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## CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Rolando G. Andaya Jr. called the session to order.*

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

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Good afternoon.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CRISOLOGO. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to defer the calling of the roll.

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

## APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve the Journal of the last session on the First Regular Session, Journal on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to approve the Journal.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). 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, Communications and Subpoena, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:*

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4297, entitled:

“ANACT GRANTING A UNIVERSAL DISCOUNT AND COURTESY CARD TO ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4298, entitled:

“ANACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AN IN-HOUSE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TERTIARY EDUCATION TO BENEFIT STUDENTS FROM POOR FAMILIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4299, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF A DEPENDENT OF THE TAXPAYER UNDER SECTION 35 (B) OF R.A. 8424, A.K.A., THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997, BY INCREASING THE AGE OF A DEPENDENT FROM 21 TO 23 YEARS OLD”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4300, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING INTO THE CURRICULUM IN ALL LEVELS OF THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC, A MANDATORY SUBJECT OR COURSE ON DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION, BOTH THEORETICAL AND WITH PRACTICAL COMPONENT AS AN EFFECTIVE PROACTIVE RESPONSE TO NATURAL DISASTERS, CALAMITIES, AND HAZARDS LIKE FLOODS, TYPHOONS, FIRES, TSUNAMIS, EARTHQUAKES, AND STRONG WINDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4301, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL WELL-BEING, PROMULGATING A NATIONAL POLICY ON MENTAL HEALTH, PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM TOWARDS THE ENHANCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROTECTION OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4302, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CEBU BROADCASTING COMPANY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 7963, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE CEBU BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND

TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4303, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NEW NONGNONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - SAN NICOLAS ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN NICOLAS, MUNICIPALITY OF DON CARLOS, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN NICOLAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4304, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BOBOC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - KIARA ANNEX IN BARANGAY KIARA, MUNICIPALITY OF DON CARLOS, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS KIARA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4305, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING AN ELDERLY EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4306, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDER AND CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 4307, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION FACILITY FOR LGBTs TO BE KNOWN AS LGBT SPECIALIST SCHOOL AND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SAN

JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4308, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING AND PROMOTING  
THE RIGHTS OF ECO-WARRIORS AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4309, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES TO  
MITIGATE THE TRAFFIC CRISIS IN  
THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4310, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A  
RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM  
IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL  
MONTE, BULACAN AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4311, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING BOTH NEW  
APPLICANTS FOR DRIVER’S LICENSE  
AS WELL AS EXISTING LICENSED  
DRIVERS TO UNDERGO MANDATORY  
ROADWORTHY DRIVING SEMINAR  
AND ACTUAL DRIVING TEST BEFORE  
THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF THEIR  
DRIVER’S LICENSES”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4312, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPULSORY  
INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY FIRST  
AID KITS IN PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT  
VEHICLES AND AUTOMOBILES  
OPERATED FOR PUBLIC UTILITY”

By Representative Aragon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4313, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE FOOD AND  
DRUG ADMINISTRATION FROM THE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Suansing (E.) and Suansing  
(H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE  
ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4314, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING A PRIVATE  
RECRUITMENT ENTITY OR PRIVATE  
EMPLOYMENT AGENCY TO ESTABLISH  
AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICE OR BRANCH  
IN THE COUNTRY WHERE IT DEPLOYS  
OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS  
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
‘LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4315, entitled:

“AN ACT SEEKING THE CREATION OF  
THE CAWIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,  
IN BARANGAY CAWIT, ZAMBOANGA  
CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Lobregat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4316, entitled:

“AN ACT SEEKING THE CREATION OF THE  
PATALON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN  
BARANGAY PATALON, ZAMBOANGA  
CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Lobregat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4317, entitled:

“AN ACT SEEKING THE CREATION OF THE  
TUMAGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN  
BARANGAY TUMAGA, ZAMBOANGA  
CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Lobregat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4318, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TALISAYAN

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LA PAZ ANNEX IN BARANGAY LA PAZ, ZAMBOANGA CITY FROM TALISAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LA PAZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lobregat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4319, entitled:  
“ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES”  
By Representative Lobregat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 4320, entitled:  
“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MEASUREMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM (NMIS) AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9236 ALSO KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL METROLOGY ACT OF 2003 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”  
By Representatives Nieto and Maceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4321, entitled:  
“AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF INSET FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION IN TELEVISION PROGRAMS OF VARIOUS NATURE FOR THE MAINSTREAMING OF THE DEAF IN BROADCAST MEDIA”  
By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 4322, entitled:  
“AN ACT GIVING THE PERSONS AFFECTED BY TYPHOONS AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS IN AREAS DECLARED TO BE IN A STATE OF CALAMITY MORATORIUM, FORBEARANCE OF GRACE PERIOD IN THE PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS”  
By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 4323, entitled:  
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

TO PROTECT FILIPINO MOTHER AND CHILDREN FROM UNDERNUTRITION”  
By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4324, entitled:  
“AN ACT REQUIRING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) TO PRINT THE LOTTO TICKETS ON A NON-THERMAL PAPER OR ANY KIND OF RECYCLABLE PAPER WHICH ENSURES THAT THE PRINTINGS THEREON CANNOT BE EASILY ERASED OR OBSCURED BY SIMPLE SCRATCHES AND CRUMPLES, AND CAN WITHSTAND REASONABLE HEAT, THEREBY REDUCING THE POSSIBILITY OF TICKET SPOILAGE”  
By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 4325, entitled:  
“AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, SALE, IMPORTATION AND USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN THE PHILIPPINES”  
By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 531, entitled:  
“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR AND EIGHT-DIVISION WORLD CHAMPION EMMANUEL “MANNY” D. PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WBO WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP AGAINST JESSIE VARGAS AT THE THOMAS AND MACK CENTER IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON NOVEMBER 6, 2016”  
By Representatives Suansing (E.) and Suansing (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 532, entitled:  
“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OFFICIALS AND PEOPLE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUSTOS, PROVINCE OF BULACAN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TOWN’S 100<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”  
By Representative Robes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Resolution No. 533, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF HIS MAJESTY BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, KING OF THAILAND AND THE WORLD’S LONGEST-REIGNING MONARCH”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bill No. 2049;

Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil for House Bill No. 555;

Rep. Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II for House Bills No. 592 and 2042;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Resolution No. 292;

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bill No. 493 and House Resolution No. 16;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bill No. 3330;

Reps. Rodel M. Batocabe and Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Maximo B. Dalog for House Bill No. 4128;

Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada for House Bill No. 526;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 11, 12, 15, 163, 590 and 1417;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 1115, 1133 and 4174;

Rep. Luis Jose Angel N. Campos Jr. for House Bill No. 1504;

Rep. Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro for House Bills No. 192, 193, 194, 1302, 1563, 2722 and 3771;

Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba for House Bill No. 1123;

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 2728 and 3016;

Rep. Melecio J. Yap Jr. for House Bill No. 1154;

Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva for House Bill No. 3152;

Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for House Bill No. 2330;

Rep. Rolando “Klarex” A. Uy for House Bills No. 192, 193, 194, 1302, 1563, 2330 and 3771;

Rep. Richard C. Eusebio for House Bills No. 192, 193, 1563 and 2330;

Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go for House Bills No. 193, 194 and 3771;

Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez for House Bills No. 2330 and 3771;

Rep. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D. for House Bills No. 192, 193, 194, 1302 and 2330;

Rep. Imelda R. Marcos for House Bills No. 192, 193, 194, 1301, 1302, 1563 and 2330;

Rep. Salvio B. Fortuno for House Bills No. 192, 193, 194, 1302, 2330 and 3771;

Rep. Arnel U. Ty for House Bills No. 192, 193, 194, 1302, 1563, 2330 and 3771;

Rep. Frederick W. Siao for House Bills No. 193, 194 and 2330;

Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar for House Bills No. 192, 193, 194 and 1302;

Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte for House Bills No. 493 and 495;

Rep. Enrico A. Pineda for House Bill No. 516;

Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 2141, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Marisol C. Panotes for House Bills No. 135 and 138;

Rep. Makmod D. Mending Jr. for House Resolutions No. 415 and 493;

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for House Bill No. 3761;

Reps. Emmi A. De Jesus, Sarah Jane I. Elago and Arlene D. Brosas for House Bill No. 4301;

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva for House Bills No. 1858 and 1859;

Rep. Rene L. Relampagos for House Bill No. 3473;

Rep. Evelina G. Escudero for House Bills No. 515, 1038 and 1836; and

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bill No. 2074.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated October 22, 2016 of Merceditas De Sahagun, Chief, Finance and Administrative Division, Intramuros Administration, furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of the Financial Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated October 11 and 12, 2016 and November 2 and 3, 2016 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-081 dated 29 September 2016;
2. Circular No. 927 dated 30 September 2016;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-082 dated 5 October 2016;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-083 dated 5 October 2016;
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-084 dated 6 October 2016;

6. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-085 dated 13 October 2016;
  7. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-086 dated 19 October 2016; and
  8. Circular No. 928 dated 24 October 2016.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Affidavit letter dated 08 July 2016 filed by Elson Ofiana Formoso with the Office of the Ombudsman in Mindanao Administrative Division, charging Congressman Rogelio D. Pacquiao with dishonesty for allegedly making false entries concerning his residence and profession in his Certificate of Candidacy, docketed by the Office of the Ombudsman as IC-OM-16-0917 (Formoso v. Congressman Rogelio D. Pacquiao).  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### SUBPOENA

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 16 August 2016 issued by Joselito P. Fangon, Assistant Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman, re: FF-C-16-0441, directing Mr. Floro A. Banaybanay, Deputy Secretary General, Engineering and Facilities Department, House of Representatives, on the submission before their office clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Representative Thelma Z. Almario, Second District of Davao Oriental:

1. Memorandum Receipt issued to Congresswoman Thelma Z. Almario relative to the assigned government vehicle(s) for CYs 2007 to 2013;
2. LTO Certificate of Registration;
3. LTO Official Receipt; and
4. All appurtenant documents relative to the vehicles assigned to her.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 7 September 2016 issued by Paul Elmer M. Clemente, Deputy Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas, re: FF-C-15-0012, directing Ms. Rosalinda H. Borja, Director II, Human Resource Management Service, House of Representatives, on the submission before their office clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to former Representative Glenn A. Chong, to wit:

1. Latest Personal Data Sheet;
2. Oath of Office; and
3. Service Record, if any.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 22 August 2016 issued by Atty. Moreno F. Generoso, Director, PIAB-B, Office of the Ombudsman, re: OMB-C-C-16-0185, directing Dr. Ramon Ricardo A. Roque, CESO I, Diplomate, Deputy Secretary General for Administration, House of Representatives, on the submission before their office clear and certified true copies of latest Personal Data Sheet (PDS) and Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN) indicating the residential address of former Congressman Sergio A.F. Apostol.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 18 August 2016 issued by Director Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Director, Field Investigation Office I, General Investigation Bureau-B, Office of the Ombudsman, re: FF-C-14-0490, directing Cecilia C. De Sahagun, Director IV, Committee on Appropriations, relating to Php15 million Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) allotment of Congressman Hans Christian M. Señeres under Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) No. ROCS-07-02958 dated February 09, 2007:

1. List/s of Priority Projects to be funded by Representative Señeres to the House Committee on Appropriations Chairman (subsequently covered by SARO No. ROCS-07-02958);
2. Representative Señeres' letter to the House Committee on Appropriations Chairman indorsing said list;
3. Representative Señeres' request to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to allocate said PDAF allotment/release the SARO to the Technology and Livelihood Research Center (TLRC)/implementing agency concerned; and
4. House Speaker and House Committee on Appropriations Chairman's favorable indorsement/s to the DBM of Representative Señeres' request to release the fund/SARO.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum and Testificandum dated 29 July 2016 issued by the Regional Trial Court, Branch 76, Quezon City, re: Civil Case No. R-QZN-16-05464-CV, directing Mr. Cenon Fresnoza, Chief, Archives, Legislative Information Resources Management Department, House of Representatives, entitled: Public Attorney's Office (PAO) Retirees against Honorable Florencio B. Abad, Department of Budget and Management and

Candice M. Ruiz, DBM Legal Service Head and which pertinently reads:

You are commanded to appear before this Court on August 05, 2016 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, to bring with you the following documents that are relevant in the above-entitled case.

1. TSN dated January 27, 2016, meeting of the House Committee on Justice; and
2. TSN dated February 27, 2007 during the Bicameral Conference on disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5921 and Senate Bill No. 2171.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum and Testificandum dated 18 July 2016 issued by the Regional Trial Court, Branch 76, Quezon City, re: Civil Case No. R-QZN-16-05464-CV, directing Atty. Narcisa H. Guevarra, Committee Secretary on Justice, House of Representatives, entitled: Public Attorney's Office (PAO) Retirees against Honorable Florencio B. Abad, Department of Budget and Management and Candice M. Ruiz, DBM Legal Service Head and which pertinently reads:

You are commanded to appear before this Court on July 29, 2016 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, then and there to testify and to bring pertinent documents that are relevant in the above-entitled case.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 7 September 2016 issued by Paul Elmer M. Clemente, Deputy Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas, re: FF-C-15-0065, directing Ms. Rosalinda H. Borja, Director II, Human Resource Management Service, House of Representatives, on the submission before their office clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to former Representative Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, to wit:

1. Latest Personal Data Sheet;
2. Oath of Office; and
3. Service Record, if any.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 13 September 2016 issued by Atty. Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Director, General Investigation Bureau-B, Field Investigation Office I, Office of the Ombudsman, re: CPL-C-12-0645, directing Ms. Annabelle C. Hufanda, Director, Records Management Service, House of Representatives, on the submission before their office clear and certified true copies

of Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth of Congressman Arnulfo Go, Second District of the Province of Sultan Kudarat from CYs 2007 to 2016:

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 30 August 2016 issued by Atty. Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Director, Field Investigation Office-I, General Investigation Bureau-B, Office of the Ombudsman, re: FF-C-15-0752, directing Ms. Annabelle C. Hufanda, Director, Records Management Service, House of Representatives, on the submission before their office clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Representative Hans Christian Maaño Señeres, Buhay-Hayaan Yumabong Party-list, covering the term 2004 to 2010:

1. Latest Personal Data Sheet;
2. Oath of Office;
3. Updated Service Record; and
4. Certificate of Proclamation as Representative in the 2007 elections.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 18 August 2016 issued by Atty. Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Director, Field Investigation Office-I, General Investigation Bureau-B, Office of the Ombudsman, re: FF-C-14-0490, directing Atty. Ricardo D. Bering, Director, Records Management Service, House of Representatives, on the submission before their office clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Representative Hans Christian Maaño Señeres, Buhay-Hayaan Yumabong Party-list, covering the term 2004 to 2010:

1. Latest Personal Data Sheet;
2. Oath of Office;
3. Updated Service Record; and
4. Certificate of Proclamation as Representative in the 2007 elections.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Duly noted.

Floor Leader, how was your weekend?

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, today being a Monday and pursuant to our Rules, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Yes. But how was your weekend?

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Fine.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Fine.

It being a Monday, the Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the Party-List ANAKPAWIS, the Hon. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao is recognized.

REP. CASILAO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Magandang hapon. Maayong hapon sa tanan. Before I start with my privilege speech, I would like to request the Committee to play the video—a short, very short, one-minute video.

May I know from the Rules if the video was already forwarded?

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). One-minute suspension.

*It was 4:12 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:13 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

*(Video presentation)*

REP. CASILAO. Honorable Speaker, sa mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, sa mga staff at mga manggagawa ng House of Representatives, mapagpalayang hapon po ang ipinapaabot ng ANAKPAWIS Party-List.

Bilang panimula, sa ika-12 taong anibersaryo ng Hacienda Luisita massacre, lupa at hustisya ang sigaw at patuloy na sigaw ng mga manggagawang bukid.

Babanggitin ko ang mga sumusunod na pangalan na namatay noong araw na iyon. November 16, 2004: Jesus Laza, Jaime Pastidio, Adriano Caballero, Juancho Sanchez, Jhune David, Jhiavie Basilio at Jessie Valdez. Sila ang pitong kumpirmadong namatay noong Nobyembre 16, 2004 nang pagbabarilin ng armadong

puwersa ng gobyerno ang mga nagwewelgang manggagawang bukid sa Hacienda Luisita, kaya ito ay tinaguriang Hacienda Luisita massacre. Sa darating na Nobyembre 16 ang ika-12 taong anibersaryo ng karahasang ito, at ito rin ang tagal ng panahon ng kawalan ng hustisya para sa mga biktima.

Mr. Speaker, mahaba na ang kasaysayan ng Hacienda Luisita, ngunit umiinog lamang sa dalawang pundamental na isyu: una, ang pyudal na paghahari ng hacienderong pamilyang Cojuangco; ikalawa, ang pasistang paghahari nila upang supilin ang pakikibaka ng mga manggagawang bukid para sa tunay na reporma sa lupa.

Mula pa lamang sa pagtakbo ng dating Pangulong Cory Aquino, noong Enero 6, 1986 sa Makati, ipinangako na niya na determinado siya para sa isang genuine land reform program para umangat ang kabuhayan ng mga manggagawang bukid. Noong Enero 16 ng same na taon, sa Davao, ang prinsipyong “land to the tiller” ay dapat naipatupad at hindi nanatiling empty slogan, at noon din, kung ipapatupad ito sa Hacienda Luisita, ang kanyang tugon ay “yes.” Ayon din sa mga manggagawang bukid, kasing-aga pa ng December 1985, binanggit na ipamamahagi ng pamilyang Cojuangco ang Hacienda Luisita kung kaya aktibo silang lumahok sa mga campaign rally sa Maynila.

Sa pag-upo ng dating Pangulo sa pamamagitan ng People Power, pagkalipas ng halos isang taon, malawakan na ang pagtutulak ng mga manggagawang bukid para isakatuparan ang kanyang mga ipinangako noong mga panahon na iyon.

Kasunod ng pagsasabatas ng Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law o Republic Act No. 6657, ipinatupad ng pamilyang Cojuangco ang Stock Distribution Option o SDO kung saan stockholder kuno ang mga manggagawang bukid sa itinatag na Hacienda Luisita Inc. o HLI.

Mahaba ang pakikibaka ng mga manggagawang bukid para ibasura ang SDO at itinodo ng pamilyang Cojuangco ang panlilinlang para itaguyod ito, ngunit hindi maikakaila na ang SDO ay nagbunga lamang ng matinding kahirapan sa mga manggagawang bukid at ng kanilang pamilya na umabot sa mga take-home pay na P9.50 sa isang araw na paggawa sa field ng tubuhan. Kung kaya noong 2004, dahil sa kahirapan, ipinanawagan ng mga manggagawang bukid ang pagbabasura ng SDO. Nang mailuklok ang makabayang pamunuan ng United Luisita Workers Union o ULWU nong Hunyo 2004, nagpakana ang pamilyang Cojuangco na matanggal ang 326 na manggagawang bukid noong Agosto 2004. Dahil dito, natulak silang maglunsad ng welga dahil ito ay malinaw na union busting, kasama ang pangkalahatang panawagan nila na ibasura ang SDO.

Bago pa ang welga, ang panawagang ibasura ang SDO ay ipinanawagan na ng 80 percent ng



5,339 na manggagawang bukid sa ilalim ng Alyansa ng mga Manggagawang Bukid sa Asyenda Luisita o AMBALA noong December 2003 panahon sa dialogue sa DAR. Samakatuwid, ang welga ay isang makatarungang welga. Itinulak nito ang karapatan ng mga manggagawang bukid at mga manggagawa na parehong pinagsasamantalahan. Kung kaya naman, ang welga ay nilahukan ng 5,000 hanggang 10,000 manggagawang bukid mula sa 10 baryong saklaw ng Hacienda Luisita.

Inilunsad nila ang welga, November 6, 2004, at sa ika-10 araw ng picket line, November 16, pinakawalan ng estado ang marahas na atake nito nang paulanan ng bala ang mga nagwewelga at pinatay ang pitong mga lider at miyembro ng mga manggagawang bukid, habang 121 naman ang sugatan, at 32 nito ay mula sa tama ng bala. Umabot din ng 133 ang ilegal na inaresto, kasama rito si Ka Lita Mariano, ang lider ng kababaihang magbubukid at maybahay ng ngayong DAR Secretary na si Ka Paeng Mariano.

Dumadagundong ang kondemnasyon sa masaker na ito sa pambansang antas, maging sa international na community. Umani ng malawak na suporta ang mga manggagawang bukid at ipinagpatuloy nila ang pakikibaka para sa kanilang karapatan sa lupa hanggang December 2005 nang magdesisyon ang Presidential Agrarian Reform Council o PARC sa Resolution No. 2005-32-01 na ibasura ang SDO plan ng Tarlac Development Corporation, bagama't sa desisyong ito na pabor sa manggagawang bukid, tinutulan ito ng pamilyang Cojuangco hanggang sa umabot sa Supreme Court.

Noong Abril 24, 2012, natuluyan nang ibinasura ng Supreme Court ang SDO (Stock Distribution Option), at nagdeklara na ipamahagi ang lupa ng Hacienda Luisita sa mga manggagawang bukid. Ganoon pa rin, kahit na may desisyon na ang pinakamataas na hukuman, nagpakana pa rin ang pamilyang Cojuangco, na ipinagtanggol ng dating Pangulo na si Noynoy Aquino, para hindi maipamahagi ang lupa sa mga manggagawang bukid.

Sa pagtingin po ng ANAKPAWIS Party-List, ang impeachment sa yumaong dating Supreme Court Chief Justice Renato C. Corona ay ganti ng Pangulong Aquino sa desisyong nito ukol sa Hacienda Luisita. Ang kanyang impeachment ay tinanggap ng Senate noong December 13, 2011, wala pang isang buwan mula sa desisyon ng Supreme Court noong November 2011. Nahatulan siya at napatalsik sa Supreme Court, Mayo 12, 2012, wala ring isang buwan mula sa SC decision noong Abril.

Sa halip na ipamahagi ang lupa sa mga manggagawang bukid, ang DAR sa ilalim ni Aquino, ni dating Secretary Virgilio Delos Reyes, ay nagpakana ng “tambiol” land reform na walang ibang layunin kundi guluhin ang pagkakaisa ng mga manggagawang

bukid para sa isang kolektibong karapatan sa 4,915 hectares na lupa ng Hacienda Luisita. Wala pa nga sa kamay ng mga manggagawang bukid ang lupa, nauna pang kumita ang pamilyang Cojuangco. Nai-compensate sila ng DAR na nagkakahalagang P471.50 million na mula pa sa DAP o Disbursement Acceleration Program. Kumita nga sila, kinakamkam pa nila ang 358 hectares sa Barangay Balete at Cutcut sa pangalan ng TADECO.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, hindi pa ba sapat ang ilang dekadang paghahari at pang-aapi ng pamilyang Cojuangco sa mga manggagawang bukid ng Hacienda Luisita? Hindi ba dapat ang Kongreso, bilang pangunahing mandato, ang magsabatas ng mga pundamental na reporma, at dapat ay kumilos para sa kapakinabangan ng masang manggagawang bukid?

Mayor na pamamaraan ng pagkontrol sa malawak na lupa ay ang paggamit ng dahas. Babanggitin ko rin ang mga sumusunod na pangalan na kung saan ito ay mga pinaslang na mga lider matapos ang Hacienda Luisita massacre: Si Ka Marcelino Beltran, ang Tarlac City Councilor na si Abel Ladera, si Fr. William Tadena, si Ka Victor “Tata Ben” Concepcion, si Ka Florante Collante, si Ka Ricardo Ramos, si kasamang Tirso Cruz, at si Bishop Alberto Ramento. Sila ay mga biktima ng mga tinatawag noon na extrajudicial killing mula December 2004 o political killings hanggang Marso 2006, na pawang mga tagasuporta at mga lider ng mga nagwewelgang manggagawang bukid sa Hacienda Luisita. Sa ilalim ito ng Oplan Bantay Laya sa nagdaang rehimen ni Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo na counterinsurgency program sa pananatili ng berdugong heneral na si Maj. Gen. Jovito S. Palparan sa Central Luzon.

Sa ilalim din ng nakaraang administrasyong Aquino, nanatiling militarizado ang Hacienda Luisita kung saan 10 baryo nito ay mga detachment ng militar na nagsisilbing mga guwardiya at goons. Halos halu-halong insidente ng harassment, interrogation, hanggang sa pagsunog ng mga kabahayan ng mga lider o mga identified na mga aktibong miyembro ng mga manggagawang bukid sa organisasyon.

Sa kasagsagan ng pakanang tambiolong land reform, maging ang dating Kinatawan ng ANAKPAWIS na si Ka Fernando “Pando” L. Hicap ay hinuli ng mga pulis noong September 2013, kasama ng siyam pang mga lider at staff na ngayon ay may kaso pa hanggang sa kasalukuyan na wala namang basehan. Nasundan pa ito ng sunud-sunod na pagwasak ng mga taniman, demolisyon ng mga bahay at mga kubol ng mga manggagawang bukid na ngayon ay hindi pa napapanagutan ng mga may sala.

Mr. Speaker, mga kasamang Mambabatas, panahon na para ipagtanggol ng Kongresong ito ang mga marginalized sectors tulad ng mga manggagawang bukid sa Hacienda Luisita. Twenty-seven years na

mula noong ipinatupad ang Stock Distribution Option noong 1989 at 49 years na mula noong 1967 na dapat ay ipinamahagi na sa kanila ang bahagi ng Social Justice Program ng gobyerno. Hanggang ngayon, hindi pa rin nila napapasakamay ang lupa, at nagkukumahog pa rin ang pamilyang Cojuangco na kontrolin ito.

Kaya, hamon ko sa mga kapwa Mambabatas, bilang tunay na pagtatanggol sa karapatan sa lupa ng masang manggagawang bukid, ipatupad natin ang tunay na reporma sa lupa at libreng pamamahagi ng lupa sa sinserong pagpapaunlad ng kanayunan, sa pamamagitan ng pagsasabatas ng House Bill No. 555.

Ang “lupa at hustisya” ay parehong mailap para sa mga manggagawang bukid ng Hacienda Luisita, kaya kami po sa ANAKPAWIS Party-List ay nananawagan sa mga Kinatawan ng Kongreso na suportahan ang pakikibaka ng mga manggagawang bukid, para sa kanilang karapatan sa lupa, pagkondena sa pang-aapi at pagsasamantala ng pamilyang Cojuangco at paniningil ng hustisya para sa mga biktima ng Hacienda Luisita massacre at ang mga sumunod na extrajudicial killings kaugnay sa kanilang pakikibaka.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, huwag nating paabutin sa ika-13 taong anibersaryo ng Hacienda Luisita massacre na walang nakakamit na hustisya ang mga biktima at mga manggagawang bukid. Sa kasalukuyan, imbes na sila ay hatulan, iyong mga nagkasala at gumawa ng karumal-dumal na krimen na iyon, kabaligtaran po ang nangyari. Lahat sila ay na-dismiss at worse ay nagkaroon pa ng kanilang mga pagtaas ng kanilang mga ranggo, kaya’t patuloy po at nagpapatuloy ang inhustisyang nararanasan ng mahigit 10,000 mga manggagawang bukid at ang kanilang pamilya sa buong saklaw ng Hacienda Luisita.

Mabuhay ang pakikibaka ng mga masang manggagawang-bukid sa Hacienda Luisita!

Hustisya para sa mga biktima ng Hacienda Luisita Massacre!

Magkakaroon po at nagkaroon na po. Kaninang umaga, nagsimula ang peace caravan ng mga manggagawang bukid at mga suportang grupo nito at ngayon po ay umabot na sila sa mismong bayan ng Tarlac para magkaroon ng tatlong araw na programa sa paggunita ng malagim na parte ng ating kasaysayan na siyang tinatawag natin ngayon na Hacienda Luisita massacre.

Maraming salamat po at magandang hapon sa inyong lahat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Thank you very much.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate the Hon.

Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao, I move that we refer the speech of the honorable ANAKPAWIS Party-List Representative to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to refer the speech to the Committee on Rules. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, M.D. from the Fourth District, Quezon. They are the Barangay Officials from Peñafrancia, headed by Punong Barangay Edward Gensaya; Barangay San Diego Poblacion, headed by Punong Barangay Peter Vermont Noscald; Barangay Rizal, headed by Punong Barangay Elsie Martinez; Barangay Tabing Dagat, headed by Punong Barangay Tomas Baes; Barangay Villa Nava, headed by Punong Barangay Russel Ner; Barangay Bagong Buhay, headed by Punong Barangay Romulo Decena; Barangay Pipisik, headed by Punong Barangay Alvin Rico; Barangay Mabini, headed by Punong Barangay Ramon Reynante Castillo; and lastly, Barangay Maunlad, headed by Punong Barangay Domingo Indrinal Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The presence of the guests of Honorable Tan is duly acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, we would also like to acknowledge the presence of the members of the Mamanwa Tribe, along with their representatives—Datu Palasan James A. Biol and Datu Kasaligan Jose Romel A. Murio. They are all visitors of the Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers from the Second District of Surigao del Norte.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The presence of the guests of the Honorable Barbers is duly acknowledged. (*Applause*)

Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I now move that we recognize the Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers, the Representative from the Second District of Surigao del Norte, for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Representative Ace Barbers is hereby recognized. Representative Ace, ...

REP. BARBERS. Thank you ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Are you a member of that cultural minority?

REP. BARBERS. How I wish, Mr. Speaker, that I am a member of this prestigious tribe in the northern part of Mindanao. However, I belong to a different tribe, in the same tribe as you belong, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Thank you very much. Please proceed, Congressman Barbers.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION.

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker, may I request for a one-minute suspension of the session because the availability of my materials is still with the Committee on Rules, just for one minute.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). One-minute suspension.

*It was 4:30 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:47 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr. They are Mr. Mel Robles, the President of BUIHAY Party-List; and Mr. Jose Rodriguez, former Head of the Instituto Cervantes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The presence of the guests of Honorable Atienza is duly acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, we would like also to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Michael L. Romero, PhD. of 1-PACMAN Party-List. They are Professor Gigi Manaog and Dr. Bernard Ramirez.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The presence of the guests of Honorable Romero is duly acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado, the Representative from the First District

of Bulacan. We have Vice Mayor Zacarias Candelaria; Kgw. Jose Dayao of Pulilan, Bulacan; and Kgw. Renato Torres of Calumpit, Bulacan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, with the kind indulgence of the Members of the House, we would like to ask for the suspension of the Privilege Hour to give way for the calling of the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Privilege Hour is suspended.

#### ROLL CALL

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, consequently, I move that we now call the roll of Members.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). 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. 43, dated November 14, 2016:*

#### PRESENT

Abaya	Arenas
Abayon	Atienza
Abellanos	Bag-ao
Abu	Bagatsing
Abueg	Baguilat
Acharon	Banal
Acop	Barbers
Acosta	Barzaga
Advincula	Batocabe
Agarao	Bautista-Bandigan
Aggabao	Belaro
Aglipay-Villar	Belmonte (F.)
Albano	Belmonte (J.C.)
Almario	Belmonte (R.)
Almonte	Bernos
Alonte-Naguiat	Bertiz
Alvarez (F.)	Billones
Alvarez (P.)	Bolilia
Amatong	Bondoc
Andaya	Bordado
Angara-Castillo	Bravo (A.)
Antonio	Bravo (M.V.)
Aragones	Brosas
Arcillas	Bulut-Begtang

Cagas	Go (M.)	Primicias-Agabas	Sy-Alvarado
Calderon	Gonzaga	Quimbo	Tambunting
Calixto-Rubiano	Gonzales (A.D.)	Radaza	Tan (A.)
Caminero	Gonzalez	Ramirez-Sato	Tan (M.)
Campos	Gorriceta	Ramos	Teves
Canama	Gullas	Relampagos	Tiangco
Cari	Hernandez	Revilla	Ting
Casilao	Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno	Tinio
Castro (F.L.)	Hofer	Rocamora	Tugna
Castro (F.H.)	Javier	Rodriguez (I.)	Tupas
Catamco	Kho	Roman	Ungab
Cayetano	Khonghun	Romero	Unico
Cerilles	Labadlabad	Romualdez	Uy (R.)
Chavez	Lacson	Romualdo	Uybarreta
Chipeco	Lagman	Roque (R.)	Vargas
Co	Laogan	Sacdalan	Vargas-Alfonso
Cojuangco	Lazatin	Sagarbarria	Velarde
Collantes	Lee	Salceda	Velasco
Cortes	Limkaichong	Salimbangon	Velasco-Catera
Cortuna	Lobregat	Salo	Vergara
Cosalan	Lopez (B.)	Salon	Villafuerte
Crisologo	Lopez (M.L.)	Sandoval	Villanueva
Cuaresma	Loyola	Santos-Recto	Villaraza-Suarez
Cueva	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)	Villarica
Dalipe	Maceda	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Villarin
Dalog	Madrona	Savellano	Violago
Daza	Malapitan	Sema	Yap (A.)
De Jesus	Manalo	Silverio	Yap (M.)
De Vera	Mangaoang	Suansing (E.)	Yu
Del Mar	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suansing (H.)	Zarate
Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta	Suarez	Zubiri
Dimaporo (A.)	Mariño		
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marquez		
Durano	Martinez		
Dy	Mending		
Elago	Mirasol		
Enverga	Montoro		
Eriguel	Nava		
Ermita-Buhain	Nieto		
Escudero	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Espino	Nogralas (K.A.)		
Estrella	Nolasco		
Eusebio	Oaminal		
Evardone	Ong (H.)		
Fariñas	Ortega (P.)		
Ferrer (J.)	Ortega (V.N.)		
Ferrer (L.)	Pacquiao		
Ferriol-Pascual	Paduano		
Flores	Palma		
Fortuno	Pancho		
Fuentebella	Panganiban		
Garbin	Panotes		
Garcia (G.)	Papandayan		
Garcia (J.E.)	Pimentel		
Garcia-Albano	Pineda		
Gasataya	Plaza		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 222 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). With 222 Members eagerly awaiting to hear the speech of Congressman Barbers, the Chair declares a quorum.

Before we proceed, Congressman Barbers, allow the Chair to finish and to dispose of some administrative matters.

The Floor Leader will please make the appropriate motion.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 416  
ON THIRD READING

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 416 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). 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 November 7, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 416, entitled: AN ACT ALLOWING HOME ECONOMICS GRADUATES TO TEACH HOME ECONOMICS SUBJECTS AND HOME ECONOMICS-RELATED TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, RESPECTIVELY, CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533 OR THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013.

*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. 43, dated November 14, 2016:*

*Affirmative*

Abaya	Banal	Catamco	Kho
Abayon	Barbers	Cayetano	Khonghun
Abellanos	Barzaga	Cerilles	Labadlabad
Abu	Batocabe	Chavez	Lacson
Abueg	Bautista-Bandigan	Chipeco	Lagman
Acharon	Belaro	Co	Laogan
Acop	Belmonte (F.)	Cojuangco	Lazatin
Acosta	Belmonte (J.C.)	Collantes	Lee
Advincula	Belmonte (R.)	Cortes	Limkaichong
Agarao	Bernos	Cortuna	Lobregat
Aggabao	Bertiz	Cosalan	Lopez (B.)
Aglipay-Villar	Billones	Crisologo	Lopez (M.L.)
Albano	Bolilia	Cuaresma	Loyola
Almario	Bondoc	Cueva	Macapagal-Arroyo
Almonte	Bordado	Dalipe	Maceda
Alonte-Naguiat	Bravo (A.)	Dalog	Madrona
Alvarez (F.)	Bravo (M.V.)	Daza	Malapitan
Alvarez (P.)	Brosas	De Jesus	Manalo
Amatong	Bulut-Begtang	De Vera	Mangaoang
Andaya	Cagas	Del Mar	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Angara-Castillo	Calderon	Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta
Antonio	Calixto-Rubiano	Dimaporo (A.)	Mariño
Aragones	Caminero	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marquez
Arcillas	Campos	Durano	Martinez
Arenas	Canama	Dy	Mending
Atienza	Cari	Elago	Mirasol
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		Fuentebella	Panganiban
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		Garcia (G.)	Papandayan
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		Gonzaga	Quimbo
		Gonzales (A.D.)	Radaza
		Gonzalez	Ramirez-Sato
		Gorriceta	Ramos
		Gullas	Relampagos
		Hernandez	Revilla
		Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno
		Hofer	Rocamora
		Javier	Rodriguez (I.)

Roman	Tupas
Romero	Ungab
Romualdez	Unico
Romualdo	Uy (R.)
Roque (R.)	Uybarreta
Sacdalan	Vargas
Sagarbarria	Vargas-Alfonso
Salceda	Velarde
Salimbangon	Velasco
Salo	Velasco-Catera
Salon	Vergara
Sandoval	Villafuerte
Santos-Recto	Villanueva
Sarmiento (C.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Villarica
Savellano	Villarin
Sema	Violago
Silverio	Yap (A.)
Suansing (E.)	Yap (M.)
Suansing (H.)	Yu
Suarez	Zarate
Sy-Alvarado	Zubiri
Tambunting	
Tan (A.)	<i>Negative</i>
Tan (M.)	
Teves	None
Tiangco	
Ting	<i>Abstention</i>
Tinio	
Tugna	None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 416  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). With 222 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, House Bill No. 416 is hereby approved on Third Reading. The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4100  
ON THIRD READING

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4100 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. Andaya). 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 November 7, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, House Bill No. 4100, entitled: AN ACT MANDATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS, THEREBY CREATING A SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

*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. 43, dated November 14, 2016:*

*Affirmative*

Abaya	Belmonte (R.)
Abayon	Bernos
Abellanos	Bertiz
Abu	Billones
Abueg	Bolilia
Acharon	Bondoc
Acop	Bordado
Acosta	Bravo (A.)
Advincula	Bravo (M.V.)
Agarao	Brosas
Aggabao	Bulut-Begtang
Aglipay-Villar	Cagas
Albano	Calderon
Almario	Calixto-Rubiano
Almonte	Caminero
Alonte-Naguiat	Campos
Alvarez (F.)	Canama
Alvarez (P.)	Cari
Amatong	Casilao
Andaya	Castro (F.L.)
Angara-Castillo	Castro (F.H.)
Antonio	Catamco
Aragones	Cayetano
Arcillas	Cerilles
Arenas	Chavez
Atienza	Chipeco
Bag-ao	Co
Bagatsing	Cojuangco
Baguilat	Collantes
Banal	Cortes
Barbers	Cortuna
Barzaga	Cosalan
Batocabe	Crisologo
Bautista-Bandigan	Cuaresma
Belaro	Cueva
Belmonte (F.)	Dalipe
Belmonte (J.C.)	Dalog

Daza	Malapitan	Sema	Velasco
De Jesus	Manalo	Silverio	Velasco-Catera
De Vera	Mangaoang	Suansing (E.)	Vergara
Del Mar	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suansing (H.)	Villafuerte
Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta	Suarez	Villanueva
Dimaporo (A.)	Mariño	Sy-Alvarado	Villaraza-Suarez
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marquez	Tambunting	Villarica
Durano	Martinez	Tan (A.)	Villarin
Dy	Mending	Tan (M.)	Violago
Elago	Mirasol	Teves	Yap (A.)
Enverga	Montoro	Tiangco	Yap (M.)
Eriguel	Nava	Ting	Yu
Ermita-Buhain	Nieto	Tinio	Zarate
Escudero	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tugna	Zubiri
Espino	Nogralas (K.A.)	Tupas	
Estrella	Nolasco	Ungab	<i>Negative</i>
Eusebio	Oaminal	Unico	
Evardone	Ong (H.)	Uy (R.)	None
Fariñas	Ortega (P.)	Uybarreta	
Ferrer (J.)	Ortega (V.N.)	Vargas	<i>Abstention</i>
Ferrer (L.)	Pacquiao	Vargas-Alfonso	
Ferriol-Pascual	Paduano	Velarde	None
Flores	Palma		
Fortuno	Pancho		
Fuentebella	Panganiban		
Garbin	Panotes		
Garcia (G.)	Papandayan		
Garcia (J.E.)	Pimentel		
Garcia-Albano	Pineda		
Gasataya	Plaza		
Go (M.)	Primicias-Agabas		
Gonzaga	Quimbo		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Radaza		
Gonzalez	Ramirez-Sato		
Gorriceta	Ramos		
Gullas	Relampagos		
Hernandez	Revilla		
Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno		
Hofer	Rocamora		
Javier	Rodriguez (I.)		
Kho	Roman		
Khonghun	Romero		
Labadlabad	Romualdez		
Lacson	Romualdo		
Lagman	Roque (R.)		
Laogan	Sacdalan		
Lazatin	Sagarbarria		
Lee	Salceda		
Limkaichong	Salimbangon		
Lobregat	Salo		
Lopez (B.)	Salon		
Lopez (M.L.)	Sandoval		
Loyola	Santos-Recto		
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)		
Maceda	Sarmiento (E.M.)		
Madrona	Savellano		

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4100  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). With 222 quiet affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, House Bill No. 4100 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

*Continuation*

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I now move that we resume the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to resume the Privilege Hour.

Is there no objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I now move that the honorable Representative from the Second District of Surigao del Norte, the Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Honorable Barbers is recognized. Congressman Barbers, is the nature of your privilege speech a personal privilege or a collective privilege?

REP. BARBERS. It is both personal and collective, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Please proceed.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BARBERS

REP. BARBERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

Mr. Speaker, esteemed colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen. As a Representative of the Second District of Surigao del Norte, it is my sworn duty as a lawmaker to defend and protect my constituents and to defend the Constitution of our Republic.

Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I condemn in the strongest possible terms the rampant, illegal mining and other very serious transgressions being committed by a Member of this House against the interest of my constituents and against our collective interests as Members or as honorable Members of this august Chamber.

I am referring, Mr. Speaker, to Cong. Prospero A. Pichay Jr. of Surigao del Sur. His deliberate and shameless mockery of our laws prompted me to stand up in defense of my constituents and the House of Representatives. Even the militant National Democratic Front of the Philippines, through its spokesperson, Maria Malaya, posted on October 27, 2016, an article in their official website an exposé which labeled Mr. Pichay as a “shamelessly corrupt, a lawmaker constantly breaking the law.”

The NDFP-North Eastern Mindanao Region said they have reliable reports that Mr. Pichay, using his position as a Congressman, has acquired the suspended Claver Mineral Development Corporation or CMDC, through fraudulent means and used his connections with corrupt government officials in the Securities and Exchange Commission to take control of the company and through his connections in the DENR and the MGB to continue its illegal nickel ore mining operations.

Acquiring something through fraudulent means is stealing, Mr. Speaker. The CMDC mine site is more than 433 hectares, approximately seven times as big as Luneta Park or Rizal Park, probably as large as the iceberg that sunk the unsinkable *Titanic*, if not larger. It is like stealing the iceberg, Mr. Speaker; thus, I entitled my speech, “The Thief of the Iceberg.”

Also, a few weeks ago, Caraga Watch, an NGO in the northeastern part of Mindanao, published in the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* its position and resentment over the illegal mining activities of Congressman Pichay in my congressional district.

While I was in Surigao two weeks ago, they met with me. I was appalled by what they revealed, Mr. Speaker. The extent of illegal mining in my district and the oppression of the natives, the indigenous Mamanwas

in the hands of people who are supposed to protect them are just unthinkable. A few days ago, they wrote me a letter and requested me to champion their cause and stop the brazen disregard of our environmental laws by unscrupulous individuals. Likewise, the Mamanwas wrote me a letter on October 6, 2016 requesting for my assistance. They claimed that they have been oppressed, manhandled, and abused by the group of Congressman Pichay when the latter illegally and forcibly took possession of a mining site in my district, subject of this privilege speech. Then, last Monday, the Mamanwas and other victims filed their complaints before the NBI against Congressman Pichay and his illegal mining activities.

These people have spoken and decided to put their lives on the line in defense of their freedom, their rights, and their land. What am I to do, Mr. Speaker—keep quiet? To make matters worse, the perpetrator of this grave injustice proudly proclaims to the whole world that he is a Member of this House, as if saying that he is untouchable and above the law. He has done deplorable things, unashamedly, bringing embarrassment and dishonor to this House. Someone said that people like him seems to have a doctorate degree in graft and corruption.

Allow me, Mr. Speaker, to give you some interesting particulars.

On February 10, 1995, Claver Mineral Development Corporation was registered with the SEC with the Registration No. AS095001246 by Fe Ligtas and a few others. For our purposes and to avoid confusion, let us call it the CMDC-1.

On February 23, 1998, MPSA No. 103-98-XIII was awarded to CMDC-1.

On November 3, 2003, for failure to comply with the reportorial requirements of the SEC, CMDC-1's Certificate of Registration was revoked, but upon subsequent compliance, it was reinstated on August 29, 2006.

From 2002 to 2006, the Ligtas Group unloaded their shares in the Corporation to the Calo Group and to the Cezar Group.

On February 7 of 2007, the Ligtas Group registered with the SEC a new a corporation bearing the same name of Claver Mineral Development Corporation. The corporate address appearing in the Articles of Incorporation is No. 15-A, Anonas Street, Project 3, Quezon City. It was issued a Certificate of Registration with No. CS-200701881. This fact was established in a Court of Appeals decision which we will touch on later. For our purposes, we will call this the CMDC-2.

On April 27, 2007, the Calo Group of the CMDC-1 filed for the cancellation of incorporation of CMDC-2 before the SEC.

On May 4, 2007, CMDC-1 held a stockholders' meeting and elected a new board of directors. The Calo



Group contested the results before the Surigao del Norte Regional Trial Court. The RTC favored the Calo Group and, on appeal, the Court of Appeals affirmed the RTC decision which, among others, affirmed likewise the status of spouses Fe and Jaime Ligtas as both having only 0.03 percent shares in the corporation. The CA decision was not contested and became final with the entry of judgment, as shown in the screen.

Then, on January 15 of 2008, the SEC favored Calo Group's CMDC-1 and ordered CMDC-2 of Fe Ligtas to change its name. This SEC order was upheld again by the Court of Appeals, as shown again in the screen.

In 2012, the mining operation of CMDC-1 was suspended for some environmental issues. But on April 16, 2014, more than six years after the SEC order, the Ligtas Group finally complied and changed the name of CMDC-2 from "Claver Mineral Development Corporation" to "Earth Power Mining and Development Corporation." The registration number, however, remained unchanged, that of the CMDC-2, which bears the number "CS200701881."

Yet again, for patently malicious intent, Mr. Speaker, it registered another name at the SEC-Cagayan de Oro Extension Office on March 12, 2015. This time, it adopted the name "Hen Hao Equipment Corporation," still with the same registration number as that of the CMDC-2, CS200701881. These facts were established in the SEC order dated May 6 of 2016, on another case decided in favor of CMDC-1.

In October 2015, Prospero Pichay acquired the majority shares in Hen Hao and Earth Power Mining from the Ligtas group. In the present website of Pichay's CMDC, an information was contained stating that Congressman Pichay acquired 60 percent ownership of the corporation from Fe Ligtas, who holds 50 percent, and a certain Erlinda Detera-Kale, who holds 10 percent. But what he acquired from Fe Ligtas and Erlinda Detera-Kale, Mr. Speaker, are the latter's shares from Hen Hao Equipment Corporation. This is very clear from the following fact: he claims to have acquired the stocks of Fe Ligtas and Erlinda Detera-Kale who are the same stockholders and directors who caused the change of corporate name from "CMDC-2" to "Hen Hao Equipment Corp.," as shown in CMDC-2/Hen Hao Director's Certificate dated January 12, 2015. Again, we are showing you the copy of the Articles of Incorporation, Secretary's Certificate of CMDC-2 Hen Hao.

The business and corporate address appearing on the face of the Certificate of Increase of Capital Stock signed by the Board of Directors, including Congressman Pichay, is referring to the same business and corporate address appearing in the Articles of Incorporation of CMDC-2 and Hen Hao Equipment Corporation, which has the same principal address at No. 15-A Anonas Street, Project 3, Quezon City.

The Secretary's Certificate, dated September 29, 2015, also reveals that the meeting of the board of directors and stockholders on September 17, 2015 that was attended by Congressman Pichay, Ligtas, Erlinda Detera-Kale, and others, was held at the same business and corporate address appearing in the Articles of Incorporation of CMDC-2 and Hen Hao Equipment Corp., again, at No 15-A, Anonas Street, Project 3, Quezon City.

After wrestling the identity of CMDC-1, Mr. Speaker, the scheming Congressman Pichay did not waste his time to forcibly enter into the mining site of CMDC-1. Pretending to be the president of CMDC-1, he caused the filing of an ejectment suit against the people occupying the suspended mining site. Please note that the Complaint for Ejectment further reveals that his corporate address alleged in the complaint is the same business and corporate address in the Articles of Incorporation of CMDC-2 and Hen Hao Equipment Corp., again, at No. 15-A Anonas Street, Project 3, Quezon City. He conveniently filed the ejectment case in his own legislative district. True enough, he quickly got a favorable decision from a judge, as shown on the screen, who reportedly owes his position to him, and had this decision swiftly implemented by scores of his private army escorted by scores of policemen and some members of the military. This was how the Congressman abused his power and influence to forcibly enter into the CMDC mining site.

On February 18, 2016, after their illegal takeover, Mr. Pichay wrote his first letter to then MGB Director Leo Jasareno, using the letterhead of Claver Mineral Development Corporation or CMDC-1 of the Calo and Cezar Groups, requesting the latter for the issuance of a MOEP or Mineral Ore Export Permit, so that he can ship out alleged stockpiles of nickel ore, purportedly to prevent the further degradation of the environment. In that letter, Pichay, again, misrepresented himself as the "President" of CMDC-1. Note that by 2016, there was one and only one CMDC registered with the SEC, that's the CMDC-1 of the Calo and Cezar Groups since the Ligtas Group's CMDC has already changed its name twice.

On June 7 and 8, 2016, at the behest of MGB Director Leo Jasareno, two OTPs and two MOEPs were issued to Mr. Pichay's corporation by two different persons. Note that the suspension of the operations in this mine site of CMDC-1 has not been lifted since 2012. Note too that this is the so-called "midnight deal" that former Usec. Jasareno was investigated about by Malacañang, that became the basis for his expulsion from the DENR.

On June 24, 2016, now Congressman-elect Pichay, again, wrote a letter to the MGB and signed as CMDC-1's purported president, threatening to initiate legal action against the MGB for the latter's failure to lift the

suspension order against CMDC-1. Please take note of the letter on the screen.

On August 15, 2016, Pichay, by then, a full-fledged Member of this House, again wrote MGB Caraga Regional Director, as purported president of CMDC-1, expressing dismay over the earlier letter of MGB Director Engr. Daniel Belderol for advising Congressman Pichay to refrain from any loading activity pending result of the mine audit. In that letter, Congressman Pichay intentionally lied when he claimed that an MOEP has already been granted to CMDC-1 and that cargo vessels are already bound for Surigao to transport the ores.

On August 22, 2016, Congressman Pichay, again, wrote a letter to Caraga MGB OIC Director Belderol, using the letterhead of CMDC-1 and, signing as its president, demanded the extension of the OTP and MOEP, and threatened to sue the MGB.

Last September 5, 2016, during the budget hearing of the DENR here in the House, Congressman Pichay confronted Undersecretary Leo Jasareno for the delayed issuance of the OTP and the MOEP. Immediately, Usec. Jasareno verbally ordered OIC Director Belderol to issue the OTP and MOEP, but Director Belderol refused in the absence of a written order coming from Usec. Jasareno. Mr. Speaker, we have received reports that Usec. Jasareno is a silent partner of Congressman Pichay in this business venture.

On October 19, 2016, a memorandum was issued directing the new Caraga Region MGB Director, Engr. Roger De Dios, to issue the requested extension of the OTP and MOEP, as requested by Congressman Pichay. Again, this is shown on the screen. The memorandum came in the wake of the October 2, 2016 NBI-apprehension for illegal mining of a foreign vessel in the vicinity of the CMDC-1 mine site loaded with ores by the Pichay group. They could not present any OTP or MOEP, Mr. Speaker. Subsequent charges were filed by the NBI before the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor in Surigao City, and recommended the filing of charges against Cong. Prospero Pichay, among others, for illegal mining.

Pursuant to that memorandum, MGB Director De Dios extended and resurrected the long-expired OTP and MOEP. All this time, Mr. Speaker, the silence of Secretary Gina Lopez on the entire telenovela unfolding before her very eyes was deafening. Contrary to her media pronouncements and actions of suspending mining companies left and right, here comes a long-suspended mining firm illegally acquired and operated by Congressman Pichay being given a new lease in life. I never thought that the DENR possesses the power to resurrect Lazarus from the dead, Mr. Speaker. Why did the Secretary allow these two extensions? Is it because the personality involved is a Congressman? Or worse, does the good Secretary know what is happening in

her Department? Or was she threatened that she would not get the nod of the Commission on Appointments if she did not allow these extensions? Mr. Speaker, we need answers.

Like lightning, Congressman Pichay did not waste a breath and immediately used these documents to ship-out thousands of tons of nickel ore, and reportedly earned approximately a staggering P86 million. Worst of all, perhaps realizing and doubting the validity of mere stamped extensions on dead documents, the new Caraga MGB Director De Dios, most recently issued a new OTP and MOEP dated November 3, 2016. This despite the fact that the mining operations of the CMDC-1 site covered by MPSA No. 103-98-XIII remained suspended since 2012. Kumbaga sa pandasal, Mr. Speaker, mainit-init pa ito at bagong luto pa lang.

Malupit din pala itong si De Dios. It is not far-fetched that the good Secretary must have been pressured to commit this unlawful error by someone close to her, maybe her consultant and the silent partner of Congressman Pichay. Itong si Jasareno at si De Dios ay marami-raming dapat ipaliwanag dito sa atin sa Kamara, ika nga.

By no stretch of the imagination can Congressman Pichay be the legitimate owner of CMDC-1, having derived his ownership from Fe Ligas' Hen Hao Equipment Corporation. But by cunning manipulation, Mr. Speaker, Congressman Pichay was able to make the SEC, the MGB and a trial court believe that he is the rightful claimant and the legitimate owner of a corporation totally distinct and different from his.

Mr. Speaker, to show you that I am not hallucinating and inventing everything that I have said here today about CMDC-1 and CMDC-2, allow me to display on our screens, live, the website of Congressman Pichay's CMDC-2. As you can see, the details are displayed in its website including its purported history, the Directors and other information.

The unlawful acts flagrantly committed by Congressman Pichay are as follows:

First, Congressman Pichay stole the identity of a legitimate corporation, the CMDC-1, and used that in all his transactions, cases and communications. This is corporate identity theft.

Second, he is not the lawful owner of CMDC-1, and yet he shipped out minerals for material gain. This is mineral theft.

And third, Mr. Speaker, our 1987 Constitution provides in Article VI, Section 14:

No Senator or Member of the House of Representatives x x x directly or indirectly shall be interested financially in any contract with, or in any franchise or special privilege granted by the Government, x x x during his

term of office. He shall not intervene in any matter before any office of the Government for his pecuniary benefit x x x.

This particular provision is likewise echoed in the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, Republic Act No. 3019, Section 3, paragraph (h), to wit:

Section 3. Corrupt Practices of Public Officers.

x x x

(h) Directly or indirectly having financial or pecuniary interest in any business, contract or transaction in connection with which he intervenes or takes part in his official capacity, or in which he is prohibited by the Constitution or by any law from having any interest.

Mr. Speaker, when he wrote to the MGB on August 15 and August 22, 2016, Mr. Pichay was already a Congressman. Mr. Speaker, honorable Members of this House, if this is not a mockery of our laws, then what is? Shall we allow, condone, tolerate and turn a blind eye on the continued travesty of justice that is being displayed so unashamedly? Shall we be a willing party to his patently illegal activities through our inaction? I call on the leadership of this House to do something to help my constituents who are suffering over these indescribable abuse of power, and to redeem the honor of the House of Representatives from this unspeakable madness.

Mr. President, President Rodrigo Duterte, I appeal to you on behalf of my constituents. You have promised to stamp out corruption. The violations are not being hidden; they are committed openly for everyone to see, as if challenging us yet insulting and mocking all of us. Your action, Mr. President, would be an eloquent fulfillment of your promise.

Mahal na Pangulo, G. Ispiker, sobra na po ang lantaran at garapalang pagwawalanghiyang ito, hindi lamang sa ating kapaligiran kung hindi pati sa taumbayan at higit sa lahat, sa bulwagang ito. Nakakapanindig-balahibo na pang-aabuso sa kapangyarihan. Magsasawalang-kibo na lamang po ba tayo at magkukunwaring walang nakikita? May kasabihan sa wikang Ingles na akin pong tatagalugin, “Ang kasamaan ay nagtatagumpay lamang kapag ang mga mabubuting tao ay magwawalang bahala.” In English, “Evil triumphs when good men do nothing.” Kailangan na nating tumayo at manindigan upang wakasan ang pang-aabuso at sukdulang kasamaang ito. Manindigan tayo na walang kinikilingan, walang sinasanto at walang pinapanigan ang batas kung hindi ang katotohanan lamang.

Mr. Speaker, my distinguished colleagues, distinguished Majority Leader, honorable Members of this Chamber, let us do something to stop this.

I request that my speech, Mr. Speaker, be referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources for proper investigation in aid of legislation.

Thank you and good day, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Thank you, Congressman Barbers.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate the Hon. Ace Barbers, may I move that his speech be referred to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). What committee?

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Rules, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion ...

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a request from ...

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, just an inquiry, Mr. Speaker. With due respect to the Floor Leader, in my speech, I clearly stated that the speech be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in order to conduct the proper investigation. And with the indulgence of the Floor Leader, may I ask for their support in that particular request, Mr. Speaker, and if it is necessary, I would like to make it into a motion.

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

REP. CASILAO. I second the motion, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, by way of response to our esteemed colleague, we join him in his quest to unveil the truth. And, the reason we moved to refer to the Committee on Rules is that other committees may also wish to take cognizance of this subject matter. So, at the appropriate time in the Committee on Rules, we are most inclined to give in to the motion of our esteemed colleague and maybe also refer it to other additional committees. Would that meet his wishes this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor?

REP. BARBERS. I submit to the wisdom of the Dep. Majority Leader and the sense of the House.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, distinguished Dep. Majority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to refer the speech to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, before we proceed, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan from South Africa. With their kind indulgence, I may not be able to pronounce their names properly. They are: Hon. Godfrey Oliphant, Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources; Mr. Mithokozisi Zondi; Mr. Kehfilweh Chibogo; Mr. Neville Motsepe; Mr. Nadabenhle Sosibo; Dr. Nandi Malumbazo; Ambassador Martin Slabber; Ms. Tshire Kau; and Ms. Ellen Vega.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The presence of the guests of Honorable Cosalan is acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Floor Leader is recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

##### *Continuation*

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the First District of Bulacan, the Hon. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Honorable Sy-Alvarado is recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SY-ALVARADO

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, sa araw pong ito, ika-14 ng Nobyembre, ay ginugunita natin at ipinagdiriwang ang ika-141 anibersaryo ng pagsilang ng isang magiting at dakilang anak ng Pilipinas, walang iba kundi ang pinakabatang heneral, si Heneral Gregorio Del Pilar, na lalong kilala at napabantog sa palayaw na “Goyo.”

Bagama’t isang pangkaraniwang bata na patakbotakbo sa lansangan ng San Jose at iba pang nayon sa Bulacan, masasabing maagang namulat si Goyo sa mga katotohanan ng buhay. Oo nga at tiyuhin niya ang mga ilustradong sina Marcelo H. Del Pilar, Marcelo Hilario at Padre Toribio; oo nga at nananalaytay sa kanyang ugat ang dugong Gatmaitan ng mga maharlika-

liping Tagalog, nabibilang ang pamilya ni Goyo sa mas maralitang sanga ng kanyang angkan kung kaya sa napakamurang edad ay naging laman siya ng kalye habang naglalako ng karne upang makatulong sa mga magulang niyang sina Fernando Del Pilar at Felipa Sempio.

Magiting niyang hinarap ang hamon ng karalitaan bilang isang pinakabatang negosyante ng lalawigan at ng bansa sa ating kasaysayan. Habang nag-aaral sa Ateneo Municipal, sa murang edad ay nakihalubilo si Goyo sa mga dakilang propagandista at rebolusyonaryo sa kanyang panahon sa tahanan ng kanyang amaing sina Marcelo H. Del Pilar at Deodato Arellano. Naging courier siya ng mga polyetong kontra prayle na sinulat ni Tiyo Marcelo at minsan ay pinangahasan niyang palitan ang Misal na pinamumudmod sa simbahan tuwing araw ng Linggo ng mga polyetong ito na halos ikadismaya sa galit at kabiglaan ng Kura Parokong Kastila.

Sa murang edad, pagkatapos ng high school ay pinangarap ni Goyong na maging maestro de obras at nagtangkang magpalista sa isang trade school subalit ibang karera pala ang inilaan ng Panginoon para sa kanyang kasaysayan. Kakatapos lamang niya ng pagkabatsilyer sa Ateneo nang sumiklab ang himagsikan noong Agosto 1896 sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Andres Bonifacio.

Sa murang edad ng isang bagong tao ay tinalikdan ni Goyo ang kanyang pansariling pangarapin sa buhay at itinaya ang kanyang kapalaran at katandaan ng Inang Bayan bilang isang mandirigma. Kung may isang katangi-tanging papel na ginampanan si Goyo sa ating kasaysayan, ito ay ang pangyayaring sa murang edad, sa gitna ng nag-aalimpayong labanan ay naging bahagi siya ng pagtatatag ng tatlong Republika ng ating bansa.

Disyembre 1886 nang sumanib siya sa puwersa ni Mastrong Sebio sa Pandi at itinatag nila ang Republika ng Kakarong de Sili. Sa murang edad ay kasama siya sa mga nagtanggol sa kuta ng Kakarong nang salakayin ito ng hukbong Kastila noong unang araw ng Enero 1897. Sa kabutihang palad ay nabilang siya sa mangilan-ngilang Katipunerong nakaligtas sa ginawang paglipol ng mga Espanyol sa puwersa ng kauna-unahang Republika. Sa pagsasagupang ito unang tumulo ang kanyang mapulang dugo sa isang labanan nang magurlisan siya ng bala ng kaaway sa noo. Dito rin niya unang nagamit ang kanyang opisyal na ranggo bilang isang tenyente.

Noong Agosto 1897, nagtagpo si Goyo, na noon ay nasa ranggo ng kapitan, at si Heneral Emilio Aguinaldo sa Biak-na-Bato. Ang pagtatagpong ito ay naging simula ng isang pagkakaibigan at tambalang gumaygay sa mga kasukulan ng Bulacan at umabot hanggang sa kalansangan ng Hong Kong, isang malamig na Disyembre noong 1897 matapos lagdaan ang Pakto ng Biak-na-Bato at isuko ang Ikalawang Republika.

Noong ika-24 ng Hunyo 1898, pagbalik mula sa Hong Kong at matapos ideklara ni Aquinaldo sa Kawit ang kasarinlan ng Pilipinas, pinalaya ni Goyo ang bayan ng Bulacan mula sa mga Kastila. Sa murang edad, tinanggap ng batang dating tatakbo-takbo lamang sa kalye ng kabayanan ang pormal at opisyal na pagsuko ng kapanginoonang Kastila sa buong lalawigan ng Bulacan.

Sa murang edad, naging Brigadier General si Goyo. Matapos ang liberalisasyon ng sariling bayan noong Setyembre 1898, pinamunuan niya sa paradang militar sa Barasoain kaugnay ng pagbubukas ng Kongreso ng Malolos at ratipikasyon ng kasarinlan ng Pilipinas ang Republika Pilipinas sa Malolos at pormal itong naitatag sa pamamatuubay at pagsusuhay ng isa sa taga sa panahon at haligi ng bansa na si Heneral Goyo.

Noong Disyembre 1898, sa bisa ng Kasunduan sa Paris, ibinenta ng mga Kastila ang Pilipinas sa mga Amerikano sa halagang 20 milyong dolyar. Ito ang ikatlong makasaysayang Disyembre.

Sa murang edad ni Goyo, marahil ay itinanong sa kanyang murang puso, sa kanyang murang isip, kung paanong ang isang malayang bansang pinagtigisan ng dugo at nagsasariling pamahalaan na gaya ng Republika ng Pilipinas sa Malolos ay mangyayaring mapasakamay sa isang bagong panginoon sa pamamagitan lamang ng isang bentahang ginawa ng isang dating mananakop, na ganap nang nalupig at naduhagi.

Kaya nga sa pagsiklab ng digmaan ng Pilipino-Amerikano, nasaksihan ng kasaysayan kung paanong si Goyo, sa murang edad, ay muling humarap sa mga higanteng kaaway ng kanyang Inang Bayan at ng Republikang dito ay kumakatawan. Hinarap niya ang makapangyarihang agilang nagbabantang umagaw sa kasarinlan ng Pilipinas kung kailan, kung saan may pagkakataon, sa Caloocan, sa Quingwa, sa Bagbag at hanggang sa Pasong Tirad, kung saan sa pang-apat at panghuling Disyembre ng kanyang buhay, tumuloy siyang kaagapay ng Republikang tumatalilis, sumuray-suray at naliligaw hanggang sa huling hibla ng kanyang hininga.

Sa murang edad, nagawa ni Goyong suhayan ang tatlong Republikang pumukaw sa mga pangarap ng kanyang mga kababayan. Sa murang edad ay nakuha niyang harapin at lupigin ang dalawang pinakamakapangyarihang bansa sa daigdig ng panahong yaon, ang Espanya at Amerika, na yumurak sa ating dangal at nagnakaw ng ating laya. Sapagkat, sa totoo lang, hindi naman siya napipigilan ng Texas Regiment, ang 33<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment ng Estados Unidos, ni Peyton March, nang siya ay mahulog sa kabayo at mapahandusay sa Tirad noong a-dos ng Disyembre 1899. Bagkus, kabaligtaran ang totoo, na ang inakalang magiging madaling pagsakop ng Amerika sa Pilipinas ay inabot ng higit sa isang dekadang pakikipagtunggali.

Sapagkat ang diwang magiting at pusong bayani ni Goyo ay patuloy na iwinagayway sa larangan nina Miguel Malvar, Simeon Ola, Macario Sakay, Felipe Salvador, at maging sina Patricio Dionisio, Benigno Ramos, Jacinto Manahan, Juan Feleo, Mateo Del Castillo, mga magkakapatid na Lava, at marami pang iba na hanggang kung kailan ay hindi yumukod sa kapanginoonan ng mga Amerikano.

Sa murang edad, nagpasindi si Goyo ang rebolusyong apoy sa sambayanang Pilipino na kumalat at lumaganap hanggang sa pinakamaraming murang edad ng henerasyong susunod at salinlahing darating hindi lamang sa mga Bulakenyo kung hindi sa lahat ng Pilipino.

Dahil dito, bakit ba hindi natin pagkaisahang hilingin na ang kahabaan ng lansangan mula sa Caloocan hanggang sa Ilocos, kung saan naroon ang Pasong Tirad o hanggang sa Baguio kung saan matatagpuan ang Fort Del Pilar o Philippine Military Academy ay maipangalan kay Heneral Gregorio Del Pilar? Hindi ba may bakas ito ng yapak ng ating bayani sa kanyang pagmamartsa tungo sa walang hanggang kaluwalhatian?

Ito ang magsisilbing tagapaggunita at inspirasyon ng ating mga kabataan upang sa murang edad ay seryosong harapin nila ang pananagutan at pagbuo ng isang bansa at sa murang edad ay pangunahan ang pagtataguyod ng mga adhikain ng ating Republika, gaya ng ginawa sa murang edad ni Heneral Goyo.

Muli, sa hanay ng mga mamamayang nagmamahal sa bansa, maligayang kaarawan, Heneral Gregorio Del Pilar.

Magandang hapon at maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Maraming salamat sa iyo, Ginoong Sy-Alvarado.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Sino ba ang iyong mananahi?

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Sa Kamuning po, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Maganda. The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the honorable Gentleman from the Third District of Pampanga, the Hon. Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr., be recognized for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Gentleman, Congressman Gonzales, is recognized for his interpellation.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Salamat, Mr. Speaker. Magandang hapon, my dear colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, nais ko po sanang magtanong sa Representante ng First District of Bulacan tungkol sa may kaarawan ngayon, kay bayaning Gregorio Del Pilar.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Masaya ko pong sasagutin, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Alam mo, Mr. Speaker, madalang lang po akong tumayo dito kasi kapag naririnig ko iyong mga bayani, lalo na iyong mga taga-Bulacan, sa Bulacan, Bulacan isinilang at ngayon ay ipinagdiriwang natin ang kanyang kaarawan. Gusto ko lang pong itanong, Mr. Speaker, kung ano po sa inyong palagay ang mga prominenteng katangian ni Heneral Gregorio Del Pilar na maaari nating ipaalala sa ating mga kabataan at sa darating pang panahon at sa kasalukuyang panahon, Mr. Speaker?

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mr. Speaker, maraming salamat po sa katanungan ng ating kaibigan mula po sa Pampanga.

Mr. Speaker, siguro po, masasabi natin na ang katapangan at determinasyon, lalung-lalo na ang pagmamahal sa sariling bansa ang mga katangiang maaaring matutunan ng ating mga kabataan kay Heneral Goyo. Kung ito po, Mr. Speaker, ay maitatanim natin sa puso ng bawat kabataan, siguro, hindi po tayo mamomroblema sa ating hinaharap ngayong panahong ito katulad po ng kriminalidad at droga, sapagkat kung ang disiplina po na ating makukuha sa pag-aaral sa buhay ni Heneral Goyo, Mr. Speaker, ay mapupunta sa bawat kabataang Pilipino, sigurado pong napakaganda ng ating bansa, sigurado pong mas uunlad ang bansang Pilipinas, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, alam po ninyo, every day in this world ay isinisilang nila ang Goyo. Kaya ako po ay nagtatanong—marahil, ito ay magiging halimbawa sa mga sumusunod na henerasyon. At nasabi ninyo, kriminalidad, droga—at ito ay magbigay ng, halimbawa, Mr. Speaker, ano po ba kaya ang ibang magagandang contribution na pwedeng maiambag natin sa ating kabataan sa kanilang murang edad para sa ikaunlad ng bansa? Ito po ay, inuulit ko po, alam ko po dito isinilang sa Bulacan, Bulacan si Goyo at marami pang Goyo sanang lalabas sa ating bansa, Mr. Speaker.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mr. Speaker, bilang pinakabatang heneral po ng ating kasaysayan, si Heneral Goyo, at pumanaw nang siya ay nasa edad 24 anyos lamang, masasabi po natin, Mr. Speaker, na napakahalaga po nito sapagkat ang kabataang katulad natin, sa panahong ito, ay mayroon namang mga bagong

kalaban. Hindi na po iyong mga Kastila ang ating kinakalaban, hindi na iyong mga Amerikano na dati nating mananakop ang ating mga kalaban. Sa panahon pong ito ay hayag na hayag na ang kamangmangan, ang droga, ang korupsiyon at ang kahirapan ang mga bagong tanikalang nagpapahirap sa ating lipunan.

Mr. Speaker, ang Representasyon pong ito, at naniniwala po ako na katulad ng aking idolo mula sa distrito ng Pampanga, ay magkasamang mga nagiging advocates ng pagmamahal sa mga kabataan at pagbibigay ng karagdagang pansin sa mga kabataan. Kaya po, Mr. Speaker, kung bibigyan natin ng pagkakataon katulad ni Heneral Goyo na magkaroon ng silakbo ng damdamin, na ibayo pang pagmamahal sa bansa ang bawat miyembro ng kabataan sa ating lipunan, sigurado po, Mr. Speaker, mawawala ang ating problema sa droga, mawawala ang ating problema sa kriminalidad, mawawala ang problema natin sa kahirapan lalung-lalo na kung ang bawat kabataan, kaisa po ng ating pamahalaan, ay magtutulung-tulong para sa mas maunlad na bansang Pilipinas.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Salamat, Mr. Speaker. Salamat, Congressman Jonathan. Binabati kita at kino-congratulate ko po ang aking neighbor sa Central Luzon, magiting kay Heneral Goyo. And, this august Body, I know, marami po sa atin, what we are doing now, iyong mga bata, binibigyan natin ng pagkakataon, tinutulungan natin iyong mga less fortunate. I think, marami pa pong lilitaw na Heneral Goyo na sa sarili nilang sikap, they are the heroes, bayani po sila sa kanilang kakayanan.

So, Mr. Speaker, sa ating kaibigan na si Congressman Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado, salamat sa pag-interpellate. Salamat sa pagsagot sa aking mga katanungan.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Thank you very much.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Lady from KABATAAN Party-List, the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago, be recognized for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Lady is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. ELAGO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker, at magandang hapon sa lahat. Binabati ko ang ating Kinatawan mula sa Unang Distrito ng Bulacan sa kanyang nakakapag-alab na damdamin na privilege speech na kanina pa binabanggit ang mga kabataan kaya

hindi ko po mapigilang magsalita rin para sabihin na sa panahon ngayon, Mr. Speaker, ang mga kabataan ay handa sa hamon ng panahon na tumugon sa tinatawag na pag-aalay ng buung-buong talino, talento at husay na maibigay para sa ating bayan.

Kaya nga naman nais kong tanungin ang ating Kinatawan kung siya ay handa na sumagot ng isa lamang katanungan mula sa Kinatawan na ito ng Partido ng KABATAAN?

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Magiging masaya po ako, Mr. Speaker, na sumagot ng ilang katanungan mula po sa ating Congresswoman mula sa KABATAAN.

REP. ELAGO. Ang mga kabataan bilang pag-asa ng bayan, paano niya mari-realize, maa-actualize, magiging totoo ang pagiging pag-asa ng bayan kung siya ay napagkakaitan ng kanyang batayang karapatan sa edukasyon?

Ang edukasyon ay hindi lamang susi sa pag-unlad ng kanyang kabuhayan, hindi lamang susi sa kanyang pagpapaunlad ng sarili, kundi armas din sa pagtatanggol ng kaniyang karapatan at kagalingan.

Sa ngayon, Mr. Speaker, sa bawa't isang daan na Grade 1 students natin, 14 lamang ang nakakatapos ng kolehiyo. Sa mga batang Lumad, sa 10, siyam diyan ang hindi lamang—o ni hindi nakakatapak sa isang pormal na eskuwelahan. Kaya nga naman kinakailangan na itaguyod natin na accessible ang natatamang edukasyon para sa lahat. At hindi lamang iyan, kailangan din nating itaguyod ang isang makabayan na edukasyon—makabayan na edukasyon na magpapatimo sa ating mga kabataan ng kahalagahan na gamitin ang lahat ng mga kanyang napag-aralan para paglingkuran ang sambayanan.

Ngayon, ang katanungan ko po, paano ba natin—ano ba ang mga paraan o inyong mga naiisip na mga gawi kung paano natin mas mapapatimo at mas mailalagay sa ating mga institusyon katulad ng mga eskuwelahan, simbahan, government institutions ang pagpapatimo at pagtanim sa ating kabataan ng mahalagang pangangailangan ng pagsisilbi sa sambayanan?

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Maraming salamat po sa napakagandang katanungan ng ating Representative mula sa KABATAAN Party-List.

Mr. Speaker, sa akin pong sariling pananaw, una, kailangan po nating dagdagan pa iyong ating budget, at kaisa po ng Representative ng KABATAAN Party-List ang iyong abang lingkod sa pagtutol doon sa mga budget cuts doon sa ating mga SUCs. Ikalawa po, Mr. Speaker, siguro po dapat ipag-ibayo po natin iyong pagbibigay po ng tinatawag nating history hour sa ating mga kabataan.

Noon pong panahon na ako ay sandaling nag-aral sa Oxford, nakikita ko doon na mayroon silang one hour na halos sabay-sabay na ang History Channel ay

ipinapakita iyong mga nakaraang giyera, iyong kanilang mga nakaraang leader na aking hinahanap sa aking sariling bansa. Bakit wala tayong ganoon dito? Na no choice ka, wala kang ibang mapapanood kundi puro tungkol sa history noong oras na iyon.

Isang magandang pag-aralan din po siguro, Mr. Speaker, iminumungkahi po ng inyong abang lingkod na rebisahin po natin iyong ating mga textbooks, lalung-lalo na sa kasaysayan, at iyong mga subjects po na magbibigay pa ng ibayong pagmamahal sa ating bansa. Kailangan po sigurong tandaan ng ating mga kasama na wala naman tayong pagpipiliang bansa. Iisa lang po iyong bansang Pilipinas na mayroon tayo, iisa lang po iyong bansa na maaari nating isalba, at patuloy pang mahalín, at patuloy pang paunlarin.

Iyon po, sa aking pananaw, Mr. Speaker, kung mapapagtulungan ng Kongresong ito, at ako po ay naniniwala sa kagalingan ng ating mga kasama dito sa ika-17 Kongreso ng Republika ng Pilipinas, tayo po ay magtatagumpay sa pamamagitan po ng pagmamahal sa lahat ng antas ng lipunan, lalung-lalo na ng pagbibigay halaga sa ating mga kabataan.

REP. ELAGO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

Ang mga kabataan, mahilig iyan sa mga hugot lines, sa mga hugot. At nawa'y ang maging hugot natin sa mga susunod na mga buwan, sa mga susunod na pagkakataon na kailangan ng boses ng kabataan ay iyong hugot sa pagpapatuloy ng laban ng mga bayani na nauna sa atin.

Our Filipino revolutionary heroes were young, katulad ni Gregorio Del Pilar, at iyan ay ipagpapatuloy na laban ng mga kabataan magpasahanggang ngayon.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Thank you very much, Congresswoman Elago.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no other Member who wishes to interpellate the Hon. Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, I move that his speech be referred to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to refer the speech to the Committee on Rules. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the honorable Gentleman of AKBAYAN Party-List, the Hon. Tom S. Villarin, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Congressman Villarín is recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VILLARIN

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to state for the record, Mr. Speaker, that AKBAYAN strongly opposes all efforts and attempts to revive the 32-year-old Bataan Nuclear Power Plant.

As much as this administration would like to admit, we have much to learn from other countries which have more advanced technologies. Mr. Speaker, colleagues, in 2011, eight German nuclear power plants were shut down following the Fukushima Daiichi incident in that same year. And despite Japan and Germany's renowned technological acumen and experience, they have begun shunning nuclear energy. Here is why:

First, the costs are high. Evidence suggests that the argument that nuclear energy is cheap has already been debunked. In fact, over the years, the cost of operating a nuclear power plant has gone up continuously because of the need to catch up with increasing safety regulations, as required by international standards, among others.

In 2009, Mr. Speaker, it was revealed that power plants similar in model and in make to the BNPP have experienced difficulties, particularly three incidents involving the Gori reactor in South Korea just within two months, as well as a coolant leak in the Krško Power Plant in Slovenia. There are two other similar models of the Westinghouse-built power plant that have experienced difficulties mainly due to its make-up.

As we all know, the BNPP model is based on a 1950s technology, Mr. Speaker. So that is, short of saying that this model, this Westinghouse-built nuclear power plant is outmoded.

Apart from the cost of rehabilitating the BNPP pegged at almost P50 billion or around \$1 billion, one can expect that the cost of an extremely scarce, and non-renewable resource such as uranium to go nowhere but up. Assuming without conceding that if we succeed in making BNPP operational, nuclear waste disposal has also been proven as one of the most tedious, delicate, and expensive processes in harnessing nuclear energy. Given the hazardous nature of this type of waste, a more sophisticated technology is required in order to minimize the risks of radioactive leaks, scavenging, and the destruction of both communities and ecosystems. And who will shoulder the costs? The taxpayers, Mr. Speaker. Many believe that nuclear energy can cost taxpayers more money than what can be forecast at this point, but one cannot ignore the ultimate price of not knowing how to properly, safely, and effectively handle nuclear waste.

Second; the risks of reviving the mothballed BNPP are higher. While nuclear accidents have low probabilities of occurring, the rate could be higher in a country like the Philippines, which is ranked as the fourth most disaster-prone country in the world, including earthquakes, as we are part of the Pacific Nuclear Ring of Fire. Besides, Mr. Speaker, the BNPP is the epitome of the combined risks of a nuclear fallout caused by an earthquake, given that studies show that it was built along a major geological fault line near Mt. Samal.

The late Dr. Kevin Rodolfo, Professor Emeritus of Illinois University and one of our eminent volcanologists said that based on scientific studies, the BNPP sits on Mt. Natib, which is a caldera volcano like Mt. Pinatubo, and numerous fault lines extended to Morong Bataan, Mr. Speaker.

One particular example of how dangerous a nuclear power plant is the recent Fukushima nuclear disaster of 2011, a short five-year span. It reminds us of the incredibly high stakes involved in this project. If a rich and scientifically advanced country like Japan averted a disaster only after spending millions of dollars worth of intervention, imagine what would be the cost for the Philippines if only to avoid a full-blown nuclear fallout.

For an administration that claims to uphold security above all else, this is a very risky move. Perhaps, too risky that it is not worth putting our countrymen's health, safety and livelihoods on the line. But there is good news, Mr. Speaker. The good news is that we have better, safer and more sustainable alternatives. The estimated \$1 billion requirement to rehabilitate the BNPP could go instead into pushing for renewables. In 2008, we have already passed the Renewable Energy Act, and this could be supplemented by this proposed \$1 billion program to rehabilitate. Take it away from rehabilitation of BNPP and put it into renewables.

Studies have also debunked claims that renewable energy cannot address energy demand because sufficient investment levels in renewables do have the ability to suffice for base load requirements. Investing in renewables which under Renewable Energy Act of 2008 clearly lays out the policy of objective of moving away from dirty technologies such as coal and nukes in favor of sustainable sources of power. But this is not just the issue of power that lights our homes, Mr. Speaker. The issue here on the revival of the BNPP is all about the abuses committed under the Marcos regime. It is an issue of governance and accountability given that it was once called the most glaring monument of corruption, perpetrated by the Marcoses in their 20-year regime.

History reveals that BNPP costs Filipino taxpayers \$2.3 billion and that amount was only in the 1980s, Mr. Speaker. In the past, lawmakers have filed resolutions to go after this anomalous undertaking. Unfortunately,



we have yet to see anyone detained or convicted for what was the biggest corruption scandal during the Martial Law years.

The death of Mr. Herminio T. Disini in 2014, who was ordered by the Sandiganbayan in 2012 to return the commission he received from Westinghouse, was unfortunate, given that he could have been the key to the arrest of the culprits to be held accountable. And now, we speak of the revival of the BNPP as if nothing of that sort happened.

Mr. Speaker, over the past few weeks, many of us were disturbed, at the very least by a barrage of incidents, events, that somehow triggered nostalgia, if not trauma caused by what our historians call the darkest period in recent Philippine history. Twenty years of curtailing the rights, liberties, and freedom of those who called out and resisted the Marcoses' atrocities and abuses: First, a hero's burial for the dictator, human rights violator, and plunderer; second, President Duterte's openness to suspend the citizens' privilege of the *writ of habeas corpus*; and now, the revival of the late dictator's corruption-laden and risk-ridden pet project, the US\$2.3 billion mothballed Bataan Nuclear Power Plant. Let me say it loud and clear, Mr. Speaker, colleagues. There should be, We should say no to the Marcos restoration; no to the rampant, corruption and endangering of people's lives and no to the revival of the BNPP. And if this government chooses not to listen to the people's cry for justice, and hold the Marcoses accountable for their crimes, they should at least listen to the voice of scientific consensus, saying that nuclear power is no longer the way forward.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Thank you, Congressman Villarín.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no other Member—yes, Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Honorable Lagman be recognized for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Congressman Lagman is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. The Gentleman from the First District of Albay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Gentleman from Albay is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the distinguished Gentleman from the Party-List AKBAYAN answer a few questions?

REP. VILLARIN. Gladly, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. LAGMAN. With those who are pushing for the rehabilitation, revival, or restoration of the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant, do you see here a misnomer, distinguished Gentleman?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. I think it is a misnomer because the BNPP is not operational. It is a monument; it is a testament to a white elephant, a project that never came into fruition because from the very start it was based on an outmoded model and that it made shortcuts in terms of its construction, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, restoration or rehabilitation or revival presupposes a prior operation. But in the case of the Bataan Nuclear Plant, there was no commissioning of the plant. As a matter of fact, it was mothballed before it was operational, is that correct?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, that is correct because when the plant was about to be inaugurated there were certain events that happened like the EDSA People Power I and the Three Mile Island nuclear incident in the United States.

Prior to that, Mr. Speaker, there was already the Puno Commission report. The Puno Commission was even instigated by then President Marcos to look at the quality of the plant and the Puno Commission found many structural defects in the plant. So it was never operationalized, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. When the secondhand nuclear power plant was installed in the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant sometime in the early 1980s, how old was the secondhand nuclear power plant?

REP. VILLARIN. The model of the power plant that Westinghouse sold to us, Mr. Speaker, was based on the 1950s, and this model which has similar plants in four other countries, namely: Slovenia, South Korea, Brazil, and I forgot the fourth country—many of these models, as early as 2009, Mr. Speaker, have been decommissioned already.

REP. LAGMAN. So, if this secondhand nuclear power plant installed at the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant was a model in the 1950s, so today, it must be nearing 80 years old. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, that is correct, Mr. Speaker. If we pursue that plan, Mr. Speaker, we are saying here that we want an 80-year-old model to be revived or to be reinstated, and that is based on international standards,

Mr. Speaker, the lifespan of most nuclear power plants is around 30 years to 40 years.

REP. LAGMAN. That is correct, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Gentleman. The scientific studies would show that a nuclear power plant has a lifespan of 30 years only and, definitely, there is no rhyme nor reason for us to undertake repairs and subsequently commission a nuclear power plant which is 70 to 80 years old. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, that is correct, Mr. Speaker. In fact, the proposed \$1 billion supposedly to be funded for this project could be used for other purposes, Mr. Speaker, because at this moment, even the Department of Energy is saying that what they have now is a proposed \$1 billion and what they will do is just to make studies. If that is the case, this \$1 billion to do studies would also be too costly for our country, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. After the country has paid close to \$3 billion in principal as well as in interest for the loan related to the BNPP, is the Gentleman aware that until now, we are still spending millions for the preservation of this monstrosity, this monument of the folly and corruption of the Marcos dictatorship?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, that is correct, Mr. Speaker, because our government spends for the maintenance of this mothballed nuclear power plant. In fact, the interest payment alone for the BNPP would amount to a daily interest of \$355,000, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Under the General Appropriations Act for 2017, there is an outlay of P51,425,000 for the so-called BNPP Preservation Expenses. In the current year, 2016, there is an appropriation of P46,438,000 again for the BNPP Preservation Expenses. Is the distinguished Gentleman aware of this, Mr. Speaker?

REP. VILLARIN. I am not aware of that, Mr. Speaker, but if it is based on our General Appropriations Act, then that amount would only point to the fact that until now, our people are suffering because of this corruption, this ignominy that was made during the Marcos regime, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. The distinguished Gentleman mentioned about the Puno Commission. Could you please tell this august Chamber what are some of the recommendations of the Puno Commission, Mr. Speaker?

REP. VILLARIN. From the summary of the Puno Commission—by the way, Mr. Speaker, the Puno

Commission was organized by Mr. Marcos himself way back in 1979 after the Three-Mile Island accident happened in the US in 1979. The Puno Commission concluded that the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant as designed is not safe. Admittedly, it is an old design, plagued with unresolved safety issues like other Westinghouse designs under review by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Thus, it is a potential hazard to the health and safety of the public. The Bataan Nuclear Power Plant needs fundamental changes and additional safeguards, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Basically and essentially, the Puno Commission validated that the BNPP is not safe. It has an old design with unresolved safety issues; thus, it is potentially a hazard to the health and safety of the public. Its safety is not assured because no safety devices were installed. The crucial problem of nuclear waste disposal had not been solved. These safety issues were never really addressed nor resolved by the contractor, Westinghouse, after both the Puno Commission and Dr. Pollard pointed them out, as shown by later audits of the BNPP in the post-Marcos era. In other words, why should we spend billions of pesos for commissioning the operation of a basically unsafe and hazardous nuclear power plant which is 70 years of vintage? Is there rhyme or reason for this plan or project, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Gentleman?

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, this Representation himself does not see any rhyme or reason as to why we should push this project. We should also question the very fact that our countrymen are spending P41 million annually just to maintain a mothballed nuclear power plant. Even for that matter, Mr. Speaker, when Mr. Disini, the prime mover of this corruption-laden project died in 2014, there should now be a question on how to pursue the legal case against the main culprits involved in this corruption.

REP. LAGMAN. Prof. Roland Simbulan of the University of the Philippines, annotating the Puno Commission Report said, and I quote:

The Bataan Nuclear Power Plant in Morong Bataan, can be aptly converted into a never again museum on the folly and corruption of the Marcos dictatorship.

Does the Gentleman agree with that statement, Mr. Speaker?

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, that is a fantastic suggestion to have the BNPP converted into a museum of the follies of the Marcos regime. It being the most high-profile corruption scandal that happened during

the Marcos regime, people will remember the atrocities, the plunder that happened during the Marcos regime. I support that proposal by Professor Simbulan, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Do you also support the proposition that the late dictator should be buried in the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant?

Anyway, that would be consistent with the folly and corruption of the Marcos dictatorship.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, I would gladly support or even I myself will file that resolution proposing that instead of Marcos' burial at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, his wax body should be transported to the BNPP, given that the cause of maintenance of the BNPP includes the air-conditioning system that is put in place so that that plant will not deteriorate much further. So it would be proper and appropriate to have the wax body of the former dictator be put inside the BNPP, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Is the distinguished Gentleman saying that what is projected to be buried in the Libingan ng mga Bayani is only a wax body of the late dictator because his mortal remains had already been buried somewhere in Batac a long time ago, Mr. Speaker?

REP. VILLARIN. Logic dictates, Mr. Speaker, and common sense, too, that maintaining and preserving a body for more than, for almost 30 years, would not have allowed it to survive. The flesh itself will really deteriorate and no amount of derma or other mechanisms to preserve that body can make that happen. The figure that we are seeing in that mausoleum in Ilocos Norte is no longer the body of the late dictator, but instead, a replica or a wax figure of the dictator. So there is no sense, there is no point for that wax figure to be buried in the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Would the Gentleman further suggest to validate his position that a forensic study or investigation should be commissioned by the government in order to validate that what lies at the crypt in the Batac Museum is only the wax body of the late dictator?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Before the Gentleman answers the question, the Chair would like to take note that the questions and answers being propounded and given are no longer germane to the speech of the Honorable Villarín. I understand the speech was about the revival of the BNPP. We are now discussing forensic studies of the alleged corpse of the late President Marcos.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, this line of questioning was prompted by the statement of the distinguished Gentleman of the Party-List AKBAYAN that the BNPP should be the burial place of the late dictator. That is why these are all germane to what we already said. But I am ending my questions with respect to that, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Okay, please, wind up, Congressman Lagman.

REP. VILLARIN. We are talking about costs here, Mr. Speaker, so it is really relevant to the issue, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Yes. Please proceed and wind up, Congressman Lagman. Thank you.

REP. LAGMAN. I am through with my interpellation, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank the distinguished Gentleman for answering my questions.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you too, distinguished colleague and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no other Member who wishes to interpellate the Hon. Tom S. Villarín, I move that his speech, together with its interpellation, be referred to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to refer the speech to the Committee on Rules.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move to terminate the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

#### REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

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

House Resolution No. 359 – proper implementation of Republic Act No. 9335, otherwise known as the “Attrition Act of 2005,” to the Committee on Ways and Means;

House Resolution No. 360 – construction of Barangay Health Stations throughout the country within the premises of public elementary schools undertaken by the Central Office of the Department of Health, to the Committee on Health;

House Resolution No. 364 – provision of Interpreters in all Judicial, Quasi-Judicial and Investigative Proceedings for victims and accused persons with disabilities such as the deaf, mute and blind, to the Committee on Justice;

House Resolution No. 365 – proposed “No Income Tax Return, No Plate” policy as adjunct to previously proposed “No Plate, No Car” Policy amending Republic Act 4136 Land Transportation and Traffic Code, to the Committee on Transportation;

House Resolution No. 366 – proposed “No Plate, No Car” policy amending Republic Act 4136 Land Transportation and Traffic Code, to the Committee on Transportation;

House Resolution No. 370 – propriety of collecting fees to discourage the use of plastic bags for shopping in certain retail establishments, to the Committee on Ecology;

House Resolution No. 371 – implementation of Republic Act No. 9275 or the Comprehensive Water Management Act and its related regulations relative to the operations of quick service restaurants, to the Committee on Ecology;

House Resolution No. 374 – misuse of government funds such as but not limited to the Road Board’s Road Users’ Tax Collections and Special Purpose Funds (SPF) like the Malampaya Fund and the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA) Funds, among others, to the Committee on Appropriations;

House Resolution No. 377 – increasing quantity of imported toxic and hazardous Electronic Waste in the country as permitted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources through DENR-A.O. 2013-22, to the Committee on Ecology;

House Resolution No. 380 – implementation of Sections 8 and 9 of Republic Act No. 10752, otherwise known as the “Right-of-Way Act,” to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;

House Resolution No. 382 – alleged irregularities and wrong policies in the implementation of the National Greening Program, to the Special Committee on Reforestation;

House Resolution No. 383 – impact of the 36,000-hectare Clark Green City Project on the peasant and Aeta Communities of the affected areas in the provinces of Tarlac and Pampanga, to the Committee on Human Rights;

House Resolution No. 461 – liability of directors and officers of pre-need companies which fail due to mismanagement, to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;

House Resolution No. 462 – death of Filipina overseas worker Irma Jotojot, to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;

House Resolution No. 464 – implementation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), to the Committee on Poverty Alleviation;

House Resolution No. 465 – standards and procedures followed by the Department of Health in categorizing government hospitals, to the Committee on Health;

House Resolution No. 469 – proliferation and use of prohibited drugs by the inmates in jails managed by the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) in various parts of the country, to the Committees on Dangerous Drugs, and Public Order and Safety;

House Resolution No. 470 – 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, to the Committee on Transportation;

House Resolution No. 471 – renewal of PSALM’s power supply agreements with the Mindanao Electric Cooperatives and its power allocation for the next five (5) years, to the Committee on Energy;

House Resolution No. 475 – on the unabated, unplanned, and unsound land development in Metro Manila which worsened traffic conditions and contributed to urban blight, to the Committee on Metro Manila Development;

House Resolution No. 476 – on the alarming state, under par, and sloth-paced communication and Internet service quality provided by network operators, to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;

House Resolution No. 479 – on the recent spate of killings of Lumads and peasant leaders and activists perpetrated by suspected elements of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, to the Committee on Human Rights;

House Resolution No. 480 – on the National Dengue Prevention and Control Program of the Department of Health, to the Committee on Health;

House Resolution No. 486 – dispersal of the demonstration of patriotic organizations led by national minority groups in front of the US Embassy in Manila, to the Committee on Human Rights;

House Resolution No. 487 – dispersal of national minorities and supporters holding a peaceful protest at the United States Embassy, to the Committee on Human Rights;

House Resolution No. 488 – on existing laws and regulations on funeral and burial services, to the Committees on Health and Social Services;

House Resolution No. 491 – significant issues unanswered and unresolved that led to the botched January 25, 2015 US-directed anti-terror covert police operations in Mamasapano, Maguindanao, to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

House Resolution No. 501 – reported toll rates increase in the NLEX by an average of 21%, to the Committee on Transportation;

House Resolution No. 518 – state of the affected areas of Marcopper Mining Corporation, to the Committee on Natural Resources;

House Resolution No. 521 – improper implementation of Republic Act No. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous People’s Rights Act of 1997, to the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples;

House Resolution No. 522 – progress and status of railroad projects by the Philippine National Railways, to the Committee on Transportation; and

House Resolution No. 527 – logging operations of D.M. Consunji, Inc. (DMCI), under twelve (12) contracts of Integrated Forestry Management Agreement (IFMA) covering 102,954 hectares of land in Daguma Mountain Range, Sultan Kudarat, that triggered human rights abuses against the Lumad National Minority

Communities, to the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to refer the 32 House Resolutions to the aforementioned respective Committees.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that copies of House Bills which were already approved on Third Reading be sent to the Senate.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, November 15, 2016, at four o’clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The session is adjourned until tomorrow at four o’clock in the afternoon.

*It was 6:39 p.m.*