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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu called the session to order.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. LOPEZ (B.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we now 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 on First Reading and Communications, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4408, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING AN ENERGY DISASTER TRUST FUND FOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representatives Uybarreta and Batocabe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 4409, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BULUAN – BANBAN – DAGA – PUGUIN – SACPIL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF APAYAO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bulut-Begtang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4410, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TO INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL APPROVED BUDGET AN ALLOCATION INTENDED FOR TRAININGS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE DRUG DEPENDENTS THAT WERE ALREADY REHABILITATED"

By Representatives Paduano, Belmonte (J.) and Crisolago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4411, entitled:

“ANACTREQUIRINGHOSPITALSANDMEDICAL CLINICS TO INFORM THEIR PATIENTS OF THEIR RIGHT TO BUY DRUGS AND MEDICINESFROMOUTSIDETHEHOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CLINIC PHARMACY”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4412, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION BY GRANTING AN AMNESTY ON ALL ACCRUED PENALTIES AND CHARGES OF BUSINESSES WHICH CEASED TO OPERATE WITHOUT CLEARANCE FROM THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4413, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIAANDTRANSPHOBIA,AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 4414, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION ANDGENDERIDENTITYANDPROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 4415, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’EDUCATIONALSYSTEMSWITHIN THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, PROMULGATING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, RECOGNITION, MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION OF IP SCHOOLS, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY GOVERNMENT FUNDS, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, INCENTIVES AND SUPPORT THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Baguilat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 4416, entitled:

“ANACTTOPROMOTETHEWELL-BEINGAND HEALTH OF THE CITIZENS THROUGH THE CREATION OF COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTERS IN ALL BARANGAYS NATIONWIDE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4417, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CORRECTIONAL NURSERY PROGRAM IN ALL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR WOMEN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4418, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE MEDICINE AND OTHER BASIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO ANY PRIVATE PERSON OR INDIVIDUAL INJURED OR WOUNDED DURING A MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT OPERATION”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4419, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE GOVERNMENT FROM ALLOWING ANY NON-GOVERNMENTENTITYFROMOCCUPYING ANY BUILDING, OFFICE OR OTHER PREMISES WHERE GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS ARE BEING PERFORMED”

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

House Bill No. 4420, entitled:

“ANACTLIFTINGTHEHEIGHTRESTRICTIONS FOR APPLICANTS TO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Abayon
TOTHECOMMITTEENONNATIONALDEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4421, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PROFITEERING AND FRAUD RELATING TO MILITARY ACTION, RELIEF, AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TOTHECOMMITTEENONNATIONALDEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4422, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING URBAN FARMING AND PROVIDING FUNDS AND INCENTIVES THEREFOR”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4423, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TAX INCENTIVES TO CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER JURIDICAL ENTITIES FOR USING AND PROMOTING THE USE OF ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY BAGS, SUPPORTING SUCH EFFORTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4424, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL FLOOD RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CONSORTIUM TO PLAN, COORDINATE, CONDUCT, AND SHARE RESEARCH ON FLOODING, FLOOD PREVENTION, AND OTHER FLOOD-RELATED ISSUES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4425, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES ACCESSIBLE TO THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4426, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING NATIONAL CEMETERIES AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE THEREOF”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4427, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, BY GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY (PMA) THE POWER TO CONFER MASTERAL DEGREES UPON

OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP)”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4428, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PRESCRIBING ITS FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4429, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6981 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A WITNESS PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFIT PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4430, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THAT A TREE BE PLANTED FOR EVERY CHILD BORN IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 4431, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 385 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1460, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1455, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4432, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CURRICULUM FOR TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES ON EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS”

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

House Bill No. 4433, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE CHARGING OF TAXI FARES WHICH ARE HIGHER THAN THE OFFICIAL RATES, THE FAILURE TO USE THE TAXI METERS, OR THE REFUSAL TO CARRY TAXI PASSENGERS, WITHOUT CAUSE, TO THEIR PLACES OF DESTINATION”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4434, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY FOR TERTIARY GENERAL HEALTH CARE OF DR. JOSE N. RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND SANITARIUM FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9420, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CONVERTING TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS) OF THE 2,000-BED DR. JOSE N. RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND SANITARIUM FOR TERTIARY GENERAL HEALTH CARE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Malapitan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4435, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE JOSE R. REYES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (JRRMMC) INTO A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRAUMA, CANCER AND DERMATOLOGY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 4436, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES, THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 3 OF R.A. 9439”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4437, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES TO INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS GIVING DONATIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND GRANTS TO FILIPINO PERFORMERS

WHO HAVE WON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS”

By Representative Antonio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4438, entitled:

“AN ACT FOR THE STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION OF BUILT CULTURAL HERITAGE”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4439, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE MALITA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL TO DAVAO OCCIDENTAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) BEDS TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4440, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED BED CAPACITY OF THE TOMAS LACHICA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) BEDS TO FIFTY (50) BEDS, UPGRADING THE MEDICAL FACILITIES, IMPROVING HEALTH-CARE SERVICES THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4441, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CANITOAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PAGATPAT ANNEX IN BARANGAY PAGATPAT, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, FROM THE CANITOAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PAGATPAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (R.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4442, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TAGLIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TUMPAGON ANNEX IN BARANGAY TUMPAGON, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, FROM THE TAGLIMAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TUMPAGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (R.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4443, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE LIABILITIES OF INDIRECT EMPLOYERS IN JOB CONTRACTING, COVERING OTHER BENEFITS DUE THEIR EMPLOYEES, FOR THIS PURPOSE AMENDING ARTICLE 106 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Santos-Recto, Tan (A.), Lagman, Elago, Atienza and Laogan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4444, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING WORKERS RIGHT TO SECURITY OF TENURE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 106 TO 109 OF BOOK III, ARTICLES 294 [279] TO 296 [281] OF BOOK VI, AND ARTICLE 303 [288] OF BOOK VII, OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4445, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING COOPERATIVE MEMBER-WORKERS THE RIGHT TO SELF-ORGANIZATION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4446, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM TO STRENGTHEN WORKERS’ RIGHT TO SELF-ORGANIZATION AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4447, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE WORKERS’ RIGHT TO STRIKE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4448, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING ALIENS TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-ORGANIZATION AND WITHDRAWING REGULATION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO TRADE UNIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4449, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, PROCESSING, USE OR DISTRIBUTION IN COMMERCE OF ASBESTOS AND ASBESTOS-CONTAINING PRODUCTS”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4450, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION CENTER FOR BANANA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4451, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE AERIAL SPRAYING OF PESTICIDES AND FUNGICIDES ON AGRICULTURAL CROPS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4452, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR THE MANUFACTURE, ASSEMBLY, CONVERSION AND IMPORTATION OF ELECTRIC, HYBRID AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 4453, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING A COMPULSORY EVALUATION OF SKILLS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS”

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

House Bill No. 4454, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER LIBERALIZING THE RICE AND CORN INDUSTRY, REPEALING FOR SUCH PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3018, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT LIMITING THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN THE RICE AND CORN INDUSTRY TO CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ AND AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 194 AUTHORIZING ALIENS, AS WELL AS ASSOCIATIONS, CORPORATIONS OR PARTNERSHIPS OWNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY FOREIGNERS TO ENGAGE IN THE RICE AND CORN INDUSTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 4455, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AJUY, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4456, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC VIEJO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4457, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATAD, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4458, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4459, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4460, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESTANCIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4461, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN DIONISIO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4462, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GOVERNMENT ARSENAL LOCATED IN CAMP GEN. ANTONIO LUNA, LAMAO, MUNICIPALITY OF LIMAY, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, INTO, AND CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEFENSE ZONE (SpEDZ), CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEFENSE ZONE AUTHORITY (SpEDZA), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 4463, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE BATAAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4464, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SUBIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7511 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE SUBIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4465, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND CONTROL OF DEALERS IN SECONDHAND GOODS AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Laogan, Romualdo, Zubiri and Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4466, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD AND TRANSFERRING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, THE LAW IMPOSING THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER’S CHARGE”

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

House Bill No. 4467, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOCATING FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE COLLECTIONS FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER’S CHARGE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE INCLUSION OF DRIVER’S EDUCATION SUBJECTS IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, THE LAW IMPOSING THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER’S CHARGE”

By Representative Go (A.C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4468, entitled:

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

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

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Rep. Delphine Gan Lee for House Bill No. 3010;
Rep. Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II for House Bills
No. 37, 38, 2318, 2319, 2447, 2450, 2474, 2953, 3782
and 3815;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bill
No. 3946;

Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada for House Bill No.
558;

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Cueva for House Bill No. 4174;

Rep. Wilfredo S. Caminero for House Bills No.
3946 and 4117;

Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe for House Bills No. 875
and 1805;

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 3976, 4140, 4141, 4174, 4210, 4342 and 4343 and House Resolution No. 492;

Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr. for House Bill No. 1115;

Reps. Ben P. Evardone, Wilfredo S. Caminero, Sitti Djalia A. Turabin-Hataman, Tom S. Villarín, Jorge T. Almonte, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Orestes T. Salon, Henry C. Ong, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Julieta R. Cortuna, Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, Henry S. Oaminal and Gus S. Tambunting for House Bill No. 3305;

Reps. Gus S. Tambunting, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Julieta R. Cortuna, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Henry C. Ong, Orestes T. Salon, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Jorge T. Almonte, Tom S. Villarín, Sitti Djalia A. Turabin-Hataman and Wilfredo S. Caminero for House Bills No. 731, 2436, 3456 and 4283;

Reps. Ben P. Evardone, Wilfredo S. Caminero, Tom S. Villarín, Jorge T. Almonte, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Orestes T. Salon, Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, Henry S. Oaminal, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Julieta R. Cortuna and Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 492 and 3975;

Rep. Ferdinand L. Hernandez for House Bill No. 1858;

Rep. Julieta R. Cortuna for House Bill No. 492;

Rep. Pantaleon D. Alvarez for House Bills No. 3614 and 4218;

Rep. Strike B. Revilla for House Bill No. 426;

Rep. Benhur L. Salimbangon for House Bills No. 516, 1858, 2798 and 4093;

Rep. Arthur C. Yap for House Bill No. 516;

Reps. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso and Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano for House Bills No. 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1675, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 2228, 2234, 2235, 2236, 3130, 3133, 3134, 3819, 3820, 3821, 3822, 3823, 3824, 3826, 3827, 3828 and 3829;

Rep. Richard C. Eusebio for House Bills No. 1668, 1669, 1672, 2234, 3133, 3819, 3821, 3822, 3824 and 3826;

Rep. Frederick W. Siao for House Bills No. 1667, 1668, 1669, 2236, 3133, 3821, 3824 and 3826;

Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III for House Bills No. 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1675, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 2228, 2234, 2235, 2236, 3130, 3133, 3134, 3819, 3820, 3821, 3822, 3824, 3826, 3827, 3828 and 3829;

Rep. Melecio J. Yap Jr. for House Bills No. 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670 and 1677;

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles for House Bills No. 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1672, 1675, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 2228, 2234, 2235,

2236, 3133, 3134, 3819, 3820, 3822, 3823, 3824, 3826, 3827, 3828 and 3829;

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bills No. 875, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1677, 2228, 2234, 2235, 2236, 3130, 3820, 3821, 3822, 3824, 3826, 3827 and 3828;

Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes for House Bills No. 1668, 1669, 1675, 1677, 2228, 2235, 3130, 3820, 3826 and 3827;

Rep. Horacio P. Suansing Jr. for House Bills No. 1667, 1668, 1669, 1677, 2228, 2234, 2235, 2236, 3130, 3133, 3820, 3821, 3822, 3824, 3826 and 3827;

Rep. Rene L. Relampagos for House Bills No. 37, 39, 40, 2447, 2449, 2454 and 2465;

Rep. Elisa “Olga” T. Kho for House Bills No. 37, 38, 39, 40, 2452 and 3560;

Rep. Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu for House Bills No. 36, 37, 2447, 2449, 2450, 2452, 2454, 2711, 2714, 2897 and 3682;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Resolution No. 391;

Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy for House Bills No. 56, 1554, 1555, 2141, 3350, 3351, 3353, 3556, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III for House Bills No. 1615, 2862, 2863, 2864, 4087, 4088, 4089 and 4090; and

Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB. for House Bills No. 458, 515, 555, 558, 1378, 1536, 1537, 1555, 1554, 1836, 1853, 1859, 2141, 2264, 2265, 3181, 3435, 3457, 3458, 3459, 3556, 3557 and 3632.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated September 7, 2016 of Atty. Sheila U. Villa, Regional Director, Commission on Audit, Regional Office No. IV-B, submitting copies of the Annual Audit Report on the following Water Districts for the year ended December 31, 2015:

1. Naujan Water District, Oriental Mindoro;
 2. Pinamalayan Water District, Oriental Mindoro;
 3. Pola Water District, Oriental Mindoro;
 4. Roxas Water District, Oriental Mindoro;
 5. Odiongan Water District, Romblon;
 6. Romblon Water District, Romblon;
 7. Culion Palawan Water District, Palawan;
 8. Puerto Princesa City Water District, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan;
 9. Roxas Palawan Water District, Palawan;
 10. Taytay Palawan Water District, Palawan;
 11. Sablayan Water District, Occidental Mindoro; and
 12. San Jose Water District, Occidental Mindoro.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 4, 2016 of Tomas M. Rodriguez, Assistant Regional Director, Office of the Regional Director, Region XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, submitting the Monthly Progress Status Reports for the month of October 2016 of projects implemented by their office.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated November 14, 2016 of Delfin N. Lorenzana, Secretary, Department of National Defense, submitting the CY 2016 Second Quarter Report on the AFP Modernization Program.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND SECURITY

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery—the guests of Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. of the KABAYAN Party-List. They are the widows and kin of the victims of the Maguindanao massacre and electoral violence that happened seven years ago. They are Zenaida Duhay, Juliet Evarado, Maria Cipriana Gatchalian, Glenna Legarta, Arlyn Lupogan, Mary Jean Merisco, represented by her brother Bonifacio Mendez, Catherine Nuñez, Noemi and Apple Joy Parcon, Myrna Reblando, Reblando Jr., Ramonita Salaysay, Editha Tiamzon, Erlyn Umpad, Marija Charmaine Lechonsito.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Guests of Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. from KABAYAN Party-List, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Floor Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the KABAYAN Party-List, the Hon. H. Harry L. Roque Jr., be recognized for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. from Party-List KABAYAN is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ROQUE (H.)

REP. ROQUE (H.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Floor Leader.

Seven years and still no justice. Esteemed colleagues of the House of Representatives, ladies and gentlemen.

Exactly seven years ago today, court records indicate, an entourage of 58 persons aboard a convoy of cars and vans were stopped by armed men at a police checkpoint in Kauran, Ampatuan, Maguindanao. They were then herded to a remote hill in Sitio Masalay, a few kilometers away. When they reached the forlorn hill, court records again indicate, the 58 captives met a gruesome death in the hands of a blood-thirsty band led by—which witnesses identified as Datu Unsay town Mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr., scion and namesake of the State-backed local despot, Andal Ampatuan Sr., who in his time ruled Maguindanao with an iron fist. Of the 58 victims, 32 were journalists and media workers. The journalists and media workers joined the convoy to cover an entourage of women relatives of then Buluan town Vice Mayor Esmael Mangudadatu and led by his wife Genalyn. The Governor of Maguindanao is the brother of our colleague Congressman Mangudadatu of Maguindanao. They were on their way to the Commission on Elections' office in Shariff Aguak to file the Vice Mayor's certificate of candidacy for provincial governor.

Evidence presented before the court showed that it was a grisly end for the convoy, put to a finis by the private army of strongman Andal Ampatuan Sr., whose son and namesake "Datu Unsay" Andal Jr. was also vying for the post and did not want to see a rival in the post in Maguindanao. Witnesses testified that most of the victims were thrown into nearby pits earlier dug ostensibly for the purpose by a backhoe owned by the provincial government of Maguindanao. When police investigators finally reached the scene many hours later, they also found buried with some of the victims in one of the pits a couple of cars from the ill-fated convoy. Apparently, there had not been enough time for the murderous band to bury everything. A few bullet-riddled vans belonging to the convoy still stood near the pits, their doors open, mute witnesses to a carnage that could only have happened because the administration then helped maintain and arm a warlord family for its own political convenience.

The killing of 32 journalists and media workers, including the relatives of our colleague, was the worst single attack on press freedom in recorded history. It was also the worst spate of election-related violence in the Philippines since the Martial Law era. It also exposed the fractious nature of local politics cultivated by national leaders, and the brazenness with which key members of the Ampatuan clan masterminded and carried out the massacre, held, unmistakably,

intimations of the power they wielded in the province, thanks to the rotten transactional ties that had “Hello Garci” scandal written all over it.

Today, seven years later, justice remains elusive for the families of the Maguindanao massacre victims. Not a single perpetrator has been convicted in court for the grisly crime. As it stands, what has been called the “trial of the century” and a “litmus test” for the Philippines judicial system has become a slow-turning and protracted one, mostly because of many procedural mistakes that could have been avoided had authorities only listened to good advice. That, and political machinations getting in the way of a strategic and rational approach to prosecution. Against such backdrop, the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines recently noted that the families of the massacre victims see their hopes that they will find a satisfactory closure to the case within their lifetimes, dwindle rapidly. The NUJP further observes that such a sorry state of the cause for justice fuels the situation of impunity in the country, where the State appears complicit by its failure to prosecute the killings of journalists, the incidence of which is one of the highest in the world.

Seven years is a very long time. It is one year longer than a presidential term. It should have been good enough time to see an effort bloom, or to show that a promise made is a promise fulfilled. We cannot say the same thing with the cause for justice and attribution of accountability for the Maguindanao massacre.

Some 197 persons had been charged for the massacre; four have died. Of the principal suspects, 28 bore the surname Ampatuan. Of the remaining 193 accused, 112 are detained and facing trial before Branch 221 of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court presided by Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes; 81 others have not been arrested—a situation that boggles the mind, considering that it has been seven years since the massacre happened. The latest arrest of a massacre suspect was of Akad Macaton last September 3. Prior to Macaton, suspect Denga Mentol, also known as Tho Cario and/or Ronnie Ofong, was arrested on November 17, 2015.

Victims were denied the satisfaction of seeing the mastermind, 74-year old Andal Sr., being found guilty by the court of the charges as the clan patriarch died of heart failure on July 17, 2015 while in detention. Until now, his family continues to swear by his innocence. Justice would have meant affording him prompt prosecution, the chance to be confronted decisively with evidence. Though he rode high on unprecedented goodwill among the Filipino electorate, President Benigno Aquino III miserably failed to deliver the campaign promise to secure justice for the Maguindanao massacre victims. His Secretary of Justice, Leila De Lima, failed the demands of the sound administration of justice as the prosecution of this case was left to every

whim and caprice of political interests that hijacked the good work of public prosecutors.

To begin with, she failed to bring scientific rationality to case management, simply continuing the unwieldy system set in place by her predecessor. We could have learned from the practice of international criminal tribunals against the shotgun prosecution of so many accused, but she refused to take counsel. Worse, she allowed a private prosecutor—her classmate in law school, for considerations about which we do not know—to take over the role of an unaccountable prosecutor general, undermining every effort, so often the good judgment of the Department of Justice’s own state prosecutors. As one of the lawyers for the families of the victims of the massacre, most of whom are represented today in this Hall, we tried our best to advance their cause despite the many stumbling blocks along the way.

An early setback to our quest for justice was the death of a key witness to the massacre, Suwaib Upham, whose application to the Witness Protection Program we tried to facilitate. Upham, whom we called “Jesse,” was shot dead shortly after 8:00 p.m. on June 14, 2010 in Parang Municipality, Maguindanao after waiting for months for the DOJ to admit him to the Witness Protection Program. A member of the Ampatuan’s private army militia, Jesse testified that he was, in fact, recruited as a child soldier at the age of seven; he testified, admitted that he participated in the massacre, but agreed to testify against the Ampatuans in exchange for government protection. For personal protection he agreed to testify against the members of the powerful Ampatuan family who were accused of the killings, a request that the DOJ, then under Agnes Devanadera, simply sat on.

Faced with the prospect of having to litigate the case for many, many years, I and my colleagues at the Center for International Law proposed that the trial court adopt the “First In, First Out” rule. Under the FIFO, the court may already render judgment on the case of any accused over whom all evidence—for and against—have already been heard. The rationale is that the families of victims and the accused do not have to wait for the evidence concerning the 197 accused to be heard by the court to achieve justice, which could take a very long time. This is the fair rule respecting due process for both the families of the victims and the accused. There is nothing in the rule that prohibits the trial court from moving, but there is every reason, in the name of procedural and substantive due process for both the accused and the heirs of the victims of the Maguindanao massacre, to finish the trial as soon as possible. The FIFO was meant to avoid constant recall to the witness stand of all witnesses already presented each time there is a newly arrested and newly arraigned accused. Assuming that each of the 103 unarrested accused claims the right

to cross-examine their accusers one by one, by this measure, it would take the series of cross examinations at least 200 years to complete. Indeed, none of the international tribunals of contemporary times—even for those cases of mass slaughter where the victims numbered by the hundreds, if not thousands—have resorted to the wholesale prosecution of suspects.

The trial court could just not appreciate our point. Secretary De Lima's then favorite private prosecutors did not join our motion. Worse, they even misread it and claimed that it was meant to give the accused an escape clause by instituting a system calculated to dilute the prosecution's case for murder. Mercifully, the Supreme Court subsequently adopted our proposal by issuing, for the first time in our legal history, a resolution to institutionalize it and to direct the trial court to implement it. With FIFO in place, and assuming that the trial court refuses to abide by the defense's dilatory tactics, we hope to see or we hoped then to see convictions in the next two years. To stress, the FIFO was not a government initiative. It is a measure proposed by a civil society organization—the Center for International Law. It was, indeed, supported by Deputy Regional Prosecutor Peter L. Medalle, then head of the prosecution panel; Senior State Assistant Prosecutor Ma. Emilia L. Victorio, and Assistant State Prosecutor Susan Villanueva. They affixed their signatures to our motion to adopt the FIFO for the first time in our legal history.

We also filed cases with the Office of the Ombudsman against the Ampatuan clan's plunder of the public coffers of billions of pesos in their many years of murderous reign in political power, a plunder fully documented by the Commission on Audit. Yet, colleagues, Mr. Speaker, six years after we filed our complaints on behalf of our clients, we have yet to hear of any action from the Office of the Ombudsman and this is despite our evidence which consist largely of COA reports. Also, we caught the Anti-Money Laundering Council doing nothing despite many years of voluminous bank transactions by the Ampatuans that should have been red-flagged early on. Thus, we share in President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's own frustrations with the AMLC's discharge of its duties and functions. May I remind our colleagues that when AMLC was being grilled in the Plenary during the budget deliberations, the AMLC lied before Congress and said that they have fully cooperated with Secretary Vit Aguirre on the ongoing drug investigation. Apparently, until today, they have not done so. The only semblance of immediate justice we had managed to win for our clients under the circumstances is a decision by the National Police Commission last year to dismiss from the service 21 police officers linked to the massacre.

Impunity continues because there has been no effective prosecution of the perpetrators. The

Maguindanao massacre was notorious because evidence abound and yet, today, no one has yet been proven to be guilty. If we are unable to accord justice to the 58 victims of the Maguindanao massacre, how can we expect to accord justice to the alleged 3,000 other individuals said to be victims of extralegal killings?

It is tempting to say that the new Task Force on Media Security created by President Duterte to investigate the killings of journalists may go the way of all such task forces created by past administrations that have come and gone. But such is, indeed, the challenge to the Duterte administration. Effective remedy under international law engages both the obligation to investigate as well as to bring perpetrators promptly to justice. *Umaasa po kami na dahil naging piskal naman po ang ating Presidente nang napakatagal din, magkakaroon po ng solusyon dito sa napakadaming patayan at mukhang wala pong napaparusahan.* The last thing we need today is yet another administrative monstrosity that does nothing but add yet another layer to an already complex and weighed-down government investigative machinery.

What should not be forgotten is that the Maguindanao massacre is a slaughter of civilians by state agents. *Wala pong nasasakdal na hindi taong gobyerno—mayroon pong gobernador, mayroong dating gobernador, mga mayor, mga vice mayor, mga pulis, mga CVOs. Lahat po sila ay taong gobyenro.* Thus, it is a class of gross human rights violations for which the State must answer, on top of the individual criminal responsibility of the perpetrators themselves.

Under international law, the Republic of the Philippines has a duty to provide compensation and satisfaction to the victims and their families. According to international law, satisfaction covers public acknowledgment of the State's wrongdoings, along with concrete steps to repair the relationship between the victim and the State and civil society as a whole. It embraces symbolic measures taken for moral and collective reparation and arises in part from the duty to remember. These should include: first, verification of the facts and full public disclosure of the truth to the extent that such disclosure does not cause further unnecessary harm or threaten the safety of the victim, witnesses, or others; second, the search for bodies of those killed or who disappeared, and assistance in the identification and reburial of the bodies in accordance with the cultural practices of the families and communities; third, an official declaration or a judicial judgment restoring the dignity, reputation, legal and social rights of the victim and of persons closely associated with the victims; fourth, apology, including public acknowledgment of the facts, and acceptance of responsibility; fifth, judicial or administrative sanctions against persons responsible for violation of memory; sixth, commemoration of

and tributes to the victims; seventh, inclusion of an accurate account of the violations that have occurred in international human rights and humanitarian law training, and in educational materials at all levels; and finally, eighth, preventing the recurrence of violations.

Thus, at the very least, the State should institute a day of commemoration of the victims of the massacre, and to expand the commemoration to embrace all other victims of extralegal killings. Today, we filed a House bill that would declare November 23 of every year as a day of remembrance for all victims of extralegal killings. But the State should not wait for the trial court to finish the murder case; it should already institute legal measures to ensure that the victims of the massacre are given reparations as a gesture recognizing its complicity in the killings, as well as its firm resolve not to allow it to happen again. We hope the administration of President Duterte will succeed where past administrations have failed, that is, to provide effective remedy to victims of extralegal killings, of which the Maguindanao massacre is, to date, its most egregious example. Ang pag-asa po ng mga biktima na makamit ang katarungan ay dahil po halos lahat sila ay taga-Mindanao, at ang ating Presidente po ay taga-Mindanao din. Sana po, sa susunod na anim na taon ng administrasyon ni Presidente Duterte ay makamit ng mga biktima ng Maguindanao massacre ang katarungan, dahil kung hindi po, patuloy pa rin ang magiging patayan sa ating lipunan na nakikita na natin ngayon.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to all of you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Maraming salamat, Rep. Harry Roque.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Roque 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. ROQUE (H.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, may we welcome the guests of Rep. Erlpe John “Ping” M. Amante. They are the Barangay Captains of the municipality of Tubay, Agusan del Norte, headed by ABC President Israel Zoleta, with Barangay Captains Nielmar D. Mangmang, Dexie Mendoza, Margenia Luizon, Marcelina Masacote, Eddie Compra, and Dante Mandam.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Guests of Representative Amante, welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Floor Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

It was 4:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:51 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. GARCIA (J.). 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. 48, dated November 23, 2016:

PRESENT

Abaya	Alvarez (M.)
Abayon	Alvarez (P.)
Abellanos	Amatong
Abu	Angara-Castillo
Abueg	Aragones
Acharon	Arbison
Acop	Arenas
Acosta	Atienza
Acosta-Alba	Bag-ao
Advincula	Bagatsing
Aggabao	Baguilat
Albano	Banal
Alejano	Barzaga
Almario	Batocabe
Almonte	Bautista-Bandigan
Alonte-Naguiat	Belaro
Alvarez (F.)	Belmonte (F.)

Belmonte (J.C.)	Garbin	Pichay	Sy-Alvarado
Belmonte (R.)	Garcia (G.)	Pimentel	Tambunting
Bernos	Garcia (J.E.)	Pineda	Tan (M.)
Bolilia	Gasataya	Plaza	Teves
Bondoc	Geron	Primicias-Agabas	Tiangco
Bordado	Go (M.)	Quimbo	Ting
Bravo (A.)	Gomez	Ramirez-Sato	Tinio
Bravo (M.V.)	Gonzaga	Ramos	Tolentino
Brosas	Gonzales (A.D.)	Relampagos	Tugna
Bulut-Begtang	Gonzalez	Revilla	Umali
Caminero	Gullas	Roa-Puno	Ungab
Campos	Hernandez	Rodriguez (I.)	Unico
Canama	Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez (M.)	Uy (R.)
Cari	Hofer	Roman	Uybarreta
Castelo	Jalosjos	Romero	Vargas
Castro (F.H.)	Javier	Romualdez	Vargas-Alfonso
Catamco	Kho	Romualdo	Velarde
Celeste	Khonghun	Roque (H.)	Velasco
Cerafica	Labadlabad	Roque (R.)	Velasco-Catera
Cerilles	Lacson	Sacdalan	Veloso
Chavez	Lagman	Salon	Vergara
Chipeco	Lanete	Sambar	Villafuerte
Co	Laogan	Sandoval	Villanueva
Cojuangco	Lazatin	Santos-Recto	Villarica
Cortes	Lobregat	Sarmiento (C.)	Violago
Cortuna	Lopez (B.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yap (V.)
Crisologo	Lopez (C.)	Savellano	Yu
Cuaresma	Lopez (M.L.)	Singson	Zamora (R.)
Cueva	Macapagal-Arroyo	Suansing (E.)	Zarate
Dalipe	Maceda	Suansing (H.)	Zubiri
Dalog	Madrona	Suarez	
Daza	Malapitan		
De Jesus	Mangaoang		
De Venecia	Mangudadatu (S.)		
De Vera	Marcoleta		
Del Mar	Mariño		
Deloso-Montalla	Marquez		
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Martinez		
Durano	Matugas		
Dy	Mending		
Elago	Mirasol		
Enverga	Montoro		
Erice	Nieto		
Eriguel	Nogralas (K.A.)		
Ermita-Buhain	Nolasco		
Escudero	Nuñez-Malanyaon		
Espino	Oaminal		
Estrella	Ocampo		
Eusebio	Olivarez		
Evardone	Ortega (P.)		
Fariñas	Pacquiao		
Ferrer (J.)	Palma		
Ferrer (L.)	Pancho		
Ferriol-Pascual	Panganiban		
Fortuno	Panotes		
Fuentebella	Papandayan		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 207 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 207 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum. The Floor Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNALS

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 46 dated November 21, 2016 and Journal No. 47 dated November 22, 2016.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; Journal No. 46 dated November 21, 2016 and Journal No. 47 dated November 22, 2016 are approved.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the visitors of Cong. Rico B. Geron of the AGAP Party-List. They are the Chairman and the Board of Directors of Sorosoro

Ibaba Development Cooperative, namely: Mr. Eduardo Dimaano, Delia Dimaano, Agapita Dimaano, Alberto Burog, Ruben Coliyat, Rolando Claveria, Amor Bagui, and Dr. Angelito B. Bagui, Chairman of Cooperative Union of Batangas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Guests of Cong. Rico Geron from Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the visitors of Cong. Mark O. Go from the Lone District of Baguio. They are the teachers and students of Berkeley School of Baguio City. They are: Liezl Astoditto, Domel Bucalen and Nate Ferrer.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Guests of Cong. Mark Go from the Lone District of Baguio City, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer the following resolutions to the following committees:

House Resolution No. 540 re immediate inquiry on the illegal recruitment of and sexual harassment experienced by Filipino women workers in Qatar, to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs; and

House Resolution No. 541 re to conduct an investigation into the cases of illegal recruitment by Philtrust Overseas Recruitment Agency, to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move for a change of referral of House Resolution No. 490, from the Committee on Youth and Sports Development to the Committee on Rules.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker, may I request ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from Northern Samar?

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DAZA. Yes. May I request for a suspension of the session for a few minutes.

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

It was 5:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:06 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 490

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 490.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 490, entitled: A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE SEPAK TAKRAW TEAM FOR WINNING GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS IN THE 31ST KING'S CUP WORLD SEPAK TAKRAW CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND FROM OCTOBER 17 TO 23, 2016.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 490.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion for the adoption of House Resolution No. 490. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are against, please say *nay*. (*Silence*)

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 490

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; House Resolution No. 490 is adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 570

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 570.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. 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.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 570.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion to adopt House Resolution No. 570. As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are against, please say, *nay*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 570

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; House Resolution No. 570 is adopted. The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 568

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 568.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

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

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL. 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.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 568, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 494, 498, 504, 508, 515, 528 and 536.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion to adopt House Resolution No. 568, in

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consolidation with House Resolutions No. 494, 498, 504, 508, 515, 528 and 536.

As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are against, please say *nay*. (*Silence*)

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 568

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; House Resolution No. 568, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 494, 498, 504, 508, 515, 528 and 536, is adopted.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 572

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 572.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. 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.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 572, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 492, 493, 495, 496, 497, 499, 500, 502, 507, 509, 511, 514, 516, 517, 519, 520, 524, 529, 531, 537 and 538.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is motion to adopt House Resolution No. 572, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 492, 493, 495, 496, 497, 499, 500, 502, 507, 509, 511, 514, 516, 517, 519, 520, 524, 529, 531, 537 and 538.

As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are against, please say *nay*. (*Silence*)

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 572

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; House Resolution No. 572, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 492, 493, 495, 496, 497, 499, 500, 502, 507, 509, 511, 514, 516, 517, 519, 520, 524, 529, 531, 537 and 538, is adopted.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 567

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 567.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. 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.

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

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REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 567, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 564.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion to adopt House Resolution No. 567, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 564.

As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are against, please say *no*. (*Silence*)

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 567

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; House Resolution No. 567, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 564, is adopted.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 569

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 569.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the title of House Resolution No. 569, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 543, 544, 548, 551 and 559.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. 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.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 569, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 543, 544, 548, 551 and 559.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 569

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

House Resolution No. 569, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 543, 544, 548, 551 and 559, is adopted.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 571

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 571.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of House Resolution No. 571, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 560.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. 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.

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

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 571, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 560.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 571

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

House Resolution No. 571, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 560, is adopted.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

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SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the suspension of the session for a few minutes.

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

It was 5:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:16 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for the election of the following Members to various Committees:

The Majority Leader read the names of the House Members elected to various Committees, per Journal No. 48, dated November 23, 2016.

COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

As member:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

As members:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III
Rep. Winston “Winnie” Castelo vice Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

As member:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

As member:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

As member:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

As member:
Rep. Geraldine B. Roman vice Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

As member:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

As member:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

As member:
Rep. Francis Gerald A. Abaya vice Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

As members:
Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales
Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing
Rep. Bayani F. Fernando
Rep. Eric L. Olivarez
Rep. Ronaldo B. Zamora
Rep. Arnel M. Cerafica

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

As member:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

As member:
Rep. Geraldine B. Roman vice Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

As member:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

As members:
Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate
Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo vice Rep. Jose
Christopher Y. Belmonte

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

As member:
Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BASES
CONVERSION

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Federico “Ricky” S. Sandoval II

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Francis Gerald A. Abaya vice Rep. Jose
Christopher Y. Belmonte

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any
objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the following
Members mentioned with their corresponding membership
in the Committees as mentioned are hereby elected.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we
adjourn the session until four o'clock in the afternoon
of Monday, November 28, 2016.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The session
is adjourned until Monday, November 28, 2016, at four
o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 5:18 p.m.