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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Frederick "Erick" F. Abueg called the session to order.*

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

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

### PRAYER

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

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4214, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ABACA BIOTECHNOLOGY LABORATORY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4215, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES TO BE KNOWN AS THE FOUNDATION DAY OF CATANDUANES”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4216, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Baguilat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4217, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK ON

RESILIENT HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Batocabe and Baguilat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4218, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE CITY OF MATI AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE GOVERNOR GENEROSO COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GOVERNOR GENEROSO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Almario  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4219, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BAYANG HISTORICAL PARK AND CONVENTION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYANG, LANA O DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Papandayan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4220, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR PHILIPPINE ATHLETES WITH MILITARY SERVICES, GRANTING THEM ONE (1) TO THREE (3) RANKS HIGHER UPON ACHIEVING MEDALS IN ANY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4221, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING FARM MECHANIZATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4222, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ENROLLMENT OF ALL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (DND) IN A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4223, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING FOOD SECURITY, ESTABLISHING THE FOOD SECURITY COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 4224, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT INDUSTRY TRUST FUND ACT PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lobregat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4225, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REFERRAL TO CONCERNED AGENCIES OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH OUTPUTS”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4226, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FILIPINO OVERSEAS GRADUATE STUDENTS”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4227, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN PHILIPPINE EDUCATION”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4228, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING EDUCATION TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4229, entitled:

“AN ACT SUPPORTING THE TRAINING OF  
ENGLISH TUTOR AND TOUR GUIDES IN  
THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4230, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING BUSINESSES WITH  
LESS THAN TEN (10) EMPLOYEES FROM  
COMPULSORY REGISTRATION WITH  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS  
THE BIR, SSS, AND PHILHEALTH FOR  
A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS FROM  
THE COMMENCEMENT OF THEIR  
BUSINESSES”

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

House Bill No. 4231, entitled:

“AN ACT INCORPORATING LESSONS ON  
TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION  
AND POPULATION EDUCATION IN THE  
CURRICULUM OF BASIC EDUCATION IN  
THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4232, entitled:

“AN ACT TO GRANT A SPECIAL LEAVE  
PRIVILEGE FOR A MAXIMUM OF  
THREE (3) DAYS PER SCHOOL YEAR  
TO ALL TEACHING PERSONNEL OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND  
COLLEGES”

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

House Bill No. 4233, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF MANDATORY PLAY  
AREAS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ALL  
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE  
COUNTRY”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4234, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING PUBLIC-PRIVATE  
PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES IN THE  
PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM”

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

House Bill No. 4235, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PRIVATE SCHOOLS  
EXPANDED GOVERNMENT SUPPORT  
AND EASY ACCESS TO CREDIT”

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

House Bill No. 4236, entitled:

“AN ACT INCORPORATING ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
AND BASIC FINANCIAL LITERACY IN ALL  
TRACKS IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4237, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING DIGITAL FLUENCY  
AMONG FILIPINO STUDENTS BY  
MANDATING SCHOOLS TO INSTITUTE  
CURRICULAR REFORMS THAT  
WOULD INCORPORATE THE SAME IN  
PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE”

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

House Bill No. 4238, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING MALLS FROM  
ALLOWING ENTRY IN THEIR PREMISES  
SCHOOL CHILDREN IN UNIFORM NOT  
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR A  
RESPONSIBLE ADULT DURING SCHOOL  
HOURS”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4239, entitled:  
“AN ACT INCLUDING IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM LESSONS ON THE PARTY LIST SYSTEM”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4240, entitled:  
“AN ACT EXEMPTING SMALL TRUCKS FROM ANY TRUCK BAN COVERAGE”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4241, entitled:  
“AN ACT PROHIBITING TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS FROM IMPLEMENTING MISLEADING PROMOS”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4242, entitled:  
“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF EXCESSIVE LISTING FEES”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4243, entitled:  
“AN ACT PROHIBITING CONSIGNEES FROM REMITTING SALES TO CONSIGNORS AFTER ONE WEEK FROM ACTUAL PAYMENT”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4244, entitled:  
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ASEAN STUDIES AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA

House Bill No. 4245, entitled:  
“AN ACT TO INTEGRATE LESSONS ON FRIENDLINESS TO TOURISTS IN THE CURRICULUM OF BASIC EDUCATION”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4246, entitled:  
“AN ACT TO INTEGRATE LESSONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE CURRICULUM OF BASIC EDUCATION”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4247, entitled:  
“AN ACT TO INTEGRATE LESSONS ON BASIC ROAD COURTESY AND APPROPRIATE STREET BEHAVIOR IN THE CURRICULUM OF BASIC EDUCATION”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4248, entitled:  
“AN ACT TO INTEGRATE LESSONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA ETHICS IN THE CURRICULUM OF FORMAL EDUCATION”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4249, entitled:  
“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO TEACHERS ASSIGNED IN CONFLICT AREAS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MEASURES FOR THEIR PROTECTION”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4250, entitled:  
“AN ACT TO INTEGRATE LESSONS ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND FIRE DRILLS IN THE CURRICULUM OF FORMAL EDUCATION”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4251, entitled:  
“AN ACT TO REQUIRE CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITH FAR-FLUNG AREAS TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL BUS OR ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS”  
By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4252, entitled:  
“AN ACT REQUIRING INCREASED POLICE VISIBILITY IN SCHOOLS”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER  
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4253, entitled:

“AN ACT GIVING ROAD ACCESS TO ALL  
TOURISM SITES IN THE COUNTRY AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 4254, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL  
RESEARCH COMPETITION AMONG  
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4255, entitled:

“FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES ACT OF  
2016”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4256, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING A SCHOLAR FOR  
EVERY FILIPINO FAMILY”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4257, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TEN YEAR  
ASEAN INTEGRATION PLAN AND THE  
IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING  
THEREOF”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4258, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL  
EDUCATION BOARD, THEREBY  
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7662,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LEGAL  
EDUCATION REFORM ACT OF 1993 AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4259, entitled:

“ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING ACT OF  
THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE  
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 4260, entitled:

“AN ACT OFFICIALLY CREATING BARANGAY  
ASCOMO, MUNICIPALITY OF GUAGUA,  
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, INTO A  
BARANGAY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4261, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 53 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, ENTITLED AN  
ACT TO RECOGNIZE, PROTECT AND  
PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS  
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, CREATING  
A NATIONAL COMMISSION ON  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, ESTABLISHING  
IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES ”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS  
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 4262, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TAX RELIEF IN  
CALAMITY”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL  
SERVICES

House Bill No. 4263, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING SUPERMARKETS,  
FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND  
OTHER SIMILAR BUSINESSES FROM  
THROWING AWAY AND SPOILING  
UNSOLD FOOD”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD  
SECURITY

House Bill No. 4264, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE  
BENEFITS TO BARANGAY CAPTAINS,  
PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT  
OF ITS PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4265, entitled:  
“AN ACT PROTECTING CONSUMERS OF WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICES”  
By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4266, entitled:  
“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION”  
By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4267, entitled:  
“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 112, CHAPTER I, TITLE IV OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED”  
By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4268, entitled:  
“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE COMMITTED BY COMMON CARRIERS, FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE 365 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OR THE REVISED PENAL CODE”  
By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4269, entitled:  
“AN ACT ORDAINING, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOWNSTREAM NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY, CONSOLIDATING FOR THE PURPOSE ALL LAWS RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”  
By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 4270, entitled:  
“AN ACT REGULATING STREET AND ROAD SIGNS, WAITING SHEDS, SPEED BUMPS, SIDEWALKS, PAVEMENTS, STREETLIGHTS AND OTHER SIMILAR INFRASTRUCTURE PRESCRIBING THE SPECIFICATION AND MEASUREMENT STANDARDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”  
By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4271, entitled:  
“AN ACT BANNING TRADITIONAL, SMALL-SCALE, COMMUNITY INCINERATION (“SIGA”) AND AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8749, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR BURNING OF SOLID WASTE, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003”  
By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4272, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 24 OF EVERY YEAR AS GOVERNOR HIGINIO ACOSTA MENDOZA, SR. DAY IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA IN HONOR OF THE MARTYRDOM OF GOVERNOR HIGINIO ACOSTA MENDOZA”  
By Representatives Acosta, Abueg and Alvarez (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4273, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS THE ECOLOGICAL TOURISM CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”  
By Representatives Acosta, Abueg and Alvarez (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 4274, entitled:  
“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SOUTHERN ISABELA GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SANTIAGO CITY, PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A TERTIARY GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHERN ISABELA MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”  
By Representative Aggabao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4275, entitled:  
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SPACE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION POLICY AND CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SPACE AGENCY (PSA) AND DEFINE THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF ITS ACTIVITIES”  
By Representatives Nieto and Maceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4276, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4277, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995”

By Representative Salo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4278, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TALISAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN TALISAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gullas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4279, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING ARTICLES 202 AND 341 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND INSTITUTING A SYSTEM OF PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS OF PROSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4280, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE FRUIT AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4281, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING HOUSING UNITS FOR HOMELESS PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AS MANDATORY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cortuna  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4282, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING AND CONVERTING PARCELS OF TIMBERLAND LOCATED IN BARANGAYS 1 AND 2 (POBLACION), BULAWAN, CARAYACAY, LIBERTAD, MALOBAGO, MAPUTI, SAN ROQUE, SAN MIGUEL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MASLOG AND SMALL PORTIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ARTECHE, ORAS AND DOLORES IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS”

By Representative Evardone  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4283, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Evardone  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4284, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SAMAR ISLAND NATURAL PARK (SINP), SITUATED IN THE PROVINCES OF SAMAR, NORTHERN SAMAR AND EASTERN SAMAR, AS A PROTECTED AREA AND ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS AS BUFFER ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Evardone  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4285, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9297, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING LAW OF 2004”

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

House Bill No. 4286, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION”

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

House Bill No. 4287, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING WASTE DUMPING AND STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF WASTE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT IN THE COUNTRY, THEREBY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 (b), 13, 14 (a) (i), AND 15 OF REPUBLIC ACT 6969, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4288, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SIBULAN, TORIL DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MT. APO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4289, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CATIGAN, TORIL DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CATIGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4290, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO NOTRE DAME BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8109 ENTITLED AN ACT GRANTING THE NOTRE DAME BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, AND CULTURAL AS WELL AS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4291, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND ESTABLISHMENTS TO ADOPT WORK-AT-HOME PROGRAMS”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4292, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 10 OF R.A. 10000, OR THE AGRICULTURE REFORM CREDIT ACT OF 2009, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE AND UNDERCOMPLIANCE OF LENDING INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Antonio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4293, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MATAGUISI COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - CACALAGGAN ANNEX AT BARANGAY CACALAGGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PUDTOL, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE MATAGUISI COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-MAIN CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TAWIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bulut-Begtang  
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House Bill No. 4295, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MAYOR BARTOLOME SERUT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL - MUSIMUT ANNEX AT BARANGAY MUSIMUT, MUNICIPALITY OF KABUGAO, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE MAYOR BARTOLOME SERUT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL-MAIN CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MUSIMUT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bulut-Begtang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
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House Bill No. 4296, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - GUINA-ANG ANNEX AT BARANGAY GUINA-ANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-MAIN CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GUINA-ANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas and Elago  
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House Resolution No. 528, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. KYLIE FAUSTO VERZOSA FOR WINNING THE 2016 MISS INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT"

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 529, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR EMMANUEL "MANNY" PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WBO WORLD WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE FIGHT AGAINST JESSIE VARGAS"

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE LEADERSHIP TO STRICTLY ENFORCE POLICE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 'OPLAN TOKHANG' AND DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH PROCEDURES AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE CAREFULLY UPHELD IN POLICE OPERATIONS"

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Rep. France L. Castro for House Resolution No. 527; and

Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao for House Resolution No. 464.

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

## PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we hold a Privilege Hour.

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

The Privilege Hour is declared open.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Jose "Lito" L. Atienza Jr. of BUHAY Party-List who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Rep. Lito Atienza of BUHAY Party-List is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Gentleman is recognized.

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ATIENZA

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you. Salamat po sa ating Dep. Majority Leader sa pagkakataong ibinigay sa atin at tayo po ay humingi ng pananaw ng ating mga kasamahan sa ating kasalukuyang Kongreso. We would like to stress the creeping culture of death that is bearing down on our whole country today.

Kagalang-galang na Ispiker, hindi ko na po bibigyan ng detalye ang nangyari po sa Baybay, Leyte. Alam ko namang alam ng lahat ng ating mga kasamahan kung ano ang naganap doon sa kanilang kulungan, kung papaano, sa gitna ng gabi o madaling-araw, pinaslang ang dalawang inmate doon ng mga kapulisan na hindi naman taga-roon. Their alibi is that they were serving a search warrant.

Mr. Speaker, marami pong mga panloloko at kasinungalingan ang natatanggap natin sa ating panahon ngayon pero para sabihin po ng ating mga kapulisan ngayon na iyong kanilang pagpunta roon ay upang i-serve ang isang search warrant, madaling-araw, sa loob ng kulungan, sa dalawang tao o sa isang taong sumuko na sa awtoridad, this is the height of what we call the "creeping culture of death." Very clearly, the purpose of the visit to the mayor who was detained in that cell was to rub him out of existence, to kill him. Kapag hindi naman po tayo nagulantang diyan ay kailan pa tayo gigising? Kailan pa natin papansinin na wala na pong panggalang sa buhay ng tao ngayon, at ito ay nangyayari araw-araw?

Sa pagkakataong ito, ako ay nakakatiyak, mayroong pinapatay na Pilipino sa kanyang tahanan o sa kanyang looban ng barangay. The other night, one barangay chairman from Manila was shot dead by two people riding in tandem. The other night, a couple, a husband and wife in Las Piñas, were killed in cold blood inside their house. The other day, a leader of the anti-crime movement in Mindoro was mercilessly killed, and the suspects were two uniformed policemen. The other week, the mayor of Maguindanao was also slaughtered at the checkpoint organized by the local police.

I can go on and on and on and count the dead bodies that are now in our midst, Mr. Speaker. Almost 4,000 Filipinos have already been killed. When do we stop? If the culture of death is accepted by us, then you and I will have nothing to work on. This Congress will be useless if we cannot put a stop to all of these. Wala pong pupuntahan ang ating bansa kung ang pag-galang sa buhay ng tao ay hindi na natin bibigyan ng halaga. Kung ang karapatan ng isang Pilipino upang maipagtanggol ang kanyang sarili ay hindi na po maigagalang ng ating mga may kapangyarihan, wala na po tayong hinaharap na kinabukasan. Mr. Speaker, dumaan tayo sa batas militar, dumaan tayo sa isang diktadurya, dumaan tayo sa madilim na panahon kung saan hindi tayo makapagsalita ng malaya, subalit alam nating mayroon at mayroon po tayong magagawa upang ipagtanggol ang ating mga karapatan noong mga panahong yaon.

We are very, very sorry for what is going on because we know we will not succeed in our dream of a prosperous Philippines. The common vision that we all share in this Congress of a prosperous Philippines will not be accomplished. I am sorry to say, no amount of good governance that is not anchored on the rule of law has any chance to succeed. Kung tayo po naman ay magbabago nang sistema at papalitan natin ng isang diktadurya itong ating sistema ngayon, so be it, but then, we should also react properly.

At this point in time, we have to take note that a culture of death is already upon us. The only way to progress is to promote a culture of life, the anathema, the opposite of a culture of death. A culture of life as envisioned by our forefathers, by the heroes of our nation, will be realized because this nation was founded on the rule of law, and the rights—respect for each and every Filipino's life. Kung tayo po ay nagtagumpay sa mga nakaraang dekada, sa nakaraang siglo, ay dahil po sa ating pag-uugali bilang Pilipino. Hindi kailanman nang-api ang Pilipino subalit kung pababayaang natin, lahat po tayo ay aabutin niyan. Iyon nga po ang aking naisagot sa isang nagtanong sa akin—"Congressman, mayor, what are you doing? We do not hear your voice". I answered him, "It is not my voice that will count, but the collective voices of our people".

Ang sabi nga po ni Dr. Jose Rizal ay walang mang-aapi, kung walang magpapaapi. Our people are helpless at this point. Our President, no less, is leading a campaign to eradicate the drug problem; that is commendable. Our President, no less, has sustained these efforts to do everything his government can do so that our nation will be saved from the drug menace; that is needed and admirable. But, Mr. Speaker, all of these good intentions will come to naught, mawawalan po ng saysay ito kung ang lahat ng pamamaraang gagamitin ay pagpapatay at pagkitil sa buhay ng tao. If these will take shortcuts, killing every individual they would like to kill, hindi po magtatagumpay ang ating Pangulo. I do

not see that a country ruled under a culture of death will ever succeed in giving its people—a hundred million of us—dependent on what the leader will lead us to.

At this point in time, Mr. Speaker, I am appealing to our good Director of the Philippine National Police, whom I saw on television, watching boxing, while Mayor Espinosa was being slaughtered in his cell. I am appealing to the President, to President Duterte himself: "You unleashed these forces now that are committing all of these abuses. It is for you now to rein them in. Otherwise, riding a vicious, violent tiger may not allow you anymore to get down off it when the time comes, when you realize you are headed in the wrong direction."

Today, we can still do something. In this Congress, we can do something. We, elected Members of this Congress, can work so that we will be able to do something to help this government accomplish its goals without breaking the rule of law. If we have succeeded so far, in the threat to a genuine democracy when we removed the dictator of 20 years, it was on the basis of defending the rule of law. If we maintained stability in our government in spite of the challenges being posed by many sectors, it is only because Filipinos want the rule of law. This is all we are asking for, Mr. Speaker. Respect life and follow the rule of law. We have a Constitution that is just about to be challenged and changed, but I am sad to proclaim that this Constitution has been violated in many, many ways by the present campaign supposedly to eradicate the drug problem. The good intention, as they say, is littered with all of these bodies of dead people, and no good intention will ever justify the deprivation of life of one Filipino. Isa lamang po ang pinaslang nang wala po sa tamang paraan, iyan po ay sisingilin hindi lang ng Panginoong Diyos, kundi sisingilin ng taong-bayan pagdating ng panahon. Iyong pulis, kailangan maging pulis muli, at iyong kriminal, habulin natin, ikulong, at parusahan.

Our problem is one of a corrupt criminal justice system that we can see riddled with all of these killings. The authorities are taking the law in their own hands. The prosecution, the judicial system is not working, Mr. President, kaya kailangan pong iyon ang ating puntuhin, iyon ang ating pagtulung-tulungan. Ang sagot diyan ay hindi death penalty, ang sagot diyan ay repormahin natin ang ating criminal justice system so that the police will work, the prosecutor will prosecute, the judge will render justice, and all of our city jails will be safe for those who will be put in there.

Ngayon, ang pinakamalaking iskandalo sa buong mundo ay iyong ating Bilibid compound kung saan nagmumula ang lahat ng droga, and no less than the former Secretary of Justice is being accused of having benefited from all of these. Personally, I believe all of those allegations. I know that you are all believers of that because we investigated the matter but look, what

do we hear from our colleagues? Kailangang ibalik na ang death penalty sapagkat ang nakakakuha lang ng mga benepisyo ay iyong mga nasa loob ng preso sa Muntinlupa. The solution is not the death penalty, Mr. Speaker. The solution is to reform the criminal justice system. Iyon dapat makukulong, ikulong. Kung ito ay habang buhay, hayaan nating mabulok sa kulungan ng habang buhay, at hindi bigyan ng pribilehiyo ng mga nagpapatakbo ng ating New Bilibid compound.

So, it is right in front of our face, Mr. Speaker. The causes for all of these are very, very simple matters to handle if we, Members of Congress, will put in all our collective minds and commitment to a real genuine democracy, then we will succeed, Mr. Speaker. But if we look the other way and we look for solutions which are not addressing the real causes of the problem, we will not get anywhere. Ang problema ay traffic, ang sagot ay masyado raw kasi maraming commuters, o marami raw kasing tao. Hindi po iyon ang problema, Mr. Speaker. Ang problema ng traffic ay the mismanagement of those running the traffic in our country, especially the mismanagement by the past government. Let me stress that the mismanagement by the past government is the one at fault as to why we are suffering the consequences of the problem of the traffic mess.

So, here we go again, we would like to support the President, we would like him to succeed but on the other hand, it is most important to remind him that killing people is not the solution. Punishing the criminals is the genuine way to teach the lesson. The certainty of arrest and punishment, Mr. Speaker, is the best deterrent to the commission of any crime; it is not the penalty. All countries who had experimented on the death penalty, including the Philippines, have not succeeded in eradicating crimes in their countries. So, here we go again, running around in circles, chasing our own tail, para tayong asong paikot-ikot, hinahabol ang sarili nating buntot. Wala po tayong pupuntahan, Mr. Speaker.

So, I am now holding on to the words of the President. Yesterday, as I was listening to him on the radio, he was in Leyte, ang sabi niya, “Kayong mga pulis, magtrabaho kayo, gawin ninyo ang dapat ninyong gawin. Huwag kayong matakot. Kung sino man ang hahadlang sa inyo, ipagtatangol ko kayo.” Those were the accurate words. But he said something else after that, “Kung kayo naman, ang aapihin ninyo ay ang civilian,” tapos nagmura siya, “kayo ang papatayin ko.” Those are not my words, Mr. Speaker, those are the words of President Duterte, sabi niya na papatayin daw niya ang mga pulis na aabuso sa taong-bayan.

So, I call on him now, “Do something about the situation, Mr. President. Your credibility will suffer incorrigibly if you do not do something now.” Ang mga tao ay umaasa na lamang sa solusyon ng ating

Pangulo. Ang mga tao ay umaasa sa nangangakong General Dela Rosa. Ang mga tao ay umaasa sa ating mga Congressmen, mga halal ng bayan. What we do will bear fruits tomorrow. What we fail to do will bear on all of us, including our children and grandchildren. So, I urge all of us—let us have one collective voice in calling on this government to address the problems accurately. Pagtulong-tulungan natin ang solusyon at hindi iyong pamamaraang walang pupuntahan.

Ang ginagawa nila ngayon ay inaalis lamang ang lahat ng mga impormasyon na magdudulot ng tamang direksyon sa prosecution. Ang mga pinapatay ngayon ay iyong mga may alam sa mga nangyari at nangyayari pang pamamahagi ng droga. Mr. Speaker, the problem of drug distribution, for the information of the body, did not stopped altogether. It continues victimizing our young. Again, it is because the solution that we are offering is not the correct solution.

Papunta po tayong sa isang kulturang hindi natin nanaisin kailanman. The culture of death may be acceptable to some or to many, unless you get victimized yourself. Kapag kayo na ang biktima, maiintindihan ninyo itong mensahe ko. We have to stand up now and defend the rule of law. There is still time. It has been barely four months of leadership of the President; he can do something about the direction that he is leading us to. I still believe in him but I would like to see him reform what he is now starting to create—a culture of death.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. Thank you, Mr. Dep. Majority Leader.

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

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

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

REP. GULLAS. I would like to correct my motion, Mr. Speaker. I move that we recognize the Hon. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. of KABAYAN Party-List for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Hon. H. Harry Roque is recognized.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat, Dep. Majority Leader. Nais ko pong malaman kung ang aking kapatid sa Minorya ay pumapayag po na magtanong ako ng kaunti lang naman na mga puntos bilang interpellation.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, it is always an honor to be interpellated by a gentleman legislator like Congressman Harry Roque.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Maraming salamat po. Unang-una po, bago ako magtanong ay binabati ko po si Congressman Atienza ng BUHAY Party-List dahil sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon po ay nabasag iyong katahimikan dito sa ating Kamara, lalong-lalo na po pagdating dito sa usapin ng pagpatay dito kay dating Mayor Espinosa ng Leyte.

Una pong katanungan, ang aking tanong po, Mr. Speaker, dahil noong nangyari po ang patayan na ito, ako po ay wala sa Pilipinas kaya hindi po malinaw sa akin kung ano talaga ang pangyayari doon sa patayan na ito. So, would the kind Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List refresh our memory as to what exactly allegedly happened in connection with the killing of Mayor Rolando Espinosa Sr. of Leyte.

REP. ATIENZA. Sa pagkaalam po ng lahat base po sa report mismo ng kapulisan, ang pagpaslang ay naganap sa isang, sabi nila, barilan sa loob ng kulungan. Ang tanong naman ng marami, kasama na po ang inyong lingkod, bakit magkakaroon ng barilan sa loob ng kulungan na hindi naman malaki, kundi ito ay substation lamang. Maliit na kulungan lang po ito at maliit na selda lang ito. Iyon bang assumption natin ay may baril iyong Mayor na nandoon sa loob at may baril din iyong kanyang kaselda na hindi naman niya kakosa? Iyong isang napatay po hindi naman kaugnay sa problema niya, a certain Mr. Yap. It turns out, if we would believe the version of the police, ay mayroon daw baril iyong Yap at may baril si Mayor at nagkaroon ng barilan sa loob ng kulungan.

Ang mga katanungan po, na hanggang ngayon ay hindi po nasasagot ng malinaw, ay una, ano ang ginagawa ng CIDG sa loob ng kulungang na iyon? Ang CIDG po ay iyong pinaka-ahensiya ng PNP, iyong Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, sila ang mga tumutugis at sila ang mayroong intelligence work. Sila ang nagse-serve ng mga warrant, at ito ngayon ang kanilang ginagamit na dahilan, na sila raw ay pumasok sa kulungan sa Baybay, Leyte dahil mayroon silang ise-serve na search warrant.

Ang tanong ay, bakit at sino ang nagbigay ng search warrant para halughugin iyong isang kulungan na ang kinalaman ay isang taong sumuko? Remember, Mayor Espinosa surrendered himself. In fact, he urged his son, who is also noted to be a drug lord, na sumuko na rin. Therefore, what is to search for and why in the dead of the night—why at four o'clock in the morning? Why do you yourself have to serve it to a person who is detained?

Ibigay mo sa warden, tama at sapat na po iyon. Tayo po naman ay mayroong kaunting karanasan bilang isang alkalde dati. Alam ko ang operations ng pulis, lalong-

lalo na, sa palagay natin, ang hinahabol ay isang noted criminal. Nag-iingat tayo at we have to be very careful that each and every step that we take will stand up in court. All of the steps that they had taken will not stand up in court. As my noted colleague, a very prominent lawyer would agree, all of the steps that they had taken will not be justifiable and will not stand up in a formal court hearing, but they did it anyway. Why? Because they were sure that the man will no longer be able to complain because the mission was to kill, to rub him out—iyon nga po ang naganap.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, I would like to know why the Gentleman from Buhay concluded that the mission was to kill. From what we read in the newspaper, Mr. Speaker, the CIDG allegedly was supposed to effect, to serve an arrest warrant to Mayor Espinosa. In this regard, my first question is, as a former Mayor himself, what is the procedure if police agents would want to serve a warrant of arrest to a person who is already under detention, if the Gentleman from Buhay Party-List knows?

REP. ATIENZA. Common sense, dahil wala po naman tayong past law over such situations but using common sense, and based on my own experiences, ibinibigay po sa warden ito upang ang warden na ang magse-serve doon sa subject. Hindi na kailangan hanapin pa o personally i-deliver ito sa tao. Basta nai-deliver ang warrant, they have done their job. Kung wala po iyong tao, puwede nga ilagay na lang sa pader ang notice of warrant, hindi po ba? Sufficient notification na rin po iyon. Dito po, na-deliver sa loob ng selda at ang kataka-taka, nawala lahat ang mga CCTV doon sa okasyon o pagkakataong iyon. Walang nakuhang ebidensiya sa transaksyon sa loob. Sana kung may nakita tayong bumunot ng baril ang dalawang suspek, ito ay sapat o sufficient evidence to show that there indeed was a firefight inside the jail. But no, all the CCTV recordings, by coincidence, were all destroyed or disappeared. Kaya ang suspetsa po ng marami, including this humble Representation, talagang nakaplano ang rubout more than anything else.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, I read in the newspapers that the CIDG claimed that Mayor Espinosa was killed because nanlaban siya. What is the opinion of the Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List to this allegation, that Mayor Espinosa allegedly was shot dahil siya po ay nanlaban?

REP. ATIENZA. Ang masakit na katotohanan, Mr. Speaker, and honorable colleague, Congressman Roque, itong mga pinapatay ngayon, pati na iyong mag-asawa sa loob ng bahay nila, ang bersion ng pulis ay nanlaban sila. Lahat po iyan ay ang kanilang official report—

refusal to be arrested, resisted arrest and pulled their guns or pulled out their knives and attempted to harm or kill law enforcers. Kapag sinabing nanlaban, ibig sabihin bumunot ng armas at uunahan ang pulis na pataying ito. Kaya siyempre ang kanilang aksiyon, supposedly, becomes justifiable dahil sabi nila, “Inunahan po namin kung hindi kami naman ang papatayin.”

So the question is one of common sense. Inside the jail, are we willing to accept the version of those who are now defending the team that went there, that the two suspects or killed victims, that both resisted arrest? How can you resist being served a search warrant inside a jail where you are already detained? I do not see the logic. If any one of our colleagues will now say, “no, mali ka Congressman Atienza, ganoon talaga, manlalaban iyon,” sa palagay ko ay matatawa na lang ako kung mayroon sa inyong maniniwala roon. Sabi ko nga, common sense will tell us hindi lalaban ang prisoner na isine-serve lang sa kanya ang search warrant—“Mag-search ka rito, wala naman akong—pati nga iyong jewelry ko na dala ko, pati iyong wallet ko, hawak nila e.” Mayroon ba namang nakapasok sa loob ng kulungan na nadala ang baril niya? Aba, iba namang kaso iyan. Kamangmangan ito and gross stupidity on the part of the jail manager. When you enter a jail, you are stripped of all of your physical possessions, including your rings and everything, because you are not supposed to be carrying these while under detention. Ito ay baril, and what a scene—pagkatapos binaril, nandoon ang baril sa tabi ng kamay ng dating mayor.

Let us make this very clear, Mr. Speaker, we are not defending the former Mayor. Although I myself was a former Mayor, I am not defending him for whatever he is being accused of. What I am defending here is his right to life. No amount of accusation will justify anyone taking the life of another. Kung hindi, wala po tayong pupuntahan dahil magpapatayan tayo nang magpapatayan. Kaya ang sinasabi po natin, violence will only beget more violence, and the Philippines will get nowhere if this happens.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, I would like to know from the Gentleman from BUHAY what his experience was during his nine years as Mayor of the City of Manila. Did he have prior experience with the police claiming that they had to resort to the killing of a person because this person allegedly resisted either arrest or presented a threat to the life of the law enforcement agent?

REP. ATIENZA. Probably, we are claiming that during our leadership in Manila where the police—I was working with the police—hindi ko po masasabing under sila sa akin sapagkat ang pulis ay hindi under sa mayor and so, you will have to work with your police. I am proud to say that I made it clear that I will support

every police operation to promote peace and order in the City of Manila, but I will never, never countenance—malinaw po sa amin iyon—I will never support or countenance salvaging. Ang tawag po namin diyan ay salvaging. If you take an innocent life, you will have to suffer the consequences and I, as Mayor, will prosecute you. Kaya I am proud to say that under the nine years of my management of the police force in Manila, not one salvaging was committed by the police. They were cooperating with the thinking of the leadership.

Let us be very meticulous about peace and order problems. Do your job. I gave them bonuses; I gave them allowances; I increased their pay; I gave them guns; I gave them mobile units; I gave them communications equipment—everything that the police would need to do their job, but on one condition: never, never commit salvaging. Kapag may pinatay kayo, pananagutan ninyo iyan. Mayroong mga napatay and immediately, they are disarmed, they are suspended, and they are investigated. Wala po naman kaming nahuli na talagang deliberately na pumatay. Sapagkat alam nilang hindi papayagan, hindi po ginagawa nang pulis-Maynila noong mga panahong iyon.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, my next question then is, what does the Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List expect the Executive to do in connection with this killing of former Mayor Espinosa?

REP. ATIENZA. As I have already stated, President Duterte stressed that yesterday, I was listening to him intently, and he said, while addressing the PNP, “Do your job as I have always ordered you. Magtrabaho kayo. Habulin ninyo lahat ng mga drug pushers sa ating bansa. Kung mayroong mga pipigil sa inyo, ako, ang Pangulo ninyo, susuportahan ko kayo to the end. I will even offer my life.”

Alam naman ninyo ang language ng ating Pangulo “to defend you” but then he said his favorite words, which I cannot even dare say here in the halls of Congress. Sabi niya, “Kapag kayo nang-api ng civilian, kayo ang papatayin ko.” Those are the words of President Duterte, and that is why I am calling on him lest he forgets it tomorrow: You said that, Mr. President, so do it. Get these people lined up, investigate them properly, suspend them immediately, disarm them and leave the investigation to an impartial body. Do not allow the policemen to investigate the policemen—that would be very difficult to believe.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, media has placed the number of deaths related to the ongoing war against drugs to exceed already 4,000. With this number, how does the Gentleman from BUHAY propose that the administration proceed in relation to the Philippine state’s obligation to protect and promote the right to life?

REP. ATIENZA. The police, honorable Congressman, will have to be told, “Your ways today will not continue because I do not like summary killings. I will not tolerate these killings that you are committing.” As I said, he said it openly, for the record, “Kapag kayo ay nanakit ng civilian, papatayin ko kayo.” Aba ay nagpalakpakan lahat. Ako, gusto ko pumalakpak sa loob ng kotse ko, although the affair is happening in Leyte, because those are the words that the uniformed policemen and their aides and their allies should be hearing from the President, and actions should be taken. Right now, wala pa po akong nababalitaang aksiyon, at puro salita, all words, no real action that would send the message loud and clear that President Duterte is definitely against summary killings.

REP. ROQUE (H.). I have no further questions, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to congratulate again the Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List for his very moving privilege speech and his advocacy for the right to life. Of course, Mr. Speaker, needless to say, without the right to life, no other life can ever be effective.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the Gentleman from BUHAY Party-List.

REP. ATIENZA. We would like to return the gesture. We also appreciate the Gentleman’s inquisitive attitude towards these issues. We must be inquisitive so that we may all be properly informed.

Salamat po Dep. Majority Leader, for the opportunity. Mr. Speaker, colleagues, thank you for listening.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Atienza and the interpellation to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech is referred to the Committee on Rules.

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

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

The Privilege Hour is hereby terminated.

#### ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to call the roll of Members.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 42, dated November 9, 2016:*

#### PRESENT

Abayon	Casilao
Abellanos	Castelo
Abu	Castro (F.L.)
Abueg	Castro (F.H.)
Acharon	Cayetano
Acop	Chavez
Acosta	Cortes
Advincula	Cortuna
Agarao	Cosalan
Aggabao	Crisologo
Alejano	Cuaresma
Almario	Cueva
Almonte	Dalipe
Alvarez (F.)	Daza
Alvarez (P.)	De Jesus
Amatong	De Vera
Angara-Castillo	Defensor
Antonino	Del Mar
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla
Arbison	Durano
Arcillas	Dy
Arenas	Elago
Atienza	Erice
Aumentado	Eriguel
Bag-ao	Ermita-Buhain
Baguilat	Escudero
Banal	Espino
Bataoil	Estrella
Batocabe	Evardone
Belmonte (F.)	Fariñas
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (J.)
Belmonte (R.)	Ferriol-Pascual
Bertiz	Floirendo
Billones	Flores
Bolilia	Fortuno
Bondoc	Fuentebella
Bordado	Garbin
Bravo (A.)	Garcia (G.)
Bravo (M.V.)	Garcia (J.E.)
Brosas	Garin (S.)
Bulut-Begtang	Geron
Cagas	Go (M.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Gonzaga
Campos	Gonzales (A.D.)



Gonzalez	Roa-Puno
Gullas	Robes
Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez (I.)
Hofer	Rodriguez (M.)
Javier	Romero
Labadlabad	Romualdo
Lacson	Roque (H.)
Lagman	Sacdalan
Laogan	Sagarbarria
Lazatin	Salimbangon
Lobregat	Salo
Lopez (B.)	Salon
Lopez (C.)	Sambar
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)
Maceda	Savellano
Madrona	Sema
Malapitan	Siao
Manalo	Silverio
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suansing (E.)
Marcoleta	Suansing (H.)
Marcos	Sy-Alvarado
Marquez	Tambunting
Martinez	Tan (A.)
Matugas	Tan (S.)
Mellana	Tejada
Mending	Teves
Nieto	Tiangco
Noel	Ting
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tinio
Nogralas (K.A.)	Tolentino
Nolasco	Tugna
Ocampo	Tupas
Olivarez	Unabia
Ong (E.)	Ungab
Ong (H.)	Unico
Ortega (P.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Ortega (V.N.)	Velarde
Paduano	Velasco
Palma	Velasco-Catera
Pancho	Veloso
Panganiban	Vergara
Panotes	Villanueva
Papandayan	Villaraza-Suarez
Pichay	Villarin
Pimentel	Violago
Pineda	Yap (M.)
Plaza	Yap (V.)
Primicias-Agabas	Yu
Quimbo	Zamora (M.C.)
Ramirez-Sato	Zamora (R.)
Ramos	Zarate
Relampagos	Zubiri
Revilla	

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 193 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 193 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery. In the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Frederick W. Siao from the Lone District of Iligan City and they are Ms. Divina Suson of the Sunstar Superbalita, Bonita Ermac of The Philippine Post, Merlyn Manos of GMA 7 and Richel Umel of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The guests of Rep. Frederick W. Siao, please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, also in the gallery are the guests of the Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda and they are the Juris Doctor students of the Unibersidad de Manila: Cielmer Bolante, Mary Ann Reforba, Rechel Vergara and Marienyl Vergara.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The guests of Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, I would also like to request the acknowledgement of the presence of some guests in the gallery of Atty. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Representative of the Second District of Zambales, the graduates of BS Civil Engineering of Ramon Magsaysay Technological University in Iba, Zambales, namely: Jenalyn May Agrabio, Joy Dedicatoria, James Nicole Sadile, Jaymark Calimlim, Liera Mae Edquila, Reynalyn Torcadilla, Euclid Neil Ramos, Star Lee Umipig, Richelene Labrador, Myrna, Marie Vicencio, Alyssa Josafat, John Khen Calimlim, Adyssa Agustin, Grace Villanueva, Christelle Quito, Roxanne Gappi, Peterick Navora, Aljon Dial, Paolo Rivera, Eunice Dumangas, Jeseca Degollado, Aiko Daes, Karen Dacles, Paul Christian Santos, Reymart Arandia, Ruby Molino, Jerico Esben, Ferdyn-Lyn Rayman, Roland Allan Antido, Wilbert Tatong, Jonas Nicolas, Jerry Boy Bolante, Enric Abieras, Jerome Picos, Kier Duron, Jennifer Argallon, Justin Elcanea, Michael Fontillas, Arril Carl Maybituin, Eugene Miras, John Michael Eclevia, Allan Cabalic, Bryan Duque and Ryan Falsario.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The guests of the Hon. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Rep. Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez of ALONA Party-List and they are Ms. Nancy M. Ilagan, Mr. Julius Carmelo Parcarey, Ms. Ma. Cristina Lopez, Ms. Joe Ann M. Reyes, Ms. Carla G. Cabrerros, Ms. Raquel M. Mendoza and Mr. Roberto Gajo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The guests of the Hon. Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez, please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, I would like also to acknowledge the presence of the guest of Hon. Kaka J. Bag-ao, Representative of the Lone District of Dinagat Islands, Mr. Clint Ecleo, the Customs Officer from the province of Dinagat Islands.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The guest of the Hon. Kaka J. Bag-ao, please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a couple of minutes.

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

*It was 5:08 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:20 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there

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

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

#### ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

#### BILL ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4334, entitled:

“TRAFFIC CRISIS ACT OF 2016 MAKIISA. MAKISAMA. MAGKAISA.”

By Representative Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Sarmiento (C.) and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 41, dated November 8, 2016.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until November 14, 2016, Monday, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until November 14, 2016, Monday, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 5:21 p.m.*