) | Ortega (V.N.) | Turabin-Hataman | Yap (M.) |
| Gomez | Pacquiao | Ty | Yu |
| Gonzaga | Paduano | Umali | Zamora (M.C.) |
| Gonzales (A.P.) | Palma | Unabia | Zamora (R.) |
| Gonzales (A.D.) | Pancho | Ungab | Zubiri |
| Gonzalez | Panganiban | | |
| Gullas | Panotes | <i>Negative</i> | |
| Hernandez | Papandayan | | |
| Herrera-Dy | Pichay | None | |
| Hofer | Pimentel | | |
| Jalosjos | Pineda | <i>Abstention</i> | |
| Javier | Plaza | | |
| Kho | Primicias-Agabas | None | |
| Khonghun | Quimbo | | |
| Labadlabad | Radaza | | APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 335 |
| Lacson | Ramirez-Sato | | ON THIRD READING |
| Lagman | Ramos | | |
| Lanete | Relampagos | | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). |
| Laogan | Revilla | | With 252 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no |
| Leachon | Roa-Puno | | abstention, House Bill No. 335 is approved on Third |
| Lee | Robes | | Reading. |
| Limkaichong | Rodriguez (I.) | | The Floor Leader is recognized. |
| Lobregat | Rodriguez (M.) | | |
| Lopez (B.) | Roman | | NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 336 |
| Lopez (C.) | Romero | | ON THIRD READING |
| Lopez (M.L.) | Romualdez | | |
| Macapagal-Arroyo | Romualdo | | REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we |
| Maceda | Roque (R.) | | vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 336 and direct |
| Madrona | Sacdalan | | the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, |
| Malapitan | Sagarbarria | | and call the roll for nominal voting. |
| Manalo | Sahali | | I so move. |
| Mangaoang | Salimbangon | | |
| Mangudadatu (Z.) | Salon | | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Is |
| Marcoleta | Sambar | | there any objection? (<i>Silence</i>) The Chair hears none; |
| Mariño | Sandoval | | the motion is approved. |
| Marquez | Santos-Recto | | |
| Martinez | Sarmiento (C.) | | <i>Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of</i> |
| Matugas | Sarmiento (E.M.) | | <i>the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to</i> |
| Mellana | Savellano | | <i>the Members on October 13, 2016, pursuant to Section</i> |
| Mending | Siao | | <i>58, Rule X of the House Rules.</i> |

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 336, entitled: AN ACT EXCLUDING FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW THOSE CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES AGAINST A MINOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 4103, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 39, dated October 19, 2016:

Affirmative

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Abad | Belmonte (J.C.) | De Venecia | Laogan |
| Abaya | Belmonte (R.) | De Vera | Leachon |
| Abayon | Benitez | Defensor | Lee |
| Abellanosa | Bertiz | Del Mar | Limkaichong |
| Abu | Billones | Del Rosario | Lobregat |
| Abueg | Biron | Deloso-Montalla | Lopez (B.) |
| Acharon | Bolilia | Dimaporo (A.) | Lopez (C.) |
| Acop | Bondoc | Dimaporo (M.K.) | Lopez (M.L.) |
| Acosta | Bordado | Duavit | Macapagal-Arroyo |
| Acosta-Alba | Bravo (A.) | Durano | Maceda |
| Adiong | Bravo (M.V.) | Dy | Madrona |
| Advincula | Bulut-Begtang | Elago | Malapitan |
| Agarao | Calderon | Enverga | Manalo |
| Aggabao | Calixto-Rubiano | Eriguel | Mangaoang |
| Aglipay-Villar | Caminero | Ermita-Buhain | Mangudadatu (S.) |
| Akbar | Campos | Escudero | Mangudadatu (Z.) |
| Albano | Canama | Espina | Marcoleta |
| Alejano | Casilao | Espino | Mariño |
| Almonte | Castelo | Estrella | Marquez |
| Alonte-Naguiat | Castro (F.L.) | Eusebio | Martinez |
| Alvarez (F.) | Castro (F.H.) | Fariñas | Matugas |
| Alvarez (M.) | Catamco | Ferrer (J.) | Mellana |
| Andaya | Cerilles | Ferrer (L.) | Mending |
| Angara-Castillo | Chavez | Ferriol-Pascual | Mercado |
| Antonino | Chipeco | Floirendo | Mirasol |
| Antonio | Co | Flores | Montoro |
| Aragones | Cojuangco | Fortun | Nava |
| Arcillas | Collantes | Fortuno | Nieto |
| Arenas | Cortes | Fuentebella | Noel |
| Atienza | Cortuna | Garbin | Nogralas (J.J.) |
| Bag-ao | Cosalan | Garcia (G.) | Nogralas (K.A.) |
| Bagatsing | Crisologo | Garcia (J.E.) | Nolasco |
| Banal | Cua | Garcia-Albano | Nuñez-Malanyaon |
| Barzaga | Cuaresma | Garin (R.) | Oaminal |
| Bataoil | Cueva | Garin (S.) | Ocampo |
| Batocabe | Dalipe | Gasataya | Olivarez |
| Bautista-Bandigan | Dalog | Geron | Ong (E.) |
| Belaro | Daza | Go (A.C.) | Ong (H.) |
| Belmonte (F.) | De Jesus | Go (M.) | Ortega (P.) |
| | | Gomez | Ortega (V.N.) |
| | | Gonzaga | Pacquiao |
| | | Gonzales (A.P.) | Paduano |
| | | Gonzales (A.D.) | Palma |
| | | Gonzalez | Pancho |
| | | Gullas | Panganiban |
| | | Hernandez | Panotes |
| | | Herrera-Dy | Papandayan |
| | | Hofer | Pichay |
| | | Jalosjos | Pimentel |
| | | Javier | Pineda |
| | | Kho | Plaza |
| | | Khonghun | Primicias-Agabas |
| | | Labadlabad | Quimbo |
| | | Lacson | Radaza |
| | | Lagman | Ramirez-Sato |
| | | Lanete | Ramos |

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| Relampagos | Teves |
| Revilla | Tiangco |
| Roa-Puno | Ting |
| Robes | Tinio |
| Rodriguez (I.) | Tugna |
| Rodriguez (M.) | Tupas |
| Roman | Turabin-Hataman |
| Romero | Ty |
| Romualdez | Umali |
| Romualdo | Unabia |
| Roque (R.) | Ungab |
| Sacdalan | Unico |
| Sagarbarria | Uy (J.) |
| Sahali | Uy (R.) |
| Salimbangon | Vargas |
| Salo | Vargas-Alfonso |
| Salon | Velarde |
| Sambar | Velasco |
| Sandoval | Velasco-Catera |
| Santos-Recto | Veloso |
| Sarmiento (C.) | Vergara |
| Sarmiento (E.M.) | Villafuerte |
| Savellano | Villanueva |
| Siao | Villaraza-Suarez |
| Silverio | Villarica |
| Singson | Villarin |
| Suansing (E.) | Violago |
| Suansing (H.) | Yap (M.) |
| Suarez | Yu |
| Sy-Alvarado | Zamora (M.C.) |
| Tambunting | Zamora (R.) |
| Tan (A.) | Zarate |
| Tan (S.) | Zubiri |
| Tejada | |

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 336
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With 257 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 336 is approved on Third Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 477
ON THIRD READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 477 and direct the

Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and to call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 13, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 477, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE DECLARATION OF THE FIRST PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 39, dated October 19, 2016:

Affirmative

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Abad | Atienza |
| Abaya | Bag-ao |
| Abayon | Bagatsing |
| Abellanos | Banal |
| Abu | Barzaga |
| Abueg | Bataoil |
| Acharon | Batocabe |
| Acop | Bautista-Bandigan |
| Acosta | Belaro |
| Acosta-Alba | Belmonte (F.) |
| Adiong | Belmonte (J.C.) |
| Advincula | Belmonte (R.) |
| Agarao | Benitez |
| Aggabao | Bertiz |
| Aglipay-Villar | Billones |
| Akbar | Biron |
| Albano | Bolilia |
| Alejano | Bondoc |
| Almonte | Bordado |
| Alonte-Naguiat | Bravo (A.) |
| Alvarez (F.) | Bravo (M.V.) |
| Alvarez (M.) | Bulut-Begtang |
| Andaya | Calderon |
| Angara-Castillo | Calixto-Rubiano |
| Antonino | Caminero |
| Antonio | Campos |
| Aragones | Canama |
| Arcillas | Casilao |
| Arenas | Castelo |

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|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|---|
| Castro (F.L.) | Geron | Ong (H.) | Silverio |
| Castro (F.H.) | Go (A.C.) | Ortega (P.) | Singson |
| Catamco | Go (M.) | Ortega (V.N.) | Suansing (E.) |
| Cerilles | Gomez | Pacquiao | Suansing (H.) |
| Chavez | Gonzaga | Paduano | Suarez |
| Chipeco | Gonzales (A.P.) | Palma | Sy-Alvarado |
| Co | Gonzales (A.D.) | Pancho | Tambunting |
| Cojuangco | Gonzalez | Panganiban | Tan (A.) |
| Collantes | Gullas | Panotes | Tan (S.) |
| Cortes | Hernandez | Papandayan | Tejada |
| Cortuna | Herrera-Dy | Pichay | Teves |
| Cosalan | Hofer | Pimentel | Tiangco |
| Crisologo | Jalosjos | Pineda | Ting |
| Cua | Javier | Plaza | Tinio |
| Cuaresma | Kho | Primicias-Agabas | Tugna |
| Cueva | Khonghun | Quimbo | Tupas |
| Dalipe | Labadlabad | Radaza | Turabin-Hataman |
| Dalog | Lacson | Ramirez-Sato | Ty |
| Daza | Lagman | Ramos | Umali |
| De Jesus | Lanete | Relampagos | Unabia |
| De Venecia | Laogan | Revilla | Ungab |
| De Vera | Leachon | Roa-Puno | Unico |
| Defensor | Lee | Robes | Uy (J.) |
| Del Mar | Limkaichong | Rodriguez (I.) | Uy (R.) |
| Del Rosario | Lobregat | Rodriguez (M.) | Vargas |
| Deloso-Montalla | Lopez (B.) | Roman | Vargas-Alfonso |
| Dimaporo (A.) | Lopez (C.) | Romero | Velarde |
| Dimaporo (M.K.) | Lopez (M.L.) | Romualdez | Velasco |
| Duavit | Macapagal-Arroyo | Romualdo | Velasco-Catera |
| Durano | Maceda | Roque (R.) | Veloso |
| Dy | Madrona | Sacdalan | Vergara |
| Elago | Malapitan | Sagarbarria | Villafuerte |
| Enverga | Manalo | Sahali | Villanueva |
| Eriguel | Mangaoang | Salimbangon | Villaraza-Suarez |
| Ermita-Buhain | Mangudadatu (S.) | Salo | Villarica |
| Escudero | Mangudadatu (Z.) | Salon | Villarin |
| Espina | Marcoleta | Sambar | Violago |
| Espino | Mariño | Sandoval | Yap (M.) |
| Estrella | Marquez | Santos-Recto | Yu |
| Eusebio | Martinez | Sarmiento (C.) | Zamora (M.C.) |
| Fariñas | Matugas | Sarmiento (E.M.) | Zamora (R.) |
| Ferrer (J.) | Mellana | Savellano | Zarate |
| Ferrer (L.) | Mending | Siao | Zubiri |
| Ferriol-Pascual | Mercado | | |
| Floirendo | Mirasol | <i>Negative</i> | |
| Flores | Montoro | | |
| Fortun | Nava | Ocampo | |
| Fortuno | Nieto | | |
| Fuentebella | Noel | <i>Abstention</i> | |
| Garbin | Nogralas (J.J.) | | |
| Garcia (G.) | Nogralas (K.A.) | None | |
| Garcia (J.E.) | Nolasco | | |
| Garcia-Albano | Nuñez-Malanyaon | | APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 477 |
| Garin (R.) | Oaminal | | ON THIRD READING |
| Garin (S.) | Olivarez | | |
| Gasataya | Ong (E.) | | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With |

257 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 477 is approved on Third Reading.

REP. OCAMPO. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry, but the ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). What is the pleasure of Representative?

REP. OCAMPO. I wanted to ask how my vote was registered because you went ahead and declared that that there was no opposition or abstention to the voting. I was trying to signal them that I was not voting in favor of that House Bill. So, I appeal, Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:53 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

We will make the necessary correction and reflect the correction made by the Representative from Manila, Representative Ocampo.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO 477 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. With 256 affirmative votes, one negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 477 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 1344 ON THIRD READING

REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 1344 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 13, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 1344, entitled: AN ACT PRESCRIBING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF DELIVERING PRISONERS FROM JAIL AND INFIDELITY IN THE CUSTODY OF PRISONERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 156, 223 AND 224 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE REVISED PENAL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 39, dated October 19, 2016:

Affirmative

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Abad | Belmonte (F.) |
| Abaya | Belmonte (J.C.) |
| Abayon | Belmonte (R.) |
| Abellanos | Benitez |
| Abu | Bertiz |
| Abueg | Billones |
| Acharon | Biron |
| Acop | Bolilia |
| Acosta | Bondoc |
| Acosta-Alba | Bordado |
| Adiong | Bravo (A.) |
| Advincula | Bravo (M.V.) |
| Agarao | Bulut-Begtang |
| Aggabao | Calderon |
| Aglipay-Villar | Calixto-Rubiano |
| Akbar | Caminero |
| Albano | Campos |
| Alejano | Canama |
| Almonte | Casilao |
| Alonte-Naguiat | Castelo |
| Alvarez (F.) | Castro (F.L.) |
| Alvarez (M.) | Castro (F.H.) |
| Andaya | Catamco |
| Angara-Castillo | Cerilles |
| Antonino | Chavez |
| Antonio | Chipeco |
| Aragones | Co |
| Arcillas | Cojuangco |
| Arenas | Collantes |
| Atienza | Cortes |
| Bag-ao | Cortuna |
| Bagatsing | Cosalan |
| Banal | Crisologo |
| Barzaga | Cua |
| Bataoil | Cuaresma |
| Batocabe | Cueva |
| Bautista-Bandigan | Dalipe |
| Belaro | Dalog |

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| Daza | Lagman | Ramirez-Sato | Tan (S.) |
| De Jesus | Lanete | Ramos | Tejada |
| De Venecia | Laogan | Relampagos | Teves |
| De Vera | Leachon | Revilla | Tiangco |
| Defensor | Lee | Roa-Puno | Ting |
| Del Mar | Limkaichong | Robes | Tinio |
| Del Rosario | Lobregat | Rodriguez (I.) | Tugna |
| Deloso-Montalla | Lopez (B.) | Rodriguez (M.) | Tupas |
| Dimaporo (A.) | Lopez (C.) | Roman | Turabin-Hataman |
| Dimaporo (M.K.) | Lopez (M.L.) | Romero | Ty |
| Duavit | Macapagal-Arroyo | Romualdez | Umali |
| Durano | Maceda | Romualdo | Unabia |
| Dy | Madrona | Roque (R.) | Ungab |
| Elago | Malapitan | Sacdalan | Unico |
| Enverga | Manalo | Sagarbarria | Uy (J.) |
| Eriguel | Mangaoang | Sahali | Uy (R.) |
| Ermita-Buhain | Mangudadatu (S.) | Salimbangon | Vargas |
| Escudero | Mangudadatu (Z.) | Salo | Vargas-Alfonso |
| Espina | Marcoleta | Salon | Velarde |
| Espino | Mariño | Sambar | Velasco |
| Estrella | Marquez | Sandoval | Velasco-Catera |
| Eusebio | Martinez | Santos-Recto | Veloso |
| Fariñas | Matugas | Sarmiento (C.) | Vergara |
| Ferrer (J.) | Mellana | Sarmiento (E.M.) | Villafuerte |
| Ferrer (L.) | Mending | Savellano | Villanueva |
| Ferriol-Pascual | Mercado | Sema | Villaraza-Suarez |
| Floirendo | Mirasol | Siao | Villarica |
| Flores | Montoro | Silverio | Villarin |
| Fortun | Nava | Singson | Violago |
| Fortuno | Nieto | Suansing (E.) | Yap (M.) |
| Fuentebella | Noel | Suansing (H.) | Yu |
| Garbin | Nogralas (J.J.) | Suarez | Zamora (M.C.) |
| Garcia (G.) | Nogralas (K.A.) | Sy-Alvarado | Zamora (R.) |
| Garcia (J.E.) | Nolasco | Tambunting | Zarate |
| Garcia-Albano | Nuñez-Malanyaon | Tan (A.) | Zubiri |
| Garin (R.) | Oaminal | | |
| Garin (S.) | Ocampo | <i>Negative</i> | |
| Gasataya | Olivarez | | |
| Geron | Ong (E.) | None | |
| Go (A.C.) | Ong (H.) | | |
| Go (M.) | Ortega (P.) | <i>Abstention</i> | |
| Gomez | Ortega (V.N.) | | |
| Gonzaga | Pacquiao | None | |
| Gonzales (A.P.) | Paduano | | |
| Gonzales (A.D.) | Palma | | APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 1344 |
| Gonzalez | Pancho | | ON THIRD READING |
| Gullas | Panganiban | | |
| Hernandez | Panotes | | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With |
| Herrera-Dy | Papandayan | | 258 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, |
| Hofer | Pichay | | House Bill No. 1344 is approved on Third Reading. |
| Jalosjos | Pimentel | | The Floor Leader is recognized. |
| Javier | Pineda | | |
| Kho | Plaza | | NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 3955 |
| Khonghun | Primicias-Agabas | | ON THIRD READING |
| Labadlabad | Quimbo | | |
| Lacson | Radaza | | REP. PIMENTEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote |

on Third Reading on House Bill No. 3955 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for the nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on October 13, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 3955, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING THE GOVERNMENT TO PAY THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX AND THE DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX DUE IN ADDITION TO THE JUST COMPENSATION FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE EXERCISE OF THE STATE'S POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 24(D) AND 196 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 39, dated October 19, 2016:

Affirmative

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|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Abad | Alvarez (M.) | Bertiz | Fariñas |
| Abaya | Andaya | Billones | Ferrer (J.) |
| Abayon | Angara-Castillo | Biron | Ferrer (L.) |
| Abellanos | Antonino | Bolilia | Ferriol-Pascual |
| Abu | Antonio | Bondoc | Floirendo |
| Abueg | Aragones | Bordado | Flores |
| Acharon | Arcillas | Bravo (A.) | Fortun |
| Acop | Arenas | Bravo (M.V.) | Fortuno |
| Acosta | Atienza | Bulut-Begtang | Fuentebella |
| Acosta-Alba | Bag-ao | Calderon | Garbin |
| Adiong | Bagatsing | Calixto-Rubiano | Garcia (G.) |
| Advincula | Banal | Caminero | Garcia (J.E.) |
| Agarao | Barzaga | Campos | Garcia-Albano |
| Aggabao | Bataoil | Canama | Garin (R.) |
| Aglipay-Villar | Batocabe | Casilao | Garin (S.) |
| Akbar | Bautista-Bandigan | Castelo | Gasataya |
| Albano | Belaro | Castro (F.L.) | Geron |
| Alejano | Belmonte (F.) | Castro (F.H.) | Go (A.C.) |
| Almonte | Belmonte (J.C.) | Catamco | Go (M.) |
| Alonte-Naguiat | Belmonte (R.) | Cerilles | Gomez |
| Alvarez (F.) | Benitez | Chavez | Gonzaga |
| | | Chipeco | Gonzales (A.P.) |
| | | Co | Gonzales (A.D.) |
| | | Cojuangco | Gonzalez |
| | | Collantes | Gullas |
| | | Cortes | Hernandez |
| | | Cortuna | Herrera-Dy |
| | | Cosalan | Hofer |
| | | Crisologo | Jalosjos |
| | | Cua | Javier |
| | | Cuaresma | Kho |
| | | Cueva | Khonghun |
| | | Dalipe | Labadlabad |
| | | Dalog | Lacson |
| | | Daza | Lagman |
| | | De Jesus | Lanete |
| | | De Venecia | Laogan |
| | | De Vera | Leachon |
| | | Defensor | Lee |
| | | Del Mar | Limkaichong |
| | | Del Rosario | Lobregat |
| | | Deloso-Montalla | Lopez (B.) |
| | | Dimaporo (A.) | Lopez (C.) |
| | | Dimaporo (M.K.) | Lopez (M.L.) |
| | | Duavit | Macapagal-Arroyo |
| | | Durano | Maceda |
| | | Dy | Madrona |
| | | Elago | Malapitan |
| | | Enverga | Manalo |
| | | Eriguel | Mangaoang |
| | | Ermita-Buhain | Mangudadatu (S.) |
| | | Escudero | Mangudadatu (Z.) |
| | | Espina | Marcoleta |
| | | Espino | Mariño |
| | | Estrella | Marquez |
| | | Eusebio | Martinez |

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| Matugas | Salon | <i>Abstention</i> |
| Mellana | Sambar | |
| Mending | Sandoval | None |
| Mercado | Santos-Recto | |
| Mirasol | Sarmiento (C.) | APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 3955 |
| Montoro | Sarmiento (E.M.) | ON THIRD READING |
| Nava | Savellano | |
| Nieto | Sema | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With |
| Noel | Siao | 258 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, |
| Nogralles (J.J.) | Silverio | House Bill No. 3955 is approved on Third Reading. |
| Nogralles (K.A.) | Singson | The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized. |
| Nolasco | Suansing (E.) | |
| Nuñez-Malanyaon | Suansing (H.) | REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we |
| Oaminal | Suarez | direct the Secretariat to send copies of the Bills that we |
| Ocampo | Sy-Alvarado | approved on Third Reading to the Senate. |
| Olivarez | Tambunting | I so move, Mr. Speaker. |
| Ong (E.) | Tan (A.) | |
| Ong (H.) | Tan (S.) | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The |
| Ortega (P.) | Tejada | Secretary General is directed to send the copies of the |
| Ortega (V.N.) | Teves | Bills to the Senate. |
| Pacquiao | Tiangco | The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized. |
| Paduano | Ting | |
| Palma | Tinio | REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, may we |
| Pancho | Tugna | recognize the distinguished Gentleman from BAYAN |
| Panganiban | Tupas | MUNA, the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, for a brief |
| Panotes | Turabin-Hataman | manifestation. |
| Papandayan | Ty | |
| Pichay | Umali | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The |
| Pimentel | Unabia | distinguished Gentleman from BAYAN MUNA, Rep. |
| Pineda | Ungab | Carlos Isagani Zarate, is hereby recognized. |
| Plaza | Unico | |
| Primicias-Agabas | Uy (J.) | REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. |
| Quimbo | Uy (R.) | Ang akin pong manipestasyon ay hinggil sa |
| Radaza | Vargas | pagkapasá ng Kapulungang ito ng House Bill No. |
| Ramirez-Sato | Vargas-Alfonso | 3408. |
| Ramos | Velarde | Huli po akong dumating noong magtawag ang |
| Relampagos | Velasco | ating roll at ang pagbobotohán dahil nanggaling pa |
| Revilla | Velasco-Catera | ako sa Senado sa ginawang pagdinig naman sa usapin |
| Roa-Puno | Veloso | ng pagpasá ng SSS pension. Kaya po G. Ispiker, gusto |
| Robes | Vergara | ko lang i-manifest na kung nagkataong nandito ako sa |
| Rodriguez (I.) | Villafuerte | Kapulungang ito nang magbotohan tayo sa House Bill |
| Rodriguez (M.) | Villanueva | No. 3408, ako po sana ay magrerehistro ng negatibong |
| Roman | Villaraza-Suarez | boto para po sa House Bill No. 3408. |
| Romero | Villarica | Iyon lang po ang aking maikling manipestasyon. |
| Romualdez | Villarin | Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. |
| Romualdo | Violago | |
| Roque (R.) | Yap (M.) | THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The |
| Sacdalan | Yu | Dep. Majority Leader is recognized. |
| Sagarbarria | Zamora (M.C.) | |
| Sahali | Zamora (R.) | CONSIDERATION OF CTTEE. RPT. NO. 14 |
| Salimbangon | Zarate | ON H. RES. NO. 105 |
| Salo | Zubiri | |

Negative

None

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 14 on House Resolution No. 105.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Committee Report No. 14 on House Resolution No. 105, entitled: RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF DRUG SYNDICATES AT THE NATIONAL BILIBID PRISON.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt the findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 14 on House Resolution No. 105.

ADOPTION OF FINDINGS AND RECOM. IN
CTTEE. RPT. NO. 14 ON H. RES. NO. 105

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

The findings and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 14 on House Resolution No. 105 are adopted.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. I move for a suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

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

It was 6:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:11 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the distinguished Minority Leader, the Hon. Danilo E. Suarez, for a manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The distinguished Minority Leader, Representative Suarez from Quezon, is hereby recognized.

REP. SUAREZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in connection with Committee Report No. 14 on House Resolution No. 105, the Minority's position is that, we are not going to support the Committee Report as we believe that there should be a closure. After conducting several hearings, live airing of the proceedings over radio, TV, and all the major networks and broadsheets, the Minority feels that there should be a recommendation on what should be done. In connection with this issue, the Minority will come up with a parallel report of recommendation on House Resolution No. 105.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the distinguished Sr. Dep. Minority Leader, the Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr., for his manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The distinguished Sr. Dep. Minority Leader Lito Atienza is hereby recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We join the position of the Minority Leader on our observation that these recommendations set by the Committee on Justice are not complete because they offer no conclusion as to what actually their findings are. But we would like to add a little more. As I read their set of recommendations, they did not mention the real problems existing in the New Bilibid Prison compound which caused the proliferation of drugs, walang binanggit doon na ang mga korupsiyon na nangyayari, ang lagayan—lahat po ay isinisisi, pero ang mga talagang pasimuno ng bayaran at lagayan sa National Bilibid Prison compound ay hindi man lang po binanggit.

These findings of the Committee on Justice are definitely incomplete and, in fact, shaded with partisan interest considering that there was no mention whatsoever as to who should really be made responsible for what is going on at Muntinlupa.

Nakakahiya po ito, Mr. Speaker, and we would like to dissociate ourselves from this particular set of recommendations. Sinabi po ang lahat, sinisisi po ang lahat, pero walang sinisisi doon sa tunay na pasimuno, the former Secretary of Justice.

With that, we would join the dissenting position on the matter.

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

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer the following House resolutions to appropriate committees:

1. House Resolution No. 418 – on the alleged illegal overcharging of questionable transmission loss fees by the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) on electricity consumers serviced by the Manila Electric Company (MERALCO) in the amount of P9.1 billion, to the Committee on Energy;

2. House Resolution No. 419 – on the numerous costs and liabilities that the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) is trying to pass on to electricity consumers, to the Committee on Energy;

3. House Resolution No. 421 – on the alleged riot at the New Bilibid Prison that claimed the life of a high-profile inmate and injuring four others, to the Committee on Justice;

4. House Resolution No. 423 – on the failure of the Insurance Commission to sanction erring insurance companies on their obligation regarding issued performance bonds, to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;

5. House Resolution No. 425 – on the implementation of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 by the National Solid Waste Management Commission, to the Committee on Ecology;

6. House Resolution No. 427 – on the recent riot that occurred at the New Bilibid Prison, Building 14, where one high-profile inmate was killed, to the Committee on Justice;

7. House Resolution No. 429 – on the continuous stay of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) within the Clark Special Economic Zone, in violation of Republic Act No. 7227, otherwise known as the Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992, to the Special Committee on Bases Conversion;

8. House Resolution No. 432 – on the conditions of working students hired on part-time employment, to the Committee on Labor and Employment;

9. House Resolution No. 433 – on the series of arson of farmers' houses at Barangay Paradise 3, San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan, involving the Araneta Properties, Inc., to the Committee on Human Rights;

10. House Resolution No. 434 – on the September 7 extrajudicial killing of Ariel Ordillo Diaz, Chairperson of Danggayán Dagiti Mannalon Ti Isabela or Dagami-Delfin Albano Chapter, to the Committee on Human Rights;

11. House Resolution No. 435 – on the filing of trumped up charges against farmers who are resisting

land grabbing in Brgy. Asinga-Via, Baggao town, Cagayan, to the Committee on Human Rights;

12. House Resolution No. 438 – on the institutionalized alternative academic and enrichment programs for out-of-school youth, to the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Higher and Technical Education;

13. House Resolution No. 439 – on the nation's preparedness for natural calamities before and after their occurrences, to the Committee on National Defense and Security;

14. House Resolution No. 441 – on the implementation of Republic Act No. 10586, otherwise known as the Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013, to the Committee on Transportation;

15. House Resolution No. 442 – on the need to support the lifting of quantitative import restrictions on rice to better attain national food security, to the Committees on Agriculture and Food, and the Special Committee on Food Security;

16. House Resolution No. 444 – on the school-based immunization of tetravalent dengue vaccine of the Department of Health for the purpose of protecting the health and welfare of the public, to the Committee on Health;

17. House Resolution No. 445 – on the necessity for Manila Water Company and Maynilad Water to specify water consumption corresponding to the amount of basic charge as a protection for their customers/clients/end-users to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;

18. House Resolution No. 446 – on the submission of the final proposal on public schools' problem over land titles, to the Committee on Justice;

19. House Resolution No. 447 – on the plan of action on the perennial gridlock at EDSA and the illegal practices by bus owners or companies inimical to public interest, to the Committee on Transportation;

20. House Resolution No. 452 – on the multiple human rights violations and sexual harassment resulting from the encampment of the elements of 50th Infantry Battalion-Philippine Army in the ancestral domain of the indigenous community in Ag-Agama, Western Lubuagan, Kalinga, to the Committee on Human Rights;

21. House Resolution No. 455 – on the possible massive economic employment in the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PSCO) Small Town Lottery program for surrendered drug users, to the Committees on Games and Amusements, and Dangerous Drugs; and

22. House Resolution No. 456 – on the illegal drug trading activities in the province of Zamboanga del Norte, to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Is

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Makati City, the Hon. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III. They are Raymond De Vera, the Senior Committee Member of the MFT Group of Companies; and Victor Zapanta Manlapaz, a Committee Member of the MFT Group of Companies.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The guests of the Hon. Monsour Del Rosario will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the distinguished Lady from the Fourth District of Cavite, the Hon. Jennifer Austria Barzaga. They are officials of the city government of Dasmariñas, headed by Vice Mayor Raul Rex Mangubat and his Councilors.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The guests of Representative Barzaga from the Fourth District of Cavite will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. SUAREZ. Mr. Speaker, may I be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Gentleman from the First District of Quezon, the distinguished Minority Leader Suarez, ...

REP. SUAREZ. From the Third District, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). ... is hereby recognized.

REP. SUAREZ. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully move that the Hon. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III be designated as an Asst. Minority Leader.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

REP. SUAREZ. Mr. Speaker, I move for the election of the following Members of the Minority to

the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples:

The Minority Leader, Rep. Danilo Suarez, read the names of the House Members elected to the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples, per Journal No. 39, dated October 19, 2016.

As members:

Rep. Arlene B. Arcillas

Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez

Rep. Julieta R. Cortuna

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the Gentleman from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Albay, Representative Lagman, is hereby recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. I was not really aware that we were already passing or approving the recommendation of the Committee on Justice. I was under the impression that such an important Resolution will be discussed extensively in the plenary, and the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice would defend the Resolution or the report of his Committee.

I prepared a number of questions for the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, by way of answer to the Honorable Lagman, the Committee Report of the Committee on Justice has been approved in whole by the Plenary a few minutes earlier. In fact, the members of the Minority, the honorable Minority Leader and the Deputy Minority Leader, the Honorable Suarez and the Honorable Atienza, respectively, spoke against the Committee Report. Then, pursuant to Section 17 of the Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, which I may read:

Upon inclusion of the report in the Calendar of Business, the Plenary may approve or adopt, disapprove or reject, in whole or in part, the report and its recommendation(s) or commit it to the archives.

The Plenary adopted the findings and recommendations of the Committee on Justice.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, that is the provision, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, but under that provision, it is understood that before the Plenary would approve, reject or archive a particular Committee Report, there should be discussions, and the Chairman of the Committee is called upon to defend the Committee Report. But that did not happen, Mr. Speaker.

I do not think we should be accustomed to fast-tracking certain actions of this House particularly on very important measures.

May we know whether the consideration of that Committee Report No. 14 of the Committee on Justice has been included in the Reference of Business for consideration today?

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, the plenary action on the Committee Report is covered by Section 17 of the Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation. Everything was done in order, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

May I read, "Section 17. Plenary Action on the Report. — The report, upon inclusion in the Order of Business,"—this is by the Committee on Rules—"shall be referred to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action. The Committee on Rules shall, thereafter, include the report in the Calendar of Business."

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules met at 3:30 this afternoon, and it was approved by the Committee on Rules for inclusion in the Calendar of Business of the Plenary today after spirited debate lasting more than an hour where the Sponsor himself was in defense of his measure, as he was questioned by many of the members of the Committee on Rules.

The session was well under way when the Committee on Rules ended its special meeting on the debate on Committee Report No. 14, and it was included in the Calendar of Business for today.

REP. LAGMAN. May we be furnished a copy of the Calendar of Business wherein this particular Committee Report No. 14 was included.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, this is a copy of the Business for the Day, which I will hand personally to our honorable colleague.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, that was not circulated to the Members of the House. It could be with the Rules Committee or with the Majority Leader, but it was

not, in any manner, distributed to the Members of the House. As a matter of fact, earlier this afternoon, I made a reservation with the Majority Leader and with the Deputy Majority Leaders that I have questions on the Report.

I do not have any copy of that Calendar of Business where this Committee Report No. 14 has been included.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, may we ask for a few minutes suspension of the session.

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

It was 6:25 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:37 p.m. the session was resumed.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we again recognize the distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Albay, Rep. Edcel C. Lagman is hereby recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. But let me first say that like the rest, most probably the Members, we do not have a copy of the Calendar wherein this particular Committee Report No. 14 has been included for plenary consideration.

Number two, the Members of the House do not have a complete copy of the Report. The Report includes voluminous annexes and how can the Members of the House really vote on this very important report without getting a complete copy of the Report with the annexes? Having said that, Mr. Speaker, let me go to my manifestation.

We congratulate the leadership and the membership of the Committee on Justice for deciding not to find probable cause and not to recommend the prosecution of Sen. Leila De Lima for allegedly receiving drug money from convicts and inmates of the New Bilibid Prison. But having said that, Mr. Speaker, I surmise that the Committee on Justice decided against finding probable cause and recommending the prosecution of

Senator De Lima because the Committee on Justice does not have the jurisdiction to find probable cause and recommend the prosecution of any person alleged to have committed a crime.

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Justice, pursuant to our Rules, Section 28 (bb), is limited to, and I quote:

All matters directly and principally relating to the administration of justice, the Judiciary, the practice of law and integration of the Bar, legal aid, penitentiaries and reform schools, adult probation, impeachment proceedings, registration of land titles, immigration, deportation, naturalization, and the definition of crimes and other offenses punishable by law, and their penalties.

In other words, the jurisdiction of the Committee on Justice does not extend to the investigation of any malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance in office committed by officers and employees of the government and its political subdivisions and instrumentalities. As a matter of fact, this is the jurisdiction of the Committee on Good Government.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, the jurisdiction to find probable cause with respect to the commission of crimes belongs to the prosecutorial agency of the government or the Office of the Public Prosecutor under the Department of Justice.

Even House Resolution No. 105 did not specifically direct the Committee on Justice to investigate the allegation that Senator De Lima received drug money from convicts and inmates of the New Bilibid Prison.

Let me quote the resolatory portion of the resolution and I quote:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives direct the appropriate committee to immediately conduct a comprehensive investigation on the proliferation of drug syndicates in the NBP, including the involvement and accountability of the authorities mandated to exercise control and supervision over the national penitentiary, under the leadership of then Secretary of the Department of Justice Leila M. De Lima, and such other heads of law enforcement agencies tasked with implementing law enforcement policies particularly those in combatting the use, proliferation and trade of illegal and prohibited drugs.

So, in other words, what was directed to the

appropriate committee is not finding a linkage between the convicts and the inmates engaged in the narcotics trade and Senator De Lima as having received drug money. The accountability here being pursued by the Committee is with respect to whether the leadership at that time failed to exercise control and supervision over the national penitentiary, and that is the clear language of the resolatory clause of the resolution.

Now, Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, since the Committee on Justice has no jurisdiction to find probable cause and recommend the prosecution of Senator De Lima, and the investigation of malfeasance, misfeasance, and nonfeasance committed by government officials and employees belong to the jurisdiction of the Committee on Good Government, and the authority to find probable cause with respect to the commission of crimes belongs to the prosecutorial agency of the government or the Office of the Public Prosecutor under the Department of Justice, the question is, why then did the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice allow the introduction of affidavits and testimonies on Senator De Lima's alleged receiving of drug money? This was beyond its jurisdiction and it was not directed to make such investigation.

Then, prescinding from the foregoing premises that the Committee on Justice has no jurisdiction, the jurisdiction belongs to the prosecutorial agency of the government or to the Committee on Good Government, so the next question is, why then did the Committee include in its Committee Report the following findings:

A. I quote:

Ablen and Ragos testified that they personally delivered the money collected from the inmates to the house of then Secretary De Lima. Likewise, all witnesses, inmates (except for Jaybee Sebastian) testified that they were instructed, through Ronnie Dayan, Joanel Sanchez and Jaybee Sebastian, to raise money for the campaign funds for Secretary De Lima for her senatorial bid. The inmate-witness tagged Secretary De Lima as the "protector" of drug syndicates. All these transpired during Ragos' and Bucayo's incumbency as head of the Bureau of Correction.

There was no necessity of placing this finding because, in the first place, the Committee has no jurisdiction to investigate malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance. It has no authority to investigate the allegation that Senator De Lima received drug money. So, this is completely off-tangent, irrelevant, and impertinent to the report.

B. The Committee Report says:

The confluence of events and circumstances point in no uncertain terms the veracity of the statement of witnesses that during the tenure of then-Secretary De Lima between 2012 and 2015, a fund-raising activity transpired to finance her senatorial bid in 2016.

Again, the Committee has no jurisdiction to make this finding because it has no power or authority to find probable cause and recommend the prosecution of any person who has committed a crime. As a matter of fact, it did not recommend the prosecution of Senator De Lima.

From the news reportage, and statements before the Committee on Justice of DOJ Secretary Aguirre, he purposely brought witnesses to the Committee on Justice to prove, among others, that Senator De Lima received drug money from convicts and inmates of the New Bilibid Prison to fund her senatorial campaign. Now, the Committee on Justice is deferring to the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice to prosecute De Lima. If this Chairman of the Committee on Justice was allowed to defend his Committee Report, I would have asked him to explain the “ping-pong interplay” between the Department of Justice and the Committee on Justice.

With this development, with the Committee on Justice deferring to the Department of Justice the prosecution of Senator De Lima, there is credence to the accusation that the Committee on Justice allowed itself to be used by the Executive Department, through the Secretary of Justice, in embarking on a malevolent odyssey of shaming and vilifying Senator De Lima. Had the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice been asked to defend his report, then he could have had the option to answer or react to this statement.

One of the recommendations of the Committee on Justice is the reimposition of the death penalty on drug cases. It says in its report, and I quote: “Reimposition of the death penalty on drug cases pending the reform of the criminal justice system.” This recommendation is not necessary because pending for consideration is Administration Bill No. 1, calling for the reimposition of the death penalty on heinous crimes. The Committee on Justice need not conduct an investigation to make this particular recommendation because this is already covered by House Bill No. 1. Of course, I am against this measure because it took me 20 years, 20 years of crusade for the abolition of death penalty, but this is not the time to discuss why the death penalty should not be restored.

Among the legislative measures recommended by the Committee on Justice, are: granting of exceptions to the Anti-Wire Tapping Law, Bank Secrecy Law, and

Anti-Money Laundering Act, with respect to inmates and drug-related cases. But, if my distinguished colleagues read the Committee Report, there was no specific amendment and specific exception to the aforesaid statutes which the Committee on Justice recommended. In other words, remedial legislation or in aid of legislation was not the primary objective of the Committee on Justice.

It also recommended the changing of the status of prison guards and other NBP personnel from tenured employees to confidential employees in order to provide flexibility to the BuCor director in reassigning or dismissing errant guards and personnel.

I hope that the Committee on Justice understood the import of this recommendation. If this proposal is approved, what will happen to the security of tenure of prison guards and other NBP personnel who are under the Civil Service? The proposal ensnares both the innocent and culpable personnel of the New Bilibid Prison. I know that the Members of the House are now raring to start their vacation. I have other questions and matters to discuss, particularly, on why the Committee on Justice embarked on this investigation with respect to the existence of a narcotic trade in the New Bilibid Prison when way back years ago, and until very recently, this was an open secret. It has been investigated before, and what is needed is the prosecution of the culprits and the guilty parties.

So, I would say that this investigation of the Committee on Justice was an exercise in futility except to align itself with the Executive in a campaign to shame and vilify a Member of the Senate.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. And I do not know how my vote was recorded, because I did not participate in the voting, but let that be as it is.

Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules, I move that we authorize all committees to conduct meetings or public hearings, if deemed necessary, during the House recess from October 22, 2016 to November 6, 2016.

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

REMARKS OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, before we adjourn, allow me to thank and commend the Members for their attendance in 39 session days, since the convening

of the Seventeenth Congress on July 25, 2016. The average attendance of the Members for the 39 session days reached 257 Members for every session day or 88-percent attendance. *(Applause)*

I also thank and commend the Members for the record-setting approval of the maiden budget of the Duterte administration by the House of Representatives under the leadership of Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez.

Noong nakaraan po, kapag nagba-budget plenary debates po tayo, eh—matagal-tagal na rin ho tayo sa Kongreso—10 araw po iyan, inaabot pa ng umaga. For the first time in history, plenary debates were done in eight days, tapos po iyong budget on Second Reading. *(Applause)*

More so, Mr. Speaker, and honorable colleagues, for the first time in history, in all of the eight days, the roll was called every morning during session and we had a quorum every time the roll was called. This calling of the roll of Members every morning is unprecedented.

Another accomplishment is that the Chamber has acted on measures filed before it. As of this date, there are more than 4,000 bills and 500 resolutions filed and referred to various committees. We have six bills already approved on Third Reading, two bills approved on Second Reading, and 21 resolutions duly adopted. We also have adopted the recommendations of a committee as a result of its conduct in aid of legislation, and during the 39 session days, 98 privilege speeches

were delivered, with 85 of them duly referred to various committees.

On behalf of the Speaker who is on official travel and business to the People's Republic of China, I commend and congratulate all Members for their hard work and dedication. *(Applause)* This has been a truly productive session. *(Applause)*

Special mention goes to Sr. Dep. Majority Leader Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc and the members of the Committee on Rules; *(Applause)* to Chairman Karlo Nograles and the Vice Chairpersons of the Appropriations Committee; *(Applause)* to Minority Leader Danny Suarez and the members of the Minority; *(Applause)* and to our colleagues from the group of seven independents for the critical collaboration that we had.

We hope to make this Congress the best ever.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. On that note, Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until Monday, November 7, 2016, at four o'clock in the afternoon. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon, November 7, 2016.

It was 6:57 p.m.