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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., pursuant to Section 15(h), Rule IV of the House Rules, the Presiding Officer, Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc called the session to order.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Bondoc). The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Bondoc). Please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Bondoc). Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Bondoc). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Bondoc). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the calling of the roll is deferred.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Bondoc). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the approval of the Journal is deferred.

At this juncture, the Presiding Officer relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 4:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). 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, Subpoena Duces Tecum and Committee Report, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4379, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS

UNDER SECTIONS 118, 119, 121, 122 AND 123 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, AS AMENDED, ON FREE PATENTS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 44 THEREOF”

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

House Bill No. 4380, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE MALINDANG BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Almonte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4381, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9397 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10884, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4382, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN METRO MANILA AND IN OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES IN THE COUNTRY BY REQUIRING A PROOF-OF-PARKING SPACE OR FACILITY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE BUYERS AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND REGISTRATION WITH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE”

By Representative Romualdez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4383, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGION TO BE KNOWN AS THE YOLANDA COMMEMORATION DAY ”

By Representative Romualdez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4384, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEMONSTRATION FARM IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF

KALINGA TO PROMOTE THE COMMERCIAL GROWING OF BAMBOO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mangaoang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4385, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN BARANGAY TALALANG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALBALAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AS A MINERAL LAND OPEN FOR DECLARATION AS A PEOPLE’S SMALL-SCALE MINING AREA, THEREBY SEGREGATING SUCH LAND FROM THE NATIONAL PARK AND FROM THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6463, DECLARING THE BARRIO OF BALBALASANG, BALBALAN, KALINGA-APAYAO AS A TOURIST RESORT, SETTING ASIDE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN THEREIN AS NATIONAL PARK, AND EXCLUDING FURTHER SAID LAND UNDER THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT 10561 DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA AS A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Mangaoang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4386, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ABOT ALAM PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4387, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIBUNGAN, BENGUET A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Cosalan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4388, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIBINGAN NG MGA BAYANI IN EACH REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 289, AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Batocabe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4389, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING
COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146 OR THE
PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 4390, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) FUND TO
MAXIMIZE THE COUNTRY’S POTENTIAL
TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE
POST-2015 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
GOALS AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Kho
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

House Bill No. 4391, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE
HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION
TO INCREASE THE PACKAGE RATE
FOR DIALYSIS TREATMENT OF
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH
INSURANCE PROGRAM TO THREE
HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND PESOS
PER YEAR”

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

House Bill No. 4392, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN EXCISE TAX
ON THE SALE OF FIRECRACKERS AND
FIREWORKS, AMENDING THEREFOR
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8242, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 4393, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING POLES, POLE
ATTACHMENTS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4394, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE ESTATE TAX
EXEMPTION, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 84, CHAPTER 1,
ESTATE TAX, TITLE III OF THE NATIONAL
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS
AMENDED”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 4395, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUMMARY
TITLING OF REAL PROPERTIES USED AS
PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4396, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING SECTION 24,
ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION
ON THE DISMANTLING OF PRIVATE
ARMIES AND OTHER PRIVATE ARMED
GROUPS NOT RECOGNIZED BY DULY
CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4397, entitled:

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

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4398, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DISPLAY OF
NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE
MENU OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4399, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE POWERS
AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MOVIE
AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND
CLASSIFICATION BOARD TO PROVIDE
FOR THE REGULATION OF VIDEO
GAMES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1986”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

By Representative Lazatin
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4400, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN DISTRESS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4407, entitled:
“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001, AS AMENDED”
By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4401, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING BARANGAYS FOR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (ICC/IP), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representatives Catamco, Zubiri, Panganiban and Bag-ao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 552, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE NATIONALIZATION OF HEALTH SERVICES AND OTHER JOBS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND ITS IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE NATIONAL ECONOMY IN AID OF LEGISLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 4403, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A DRIVERS’ EDUCATION PROGRAM AS AN ELECTIVE FOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Lazatin
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 553, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) IN THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC (IACT) IN ITS INVENTORY OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT RESOURCES”
By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4404, entitled:
“AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL USERS OF PRE-PAID SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS OF MOBILE PHONES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”
By Representative Lazatin
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Resolution No. 554, entitled:
“RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO ADOPT A STRATEGIC POLICY AND STEP UP VIGILANCE AGAINST CRIMINALS RIDING IN TANDEM ON MOTORCYCLES THEREBY RATIONALIZING MORE AGGRESSIVE INTERDICTION OPERATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Cortuna
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4405, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BRUCE DONALD MCTAVISH”
By Representative Lazatin
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4406, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF TRAFFIC EDUCATION IN THE BASIC K-12 EDUCATION CURRICULUM”

House Resolution No. 555, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REQUIRE ALL HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS TO COMPLY WITH THE INTENT AND SPIRIT OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9439 A.K.A. AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES ”

By Representative Cortuna
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 556, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC ACT 10639 OR ACT MANDATING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SEND FREE MOBILE ALERTS IN THE EVENT OF NATURAL AND MANMADE DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES, PARTICULARLY WHEN SUPER TYPHOON LAWIN STRUCK AND DAMAGED MUCH OF NORTHERN LUZON”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 557, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED WATER CRISIS AND THE REVIVAL BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KALIWA DAM AND LAIBAN DAM PROJECT”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 558, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO LOOK INTO THE PLIGHT OF OUR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS-HOUSEHOLD SERVICE WORKERS IN KUWAIT AND INTO THE OFT REPEATED DEMAND FOR BAN/MORATORIUM ON THEIR DEPLOYMENT OF FILIPINO ORGANIZATIONS IN KUWAIT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 559, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF BASILAN CONGRESSWOMAN JUM JAINUDIN AKBAR”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Lopez (C.), Lopez (M.), Ocampo and Bagatsing
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 560, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF MR. BENHUR V. LOPEZ SR., FATHER OF REPRESENTATIVE BENHUR B. LOPEZ JR.”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Lopez (C.), Lopez (M.), Ocampo and Bagatsing
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 561, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED MISUSE OF FUNDS RELEASED TO THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPICS COMMITTEE (POC), AND CONTROVERSIES INVOLVING THE ELECTION OF THE POC PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICERS ON NOVEMBER 25, 2016”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 562, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EARNESTLY RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSE RULES ON THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTH LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE TO INCLUDE ALL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES FROM NORTH LUZON”

By Representatives Dalog, Ortega (P.), Vargas-Alfonso, Bulut-Begtang, Dy, Savellano, Deloso-Montalla, Go (M.), Roman, Ting, Baguilat, Eriguel, Ortega (V.), Primicias-Agabas, Arenas, Bataoil, Cuaresma, Aggabao, Nolasco, Mangaoang, Bernos and Cosalan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 563, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PROBE INTO AMENDING THE NUMBER

CODING SCHEME TO REDUCE VEHICLE VOLUME IN MAJOR THOROUGHFARES IN METRO MANILA”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 564, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOEY HIZON”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Lopez (C.), Lopez (M.), Ocampo, Bagatsing, Crisologo, Malapitan and Martinez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 565, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT COMPELLED ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) DIRECTOR FRANCISCO JOSE VILLA JR. TO COMMIT SUICIDE, INCLUDING ALLEGED PRESSURE FROM ERC CHAIR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER JOSE VICENTE B. SALAZAR TO APPROVE CONTRACTS WITHOUT PROPER BIDDING AND DUE ADHERENCE TO PROCEDURE, AS WELL AS ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION BEHIND ERC DEALS, IN ORDER TO EXACT ACCOUNTABILITY AND FORMULATE REMEDIAL LEGISLATION IN THE NAME OF TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 566, entitled:

“RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED MIDNIGHT DEALS OF THE MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY (MERALCO)-AFFILIATED GENERATION COMPANIES AND THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) WHICH MAY BE DISADVANTAGEOUS TO THE PUBLIC AND MAY CAUSE POWER RATE HIKES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 567, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND

CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE JOEY D. HIZON, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF MANILA DURING THE ELEVENTH, TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH CONGRESSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 568, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. KYLIE VERZOSA FOR WINNING THE 2016 MISS INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT ON OCTOBER 27, 2016 IN TOKYO, JAPAN”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 569, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF REPRESENTATIVE JUM JAINUDIN AKBAR, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF BASILAN”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 570, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DONALD JOHN TRUMP FOR HIS ELECTION AS THE 45TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 571, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MR. BENHUR VALDEZ LOPEZ, FATHER OF REPRESENTATIVE BENHUR B. LOPEZ, JR. OF YACAP PARTY-LIST”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 572, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING SENATOR EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO FOR HIS

OVERWHELMING VICTORY AGAINST
JESSIE VARGAS AND WINNING THE
WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION (WBO)
WELTERWEIGHT TITLE AT THE THOMAS
AND MACK CENTER IN LAS VEGAS,
NEVADA”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. Amado T. Espino Jr. for House Bills No.
501,

503, 504, 505, 541, 542, 543, 551, 556, 565, 567,
616,641, 644, 685, 779, 780 and 781;

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-
Alvarado for House Bills No. 1659, 4111, 4129,
4137,4146, 4147, 4175, 4181, 4182, 4185, 4205,
4301,4324 and 4338;

Reps. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Alberto T.
Ungaband Romeo M. Acop for House Bill No. 3254;

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bills No.
4216, 4264 and 4265;

Rep. Winston “Winnie” Castelo for House Bill
No. 4297;

Rep. Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro for House Bills
No. 246, 571, 713 and 2660;

Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for House Bills No. 245,
3767 and 4174;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No.
570 and 711;

Reps. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Eric L. Olivarez
and Rodrigo A. Abellanosa for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bill
No. 3960;

Rep. Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II for House Bills
No. 140, 545, 1073 and 1083;

Rep. Marisol C. Panotes for House Bill No. 159;

Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan for House Bill No.
1858;

Rep. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso for House Bills
No. 515, 516, 1038, 1039, 1378, 2265 and 3435;

Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario for House Bill No.
516;

Rep. Strike B. Revilla for House Bill No. 515;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 404
and 852;

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bill No.
3349;

Reps. Maria Valentina G. Plaza, Enrico A. Pineda,
Jose L. Atienza Jr., Eugene Michael B. De Vera, Joseph
Stephen S. Paduano, Arnel U. Ty, Len B. AlonteNaguaiat,
Joey Sarte Salceda and Julieta R. Cortuna for House
Bill No. 3858; and

Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia for
House Bill No. 2660.

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

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 Moreno F. Generoso, Director, Field
Investigating Office, Office of the Ombudsman,
re Case No. OMB-C-C-16-0185, directing the
Deputy Secretary General for Administration,
House of Representatives, to submit within three (3)
days from receipt, certified true copy of the latest
Personal Data Sheet (PDS) and Statement of Assets,
Liabilities and Net Worth (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 13 September 2016
issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Supervising
Director, LSC Panel of Investigators, re Case No.
CPL-C-11-2594 (LSC), directing Rosalinda H.
Borja, Director II, Human Resource Department,
House of Representatives, to submit within five
(5) days from receipt, clear and certified true
copy of the following documents pertaining to
Congressman Jose Carlos L. Cari, Representative,
5th District, Leyte:

1. Personal Data Sheet (Latest-on-file);
2. Oath of Office;
3. Service Records;
4. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth
for CYs 2010-2012;
5. All Travels and Authorities to Travel granted
for CYs 2010-2012;
6. Certificate of Annual Compensation, Bonuses,
Allowances, and other remunerations for the
CYs 2010-2012; and
7. All Income Tax Returns filed for CYs 2010-
2012.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of
the House of Representatives transmitting the
Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 13 September 2016
issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Supervising,
Director, LSC Panel of Investigators, re Case No.
OMB-C-C-02-0476-G (LSC), directing Rosalinda
H. Borja, Director II, Human Resource Department,
House of Representatives, to submit within three
(3) days upon receipt, clear and certified true copy
of the following documents pertaining to Prospero
A. Pichay Jr., former Member of the House of
Representatives:

1. Personal Data Sheet(Latest-on-file);
2. Oath of Office;
3. Service Record;

4. Position Description Form;
5. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALNs) for CYs 1998-2007, including his entry and exit SALNs;
6. Permits to Travel and all Authority to Travel granted for CYs 1998-2007;
7. All Income Tax Returns for CY 1998-2007; and
8. Under oath Summary/Statement of yearly salaries/compensation, allowances, bonuses, and all other remunerations received for CYs 1998-2007.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the *Subpoena Duces Tecum* dated 13 September 2016 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Supervising Director, LSC Panel of Investigators, re Case No. CPL-C-10-2168 (LSC), directing Rosalinda H. Borja, Director II, Human Resource Management, House of Representatives, to submit within five (5) days from receipt, clear and certified true copy of the following documents pertaining to Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, former Member of the House of Representatives:

1. Personal Data Sheet (Latest-on-file);
2. Oath of Office;
3. Service Record;
4. Position Description Form;
5. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALNs) for CYs 2010-2013;
6. Permits to Travel and all Authority to Travel granted for CYs 2010-2013;
7. All Income Tax Returns for CYs 2010-2013;
8. Detailed Summary of all Annual Salaries/ Compensation/Income, Bonuses, Allowances and other Remunerations for CYs 2010-2013; and
9. All supporting documents of the above detailed summary.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the *Subpoena Duces Tecum* dated 13 September 2016 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Supervising Director, LSC Panel of Investigators, re Case No. CPL-C-11-0669 (LSC), directing Rosalinda H. Borja, Director II, Human Resource Management, House of Representatives, to submit within five (5) days from receipt, clear and certified true copy of the following documents pertaining to Estela Valdez Sales, former Chief of Staff of Congressman Edgar L. Valdez:

1. Personal Data Sheet (Latest-on-file);
2. Appointment Paper/s;
3. Oath of Office;
4. Service Record;
5. Position Description Form;
6. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALNs) for CYs 2002-2003;

7. All Travel and all Authority to Travel granted for CYs 2002-2003; and
8. Certificate of Annual Compensation, Bonuses, Allowances, and other remunerations received from January 2002-February 2003; and
9. All Income Tax Returns filed for CYs 2002-2003.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the *Subpoena Duces Tecum* dated 13 September 2016 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Supervising Director, LSC Panel of Investigators, re Case No. CPL-V-10-0074 (LSC), directing Rosalinda H. Borja, Director II, Human Resource Management, House of Representatives, to submit within five (5) days from receipt, clear and certified true copy of the following documents pertaining to Roberto C. Cajés, former Member of the House of Representatives:

1. Personal Data Sheet (Latest-on-file);
2. Service Record;
3. All Authorities to Travel locally and abroad for CYs 2010-2013;
4. Detailed Summary of all Annual Salaries/ Compensation/Income, Bonuses, Allowances and other Remunerations for CYs 2010-2013;
5. All supporting documents of the above detailed summary; and
6. All Income Tax Returns (BIR Form 2316) filed for CYs 2010-2013, if any.

Pursuant to Section 150 and 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the *Subpoena Duces Tecum Ad Testificandum* dated September 14, 2016 issued by Emily L. San Gaspar-Gito, Presiding Judge, re Criminal Case No. 13-301820-21, directing Lourdes A. Jayme, Director II, Accounting Service, House of Representatives, to appear in the Regional Trial Court of Manila, Branch 5, Manila City Hall, Rm. 367 at 8:30 a.m. on the 28th day of September 2016 then and thereto testify in the above-entitled case pending thereon.

Pursuant to Section 150, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the *Subpoena Duces Tecum* dated 23 September 2016 issued by Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Supervising Director, LSC Case Build-up Teams, re Case No. CPL-C-11-0978 (LSC), directing Rosalinda H. Borja, Director II, Human Resource Management Service, House of Representatives, to submit within five (5) days upon receipt, the following documents pertaining to Congressman Jesus Emmanuel Magbag Paras, Representative, 1st District, Bukidnon:

1. Updated Service Record;

2. Personal Data Sheet (latest on file); and
3. Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALN) for CYs 2010 and 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Public Information (Committee Report No. 24), re H.B. No. 684, entitled: "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE BY INCLUDING WITHIN ITS COVERAGE JOURNALISTS FROM BROADCAST, NEWS AGENCIES AND INTERNET PUBLICATIONS"

recommending its approval without amendment, in consolidation with House Bill No. 1479

Sponsors: Representatives Tinio, Del Mar and Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the Lone District of Kalinga, the Hon. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang, be recognized for his privilege speech.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Representative from the Lone District of Kalinga, the Hon. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang, is recognized for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. MANGAOANG

REP. MANGAOANG. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues in the House of Representatives, guests, ladies and gentlemen.

On behalf of our constituents from the Lone District, province of Kalinga, I rise to express our gratitude to all those who came to assist us and give much-needed relief after the onslaught of super typhoon Lawin with international name Haima. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council estimated that about 6,308 houses in Northern Luzon were damaged and Kalinga was one of the provinces that sustained heavy damages not just in the number of houses which were partially or completely destroyed, but also in infrastructure and in agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, remembering those moments a month ago on October 20 on our way to Kalinga, the day after Lawin had wrought havoc in Northern Luzon, we almost could not believe the images we had seen along the way. The devastation and damage brought about by that typhoon were so enormous, which the province had never experienced before. We were so worried because we could not reach our relatives and friends and we did not know if they were still alive or not. Communication lines were down with no signal from telecommunications companies, including the DZRB Radyo ng Bayan whose tower was toppled by strong winds and heavy rains. News information on the situation of our families and friends in isolated barangays slowly poured in the capital city of Tabuk through informants who had to travel by foot.

Mr. Speaker, in Barangay Uma, municipality of Lubuagan, in a family of five, all were instantly killed when their house collapsed due to landslide. The youngest of the three children was only one year old. In the adjoining municipality of Pasil, Mr. Jiboy De Belen, an Alternative Learning System teacher, died instantly when his home was destroyed by a landslide. Another fatality drowned along the Saltan River in the municipality of Balbalan, whose cadaver was recovered in another municipality, Pinukpuk, 40 kilometers away, two days after. Thousands of people saw their homes destroyed, livelihood wiped out, their hopes and dreams shattered.

Mr. Speaker, Kalinga is a mountainous province and our roads and bridges often fall prey to landslides during typhoons and because of this, Kalinga is always the last to fully recover from infrastructure damages during calamities. It is also because of this that the power in the province during typhoons may take a longer time before it is restored. The effect of Lawin, as initially assessed by the local cooperative in the repair of power lines, could take four months, meaning, it would be a dark Christmas for the people.

In our desperation, Mr. Speaker, in order to fast-track the restoration of electricity in Kalinga, we called the Office of Undersecretary Felix William B. Fuentebella of the Department of Energy, who happened to be a former Congressman, and asked for the Department's assistance. That one phone call, Mr. Speaker, had

prompted the Department of Energy to call the attention of the National Electrification Administration's Board to the desperate situation of the province, which had led to the formation of Task Force Kapatid Lawin wherein a chain of electric cooperatives from the other provinces committed to help in the repair and rehabilitation of damaged electric lines in Kalinga. One month after super typhoon Lawin, 75 percent of our barangays were energized but some, especially in the far-flung areas, are still awaiting power restoration. Our roads had temporarily been cleared from debris and landslides but rehabilitation will have to be started soon, especially along our major roads: the Kalinga-Apayao Road, the Kalinga Mountain Province Road, the Kalinga-Cagayan Road, and the yet to open Kalinga-Abra Road.

The remarkable generosity and the surge of love, however, from those who extended their helping hands have given us hope and have encouraged and inspired us to double our efforts in the rebuilding, restoration and distribution of assistance and relief to the people in need. It is a concrete reminder to all of us that even amid disaster and suffering, humanity still exists and that the bayanihan spirit among us Filipinos is very much alive. I remember typhoon Yolanda when my late younger brother Mayor Kenneth of the municipality of Balbalan, Kalinga donated one million pesos from the local government unit of Balbalan to those hard-hit in the Visayas.

Mr. Speaker, with God's grace, we survived and we owe so much to all those who came to our rescue during our time of need. Here, I would like to thank those who responded with such overwhelming generosity to the desperate plea of help from the people of the areas hardest hit by the typhoon. On behalf of my constituents in the Lone District of Kalinga, we are deeply honored and thankful to the following who have sacrificed so much and who worked with us since day one of our relief, road rehabilitation and power restoration efforts:

To the men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, especially the 503rd Brigade based in Calanan, Tabuk City, headed by Col. Roy T. Devesa, and the 5th Infantry Division at Camp Melchor Dela Cruz, Gamu, Isabela, headed by Brig. Gen. Paul T. Atal.

To the men and women of the Metro Manila Development Authority who arrived two days after the onslaught of super typhoon Lawin and assisted us in road clearing and relief operations.

To the Department of Energy, especially Asst. Sec. Felix William B. Fuentesbella whom I personally talked to, and the National Electrification Administration under Officer-in-Charge Sonia San Diego, who both acted promptly in forming Task Force Kapatid Lawin composed of the following: Batangas I Electric Cooperative which sent seven personnel; Batangas II Electric Cooperative, with 10 personnel; First Laguna

Electric Cooperative, with eight personnel; Quezon I Electric Cooperative, with nine personnel; Sorsogon I Electric Cooperative, with eight personnel; and Ifugao Electric Cooperative, with five personnel, who all came over to assist our Kalinga Apayao Electric Cooperative in the repair and restoration of power lines.

To the National Grid Corporation that immediately responded and restored their lines.

To the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Cordillera Administrative Region that spearheaded the relief operations.

To the Philippine Red Cross, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and the Office of Civil Defense-CAR Regional Office, the Department of Public Works and Highways, the various foundations and TV networks that sent relief items, and to all those who in one way or the other assisted us in our recovery from one of the most damaging typhoons that we ever encountered in Northern Luzon.

Maraming, maraming salamat po sa inyong taos-pusong pagtulong at pagkalinga sa ating mga kababayan na naging biktima ng bagyong Lawin.

We can say that amid the rubble and devastation left by typhoon Lawin, the huge surge of love and aid which reached us after the typhoon will remain vividly in our hearts and minds. The goodness and the generous aid from so many people are real signs that God will never abandon us. It is true that our work is not yet done, as many families continue to live in their damaged houses or in temporary shelters, continue to starve due to the loss of their livelihood, continue to live in the dark because of no electricity. But we will move forward, sure of your support and inspired by your compassion and generosity, working hand in hand so that we may one day provide them with the comforts taken away from them.

On another note, Mr. Speaker, may I also take this opportunity to express my dismay to the services provided by our two largest telephone companies in the Philippines today. I am referring to Smart Communications and Globe Telecom. Mr. Speaker, more than a week after super typhoon Lawin has left the Philippine Area of Responsibility, those telcos were still down and people were at a loss in looking for ways to assure their relatives and friends outside the province of their safety. Some of our constituents had to travel to the nearest town of Isabela Province just so they can connect with their loved ones. I am puzzled, Mr. Speaker, because telco services were immediately restored mostly within 24 hours in our neighboring provinces of Cagayan, Isabela and Apayao whose telecom infrastructures were also damaged by typhoon Lawin. The utter incompetence of these telcos in our province has been perennial. Aside from concerns regarding unjust deductions in prepaid loads, slow Internet connection which

is way below what they promised to subscribers, and dropped calls, our telecoms fail us when we needed them most. It is quite disheartening that those telcos, whose services are imbued with public interest, abandoned us when we needed them the most. This has got to stop, Mr. Speaker, because we are paying good money for their services, and they should be held accountable for false advertising.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, for hearing me out today. Good afternoon.

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

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Mangaoang to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Lady from GABRIELA, Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus, to avail of the Privilege Hour. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Atin pong kinikilala at pinahihintulutan ang ating Kinatawan mula sa GABRIELA, ang ating Kagalang-galang Emmi De Jesus, para sa kanyang pribilehiyo.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DE JESUS

REP. DE JESUS. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

Ito po ay kaugnay sa gaganaping pagdiriwang ng International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women o IDEVAW. Ipinagdiriwang ng kababaihan sa buong mundo ang International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women or IDEVAW. Kasabay nito ang taunang pagtatakda ng National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children, ang November 25, sa bisa ng Republic Act No. 10398, ang batas na matagumpay na naipasa natin sa Kongreso sa pangunguna ng GABRIELA Women's Party. Patuloy na tumitindi ang paglulugar natin ng paksa ng karahasan sa kababaihan sa papatinding krisis pampolitika at pang-ekonomiya sa buong mundo. Ang umiitging na agawan ng teritoryo, likas na yaman, kalakal ng armas pang-giyera at pinansya sa pagitan ng Amerika, Tsina, Rusya at Europa ang gumagatong sa tunggaliang pampolitika sa mahihirap na bansa na humahantong sa pagtataguyod ng mga sunud-sunurang rehimen at diktaduryang militar.

Sa pagbabalik kasaysayan, sa konteksto ng Cold War, todo ang suporta ng Estados Unidos sa 30 taong diktadurya ni Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo ng Dominican Republic hanggang dekada sisenta, na nag-iwan ng mahigit 50,000 na pinaslang ng kanyang malupit na puwersang militar at secret police. Sa huling taon ng kanyang madugong paghahari, direktang ipinag-utos niya ang pagpatay sa tatlong magkakapatid na Mirabal—sina Patricia Mercedes, Maria Argentina Minerva at Antonia Maria Teresa—tatlong magigiting na namumuno sa Las Mariposas at 14th of June Movement, ang mga kababaihang lantaran at palihim na lumaban sa Trujillo dictatorship kasama ang kani-kaniyang mga asawang kasapi ng underground movement. Kinikilalang mga pambansang martir ang Mirabal sisters ngayon sa kanilang bansa, sa Dominican Republic. Maging ang mga kababaihan ng daigdig ang nagbigay pugay sa kanilang katapangan nang ipanawagan at matagumpay na ideklara ang anibersaryo ng petsa ng kanilang pagpaslang, November 25, bilang International Day to End Violence Against Women.

Hindi pa rin humuhupa ang panganib ng panunumbalik ng diktadurya at militaristang paghahari sa maraming bansa na tulak ng hindi pa nareresolbang global political and economic crises. Ang matinding agawan sa kapangyarihang pulitikal sa mga magkakaribal na paksyon, pamilya at partido ng mga naghaharing uri ang nagtutulak sa kanila na umasa pa lalo sa puwersang militar para manatili sa poder. Dahil sa lumalalang katayuan sa kabuhayan ng bilyon-bilyong maralita sa Pilipinas at ibayong dagat, lalong naiipit ang kababaihan at mga pamilya nito sa kawalan ng trabaho, serbisyong panlipunan, tumataas na presyo ng bilihan, pagkawasak ng kalikasan at mga armadong tunggalian. Sa halip na mabawasan, lalong dumadami ang kababaihang Pilipina na nagiging biktima ng human trafficking, sexual violence at exploitation.

Ang kasaysayan ng deklarasyon ng Martial Law sa ilalim ng panguluhan ni Ferdinand Marcos sa suportang militar at pinansyal ng Estados Unidos ay isang malagim na kabanata para sa kababaihan ng bansa. Maraming kababaihan na naging kasapi ng kilusang mapagpalaya, at maging mga inosenteng kamag-anak nila at mga sibilyan, ang nadamay at naging biktima ng pagpaslang, matagal na pagkakakulong, sekswal na karahasan, torture, involuntary disappearance, mutilation at iba pa. Maramihan ding mga kababaihan, kasama ang kanilang pamilya, ang nagdusa dahil sa hamletting, forced evacuation, pagsosona, mass arrest, pagkasira ng kabuhayan at pagkawalay sa pamilya nang tumindi ang massive military operations ng rehimeng Marcos sa mga pamayanang pinaghihinalaang impluwensiyado ng mga rebolusyonaryo.

Sa ating paggunita ng IDEVAW, nananawagan ang GABRIELA Women's Party na hindi dapat palampasin ang banta ng posibleng pagbabalik ng diktadurya at

Batas Militar sa bansa. Ilang mga hakbang na isinagawa ng kasalukuyang administrasyon ang nagbigay ng ligalig sa mga kababaihang naging biktima ng diktadurya, lalo na ang panakaw na pagbibigay ng de facto hero's burial ng mga labi ni dating Pangulong Marcos sa Libingan ng mga Bayani. Nakababahalang isipin na maaaring bahagi na ito ng disenyo ng kanilang pamilya para makabalik sa pinakamataas na puwesto sa gobyerno, burahin ang record ng mga kasalanan ng kanilang rehimen sa bansa at sa libo-libong dumanas ng paglabag sa karapatang pantao. Ang mga pagbanggit ng administrasyon ng maaaring mangyaring direkta o hindi direktang deklarasyon muli ng Batas Militar tungo sa paglulusaw ng ating demokratikong karapatan ay dapat bantayan.

Hindi kami papayag na yurakan ang alaala nina Lilia Hilao at Rizalina Ilagan, ilan lamang sa mga kababaihang lumaban sa panahon ng Batas Militar dahil sa ginawang panakaw na libing at paggawad ng mala-state honors sa isang opisyal na matagal nang dismissed from office dahil sa kolektibong puwersa ng People Power. Lubhang nakababahala din ang panukalang ibalik ang Philippine Constabulary na siyang dumakip at nagbigti kay Purificacion Pedro, isang social worker na lumaban para sa karapatan ng mga pambansang minority. Sa diwa ng IDEVAW, hindi rin dapat palampasin ang wala pang katarungang mga karahasan sa kababaihan sa ilalim ng mga nagdaang administrasyon sa iba't ibang panig ng bansa, lalung-lalo na ang mga naging biktima ng puwersa ng gobyerno.

Mr. Speaker, bagamat positibo ang mga pagsisikap ng kasalukuyang Pangulong Duterte at ng kanyang negotiating panel para isulong ang usaping pangkapayapaan at talakayin ang ugat ng tunggalian, dapat pa ding itulak ang administrasyon para sa mas mabilis na pagpapalaya ng mga bilanggong pulitikal, lalo na ang mga kababaihang matatanda, sakitin, mga nagbuntis, nanganak at nagpapasusong ina. Patuloy ang pagkakalampag ng kababaihan na dagling palayain ang mga kababaihang nakapiit, lalo na at sila ay ikinulong sanhi ng mga gawa-gawang kaso.

Dapat isulong ang patuloy na pagmumulat at panawagan para sa kolektibong aksyon ng kababaihan laban sa pagbabalik ng marahas na diktadurya. Noong Biyernes, humangos sa kalsada ang libo-libong kabataang estudyante bilang pagtutol sa panakaw na paglilibing sa labi ng diktador. Sa darating na Biyernes ay magtitipon-tipon muli ang kababaihan sa umaga sa Quezon Memorial Circle para makiisa sa pandaigdigang pagdiriwang ng International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women sa panawagan na #NeverForgetHistory. Mamamanata sa pagtitipon ang iba't ibang organisasyon ng kababaihan sa ilalim ng panawagan na Women's Unity Action to End Abuse of Women and the Motherland upang hindi makalimot sa aral ng kasaysayan. Simboliko itong pagkakapit-bisig ng mga kababaihang Pilipino sa mga kababaihan ng iba't ibang bansa para sa patuloy na paglaban sa mga banta at

patuloy na atake ng mga neoliberal na patakaran sa mga mamamayang patuloy na naghihirap at lalong naglalagay sa mga kababaihan na maging bulnerable sa karahasan. Inuulit po namin na ang paggunita sa International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women na magaganap sa November 25 ay isang araw na binibigyang-pugay natin bilang pagkilala sa mga kababaihan.

Magandang hapon po sa ating lahat.

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

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Emmi De Jesus of GABRIELA Party-List to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, the next Representative that will avail of the Privilege Hour is the Lady from BAGONG HENERASYON Party-List, Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Lady Representative from Party-List BAGONG HENERASYON, Hon. Bernadette Herrera-Dy, is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. HERRERA-DY

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My esteemed colleagues, partners in the PLCPD, fellow child rights advocates, friends, stakeholders and guests.

Greetings!

Children are the heirs to the society we build. This week, we, with the PLCPD and our other colleagues and fellow advocates, convened the Child Rights Network with a view to promoting children's rights across all corners of our nation. As Vice Chairperson of the House Committee on Welfare of Children, I take it as a personal passion to actively advocate for the rights of children. If I may borrow a few words from President Hoover of the United States, "Children are our most valuable resource." Indeed, we should all take steps to protect the most precious example of what we adults should be. Oliver Wendell Holmes once described children as the source of almost all of the world's honesty. Our own supreme law, the Constitution, recognizes the role of our youth, tasking upon the State the obligation to promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It also promises that the State will defend the rights of children to protection

from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development.

“Conditions prejudicial to the development of our children.” Please ponder on that for a moment. It is very unfortunate that society is fraught with so many of these such conditions. Crime, pollution, child exploitation, maltreatment—all of these abound. It is high time we recognize, promote and indoctrinate the rights of our children. We, as parents, have the ultimate responsibility to ensure that our children are raised with love, nurture and respect in order for them to become functioning and responsible members of Philippine society. We all need to understand how our children think, comprehend and learn in order for us to properly guide them through life. Scientific studies had shown that our brains stop developing when we reach the ages of 21 to 25 years old and at that point, for all intents and purposes, become mature human beings. Other studies had shown that the frontal lobes, those areas of the brain responsible for self-control and reasoning, develop around the time we reach 14 years old. I hope we take that into consideration everytime we pass bills in this House of Congress.

We must always remember that children have to learn how to function properly in society. I believe that among the means to achieve this is to engage them with patience and respect even when we discipline their actions, and that conventional methods of discipline are antiquated and ineffective is a point I consider as gospel truth. All too common, we see Filipino children punished through the infliction of physical and emotional pain.

I now ask all of you to join me in helping educate ourselves, our leaders, our friends in the press, and all Filipinos, to embrace these aspects of children’s rights. We simply must change the way the children are being treated in order for true and positive change to begin within our youth. Let me end with these words by Nelson Mandela:

Safety and security do not just happen; they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear.

Maraming salamat po. May God bless us and the Filipino people. Maraming salamat at magandang hapon, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Bernadette Herrera-Dy of BAGONG HENERASYON Party-List to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TY. Mr. Speaker, the next Representative who would avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Ron P. Salo of KABAYAN Party-List.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Representative from KABAYAN Party-List, the Honorable Salo, is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SALO

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, Filipino athletes, and fellow Filipinos.

I rise today to address an issue concerning thousands of promising Filipino sportsmen, athletes, and aspiring athletes from the Filipino youth. The Philippine Olympic Committee or POC is the mother organization of all national sports associations (NSAs) in the country. It is recognized by the International Olympic Committee or IOC as the authority for the representation of the Philippines in international multi-event competitions like the Olympic Games and the Southeast Asian Games. The POC is led by 82 year-old Jose “Peping” S. Cojuangco Jr., who has been serving as POC president for the last 12 years and is running again this week for his fourth four-year term.

Mr. Speaker, dearest colleagues, there has been already a change of leadership in the Philippine Republic this year, and we are now viewed as the strongman leader of Southeast Asia through the ASEAN chairmanship of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. While we have risen towards achieving international political leadership, it is sad to note that in international games like the Southeast Asian Games, we are slumping down the gutter. In 2005, the Philippines ranked first, having the most number of medals in the Southeast Asian Games with 112 gold medals, 84 silver medals and 94 bronze medals. After more than a decade and under the leadership of POC President Peping Cojuangco, the Philippines now ranked sixth. In the Asian Games, the Philippines ranked 18th in 2006 and is now ranked at the 24th place. During the entire 12 years of POC President Cojuangco, the Philippines garnered only one Olympic medal. With the change in the Philippine presidency this year, it is clear that there is also a need for change in the Philippine Olympic Committee presidency. Our strong political leadership in Southeast Asia must now also be complemented with a strong leadership of the Filipino people in the field of sports and other international games. Dapat makita po ng buong Asya na lumalakas na talaga ngayon ang mga Pilipino sa lahat ng aspeto, kasama ang larangan ng pampalakasan.

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, aside from the clear underdevelopment of Philippine athletes under POC President Peping Cojuangco, various alleged anomalies have also come up. In 2009, then Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman Harry C. Angping filed a malversation case against Cojuangco for failing to liquidate P73,243,524 out of the P267,634,507 in financial assistance it received from the government for hosting the 23rd SEA Games in the Philippines. In 2013, Senator Antonio F. Trillanes IV filed another malversation case against Cojuangco in connection with the alleged release of government funds to bogus NSAs under the POC umbrella. This year, Senator Emmanuel “Manny” D. Pacquiao also mentioned a reported P129.6 million in funding that the Philippine Olympic Committee received from the Philippine Sports Commission from 2010 to 2016 that it has not yet liquidated.

In addition to the underdevelopment of athletes and alleged malversation of funds, the Senators have already cited the alleged mismanagement of the POC under Peping Cojuangco. In 2012, then Senator and now our House colleague, Congresswoman Pia S. Cayetano, stated that the Philippine Olympic Committee is one of the organizations that must be held responsible for the mismanagement of sports in the country. In 2014, Senator Juan Edgardo “Sonny” M. Angara questioned the decision-making of the POC when it did not allow the multi-awarded and already world champion, Philippine Dragon Boat Team, to participate in the Southeast Asian Games in Myanmar. Senator Antonio Trillanes also questioned the POC why many NSAs under its umbrella are experiencing leadership disputes and why our country’s performance in sports had rapidly deteriorated.

Mr. Speaker, dearest colleagues, 2016 is a time of genuine change for the Philippines, and such change must also reach the decaying halls of the Philippine Olympic Committee. The POC election is scheduled this Thursday, but allegedly the group of POC President Peping Cojuangco, who has been holding the position for three terms, has disqualified the other candidates. With that, I urge all of you to co-author a resolution to inquire on the alleged mismanagement and abuse of authority of the Cojuangco dynasty in the Philippine Olympic Committee. Tulungan po natin ang ating mga atleta at kabataang Pilipino sa pamamagitan ng pagreporma ngayon ng POC para sa kapakanan ng ating mga manlalaro at para sa kapakanan ng buong Pilipinas.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Nais ko rin pong ipaalam sa ating Kinatawan mula sa KABAYAN Party-List na ang inyo pong lingkod ay nag-file na rin ng resolusyon, Resolution No. 561, para po sa nasabing usapin.

REP. SALO. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Salo to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado. May we recognize the former board member, Atty. Ramon “Monet” Posadas from the province of Bulacan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). May I request the guest of Congressman Sy-Alvarado to please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we acknowledge the presence also of the guests of the Hon. Anna Katrina “Trina” M. Enverga from the First District of Quezon Province, the barangay officials of Barangay Palola, Lucban, Quezon headed by Brgy. Captain Teodoro Villa Jr. and their kagawads.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Guests of Congresswoman Trina Enverga, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. HERRERA-DY. Other guests from the office of the Hon. Trina Enverga are the barangay officials of Barangay 10, Lucban, Quezon headed by Brgy Capt. Gilbert Ratio and their barangay kagawads.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Guests of Congresswoman Trina Enverga, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Floor Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we suspend session for a few minutes.

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

It was 4:48 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:49 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). 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. 47, dated November 22, 2016:

PRESENT

Abaya	Bataoil	Cortuna	Lobregat
Abayon	Batocabe	Cueva	Lopez (B.)
Abu	Bautista-Bandigan	Dalipe	Lopez (C.)
Abueg	Belaro	Daza	Lopez (M.L.)
Acharon	Belmonte (F.)	De Jesus	Loyola
Acop	Belmonte (J.C.)	De Venecia	Macapagal-Arroyo
Acosta	Bernos	De Vera	Maceda
Acosta-Alba	Bolilia	Del Mar	Madrona
Advincula	Bondoc	Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan
Agarao	Bordado	Dimaporo (M.K)	Manalo
Aggabao	Bravo (A.)	Duavit	Mangaoang
Aglipay-Villar	Bravo (M.V.)	Durano	Mangudadatu (S.)
Albano	Calderon	Dy	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Alejano	Caminero	Elago	Marcoleta
Almario	Campos	Enverga	Mariño
Almonte	Canama	Erice	Marquez
Alonte-Naguiat	Cari	Ermita-Buhain	Martinez
Alvarez (F.)	Casilao	Escudero	Matugas
Alvarez (M.)	Castelo	Espina	Mellana
Alvarez (P.)	Castro (F.H.)	Espino	Mending
Amatong	Catamco	Estrella	Mercado
Angara-Castillo	Celeste	Evardone	Mirasol
Antonio	Ceramica	Fariñas	Montoro
Arbison	Cerilles	Ferrer (J.)	Nava
Arcillas	Chavez	Ferrer (L.)	Nieto
Arenas	Chipeco	Floirendo	Nogralas (K.A.)
Atienza	Co	Flores	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Bagatsing	Cojuangco	Fortuno	Oaminal
Baguilat	Collantes	Fuentebella	Ocampo
Banal	Cortes	Garbin	Olivarez
		Garcia (G.)	Ong (H.)
		Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (P.)
		Gasataya	Pacquiao
		Gatchalian	Paduano
		Geron	Palma
		Go (A.C.)	Pancho
		Go (M.)	Panganiban
		Gomez	Panotes
		Gonzaga	Pichay
		Gonzales (A.P.)	Pimentel
		Gonzales (A.D.)	Pineda
		Gonzalez	Plaza
		Gullas	Primicias-Agabas
		Hernandez	Quimbo
		Herrera-Dy	Ramirez-Sato
		Hofer	Ramos
		Kho	Relampagos
		Labadlabad	Revilla
		Lacson	Roa-Puno
		Lagman	Robes
		Lanete	Rocamora
		Laogan	Rodriguez (I.)
		Lazatin	Rodriguez (M.)
		Leachon	Roman
		Lee	Romero
		Limkaichong	Romualdez

Romualdo	Tugna
Roque (R.)	Tupas
Sacdalan	Turabin-Hataman
Sahali	Ty
Salceda	Unico
Salimbangon	Uy (J.)
Salo	Uy (R.)
Salon	Uybarreta
Sambar	Vargas
Santos-Recto	Vargas-Alfonso
Sarmiento (C.)	Velasco
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Velasco-Catera
Savellano	Veloso
Silverio	Vergara
Singson	Villafuerte
Suansing (E.)	Villanueva
Suansing (H.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Suarez	Villarica
Sy-Alvarado	Villarin
Tambunting	Violago
Tan (M.)	Yap (A.)
Tan (S.)	Yu
Tejada	Zamora (R.)
Teves	Zarate
Tiangco	Zubiri
Ting	

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 223 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez from BUTIL Party-List, the Makabagong Magsasaka ng Palagay, Cabanatuan City headed by the manager, Eduardo Policarpio, together with all his officers.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Guests of Representative from BUTIL Party-List, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. HERRERA-DY. We would like to acknowledge the presence of another set of guests of the Hon. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, the Barangay Aquino Development Cooperative or BADECO, headed by its manager, Brenda

M. Mendoza, and Chairman, Johnny P. Teodoro, together with all its officers and directors.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Guests of Representative Chavez from BUTIL Party-List, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we suspend for a few minutes.

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

It was 4:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:14 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:15 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. SALO. Mr. Speaker, I move to adjourn the session until tomorrow, November 23, 2016, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The session is adjourned until tomorrow, November 23, 2016, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 5:15 p.m.