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## CALL TO ORDER

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

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

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

## PRAYER

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

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

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

## ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 30, dated September 27, 2017:*

## PRESENT

Abaya

Abayon

Abellanos

Abu

Abueg

Acharon

Acop

Acosta

Advincula

Aggabao

Albano

Alejano

Almario

Almonte

Alvarez (F.)

Alvarez (P.)

Amatong

Aquino-Magsaysay

Aragones

Arcillas

Arenas

Atienza

Aumentado

Bagatsing

Bataoil

Batocabe

Bautista-Bandigan

Belaro

Belmonte (F.)

Belmonte (J.C.)

Benitez

Bernos

Bertiz

Biazon

Billones

Bolilia

Bondoc

Bordado

Bravo (A.)

Bravo (M.V.)

Brosas

Bulut-Begtang

Calderon

Calixto-Rubiano

Caminero

Campos

Canama

Casilao

Castro (F.L.)

Castro (F.H.)

Catamco

Celeste

Cerilles

Chipeco

Co

Cojuangco

Cortes

Cortuna

Cosalan

Crisologo

Cuaresma

Cueva

Dalipe

Datol

De Jesus

de Venecia

De Vera

Defensor

Del Mar

Del Rosario

Deloso-Montalla

Dimaporo (A.)

Dimaporo (M.K.)

Durano

Elago

Enverga

Eriguel

Ermita-Buhain

Escudero

Espino

Estrella

Fariñas

Fernando

Ferrer (J.)

Ferrer (L.)

Flores

Fortun

Fortuno

Garbin

Garcia (G.)

Garcia (J.E.)	Palma
Garcia-Albano	Panganiban
Garin (R.)	Panotes
Gatchalian	Papandayan
Geron	Pichay
Go (A.C.)	Pineda
Go (M.)	Plaza
Gonzaga	Primicias-Agabas
Gonzales (A.P.)	Quimbo
Gonzales (A.D.)	Radaza
Gonzalez	Ramirez-Sato
Hernandez	Relampagos
Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno
Hofer	Rodriguez (I.)
Jalosjos	Rodriguez (M.)
Kho	Roque (H.)
Khonghun	Roque (R.)
Labadlabad	Sacdalan
Lacson	Sagarbarria
Lagman	Sahali
Lanete	Salimbangon
Laogan	Salo
Lazatin	Salon
Leachon	Sambar
Lee	Sandoval
Limkaichong	Sarmiento (C.)
Lobregat	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Savellano
Loyola	Sema
Maceda	Siao
Madrona	Singson
Mangaoang	Suansing (E.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suansing (H.)
Marcos	Suarez
Mariño	Sy-Alvarado
Martinez	Tambunting
Matugas	Tan (M.)
Mellana	Tan (S.)
Mending	Tejada
Mercado	Teves
Mirasol	Tiangco
Montoro	Ting
Nava	Tinio
Noel	Tolentino
Nogralas (K.A.)	Treñas
Nolasco	Tugna
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tupas
Oaminal	Unabia
Ocampo	Ungab
Olivarez	Unico
Ong (E.)	Uy (J.)
Ong (H.)	Uy (R.)
Ortega (P.)	Uybarreta
Ortega (V.N.)	Vargas
Pacquiao	Vargas-Alfonso
Paduano	Veloso

Villafuerte	Yap (M.)
Villanueva	Yap (V.)
Villaraza-Suarez	Yu
Villarica	Zamora (R.)
Villarin	Zubiri
Violago	

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 213 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). With 213 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the Reference of Business.

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

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

#### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6447, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE QUEZON LICENSING CENTER OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN LUCENA CITY, QUEZON PROVINCE INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘QUEZON LICENSING CENTER OF LUCENA CITY, QUEZON PROVINCE’ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alcalá  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6448, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE GERIATRIC CENTER - RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aquino-Magsaysay  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6450, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-BANSUD BRANCH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANSUD, ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS PUP-BANSUD BRANCH APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Umali  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6451, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN BY ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM THEREBY AUGMENTING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated August 15, 2017 of Ma. Corazon S. Gomez, Regional Director, Regional Office No. IV-B, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the 2016 Annual Audit Reports and Management Letter on the following State Universities and Colleges and Other National Government Sector Stand-Alone Agencies, Corporate Government Sector (CGS) Water Districts and Other CGS Stand-Alone Agencies:

A. National Government Sector – State Universities and Colleges and Other Stand-Alone Agencies

1. Palawan State University, Puerto Princesa City;
2. Western Philippines University, Aborlan, Palawan;
3. Occidental Mindoro State College (OMSC), San Jose, Occidental Mindoro;
4. Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology, Alcate, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro;

5. Marinduque State College, Boac, Marinduque;
  6. Romblon State University, Odiongan, Romblon; and
  7. Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff, Puerto Princesa City.
- B. Corporate Government Sector Water Districts & Other Corporate Government Sector Stand-Alone Agencies
1. Sablayan Water District, Province of Occidental Mindoro;
  2. San Jose Water District, Province of Occidental Mindoro;
  3. Lubang Water District, Province of Occidental Mindoro (Management Letter);
  4. Naujan Water District, Province of Oriental Mindoro;
  5. Pinamalayan Water District, Province of Oriental Mindoro;
  6. Pola Water District, Province of Oriental Mindoro;
  7. Roxas Water District, Province of Oriental Mindoro
  8. Odiongan Water District, Province of Romblon;
  9. Romblon Water District, Romblon, Romblon;
  10. Puerto Princesa City Water District, Province of Palawan;
  11. Culion Palawan Water District, Province of Palawan;
  12. Roxas Palawan Water District, Province of Palawan; and
  13. Taytay Palawan Water District, Province of Palawan.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2016 Annual Audit Report on the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, per letter dated August 16, 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 22, 2017 of Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting the Statement of Allotments, Obligations and Balances (Current and Continuing Appropriations) of the Office of the Secretary, as of July 31, 2017.

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N  
A P P R O P R I A T I O N S

Judiciary Annual Report 2016-June 2017 per letter dated 23 August 2017 of Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno, Chief Justice, Supreme Court.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

2016 Annual Audit Report on the Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges, Nabua, Camarines Sur and Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology, Naga City, per letter dated August 24, 2017 of Ma. Victorina C. Oliva, State Auditor III, OIC-Audit Team Leader, Audit Team R5-04, Stand-Alone Agencies, Commission on Audit.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 30, 2017 of Sisinia H. Estorosos, Director IV, Cluster 3 – Legislative, Judiciary and Constitutional Offices, National Government Sector, Commission on Audit, submitting the 2015 Annual Audit Reports and Management Letter on the following national government agencies:

- A. Annual Audit Report
  - 1. Career Executive Service Board;
  - 2. Commission on Elections;
  - 3. Commission on Human Rights;
  - 4. Court of Tax Appeals; and
  - 5. Sandiganbayan.
- B. Management Letter (in lieu of Annual Audit Report)

Civil Service Commission

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2016 Annual Audit Reports on the following colleges/university:

- 1. Western Mindanao State University, Baliwasan, Zamboanga City;
- 2. JH Cerilles State College-System, Mati, San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur; and
- 3. Basilan State College, Sumagdang, Isabela City, Basilan.

per letter dated September 6, 2017 of Orlando T. Lavista, State Auditor IV, Team No. 1, NGS A for SUCs and Other Stand-Alone Agencies, Commission on Audit.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 15 September 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

- 1. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-052 dated 24 August 2017; and
- 2. Memorandum No. M-2017-026 dated 11 September 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the

Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 394), re H.B. No. 927, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LICENSING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAWIT, PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO CAVITE LICENSING CENTER OF KAWIT, CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Abaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 395), re H.B. No. 6465, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NORTHWESTERN MINDANAO STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NMSCST) IN THE CITY OF TANGUB, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN MINDANAO (UNM), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 655

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer, Oaminal, Nograles (K.A.) and Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 396), re H.B. No. 3932, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, LOCATED IN BARANGAYS BUNOG, IRAAN, PUNTA BAJA, CAMPONG ULAY AND RANSANG OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE P. RIZAL, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AS AGRICULTURAL LAND, OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Abueg

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, before we proceed, we would like to acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the guests of the Hon. Teodoro “Ted” G. Montoro of the Party-List AASENSO. They are from San-San Garden School for Persons with Disability, Itchinomiya City in Nagoya, Japan. We have the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Noriko Inami; President, Mr. Hiroyoshi Hayami; and the officers, Mr. Yosuke Hayashi, Mr. Akinobu Baba, Mr. Yasuwi Hibino, Mr. Elmer Reyes, Mr. Yoko Horii, Mr. Roldan Hernandez, and Ms. Elisa Hayash. They are all in the plenary, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). May the guests of Hon. Ted Montoro stand to be recognized. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6452 ON SECOND READING

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 6452, contained in Committee Report No. 393, as reported out by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriation.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the 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 Bill No. 6452, entitled: ANACTESTABLISHINGANATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS UTILIZING PSYCHIATRIC, NEUROLOGIC AND PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mr. Speaker, I move

that the author, the honorable Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno of the First District of Antipolo City, be recognized to begin her sponsorship.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Honorable Roa-Puno is hereby recognized.

#### SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. ROA-PUNO

REP. ROA-PUNO. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Honorable colleagues, good afternoon.

We do not often hear the words “mental health” spoken out loud. People suffering from depression, schizophrenia, bipolar or anxiety disorder do so in silence for fear of being cast aside, for being pitied, misjudged, rejected, or worse, for being branded as a psycho, lunatic, or in our own parlance, buang, sintu-sinto, kulang-kulang or sira-ulo.

If you are depressed, that means you are weak. If you cannot handle your personal problems, however insurmountable they appear to be, you are soft, feeble, and failing. If you find yourself crying incessantly for days after losing your home to a typhoon, then you are pathetic and hopeless. If you continue to hear gunshots days after fighting has stopped in your war-torn area, then you have lost your mind.

Nobody wants to talk about mental health because of the stigma associated with it. The subject is considered taboo, and perhaps for this reason, mental health has been relegated to the lowest ranks of our legislative priorities for almost 30 years.

The silence on this vital health concern ends now. Today, I am proud to sponsor the Comprehensive Mental Health Act because, true to its proponent’s battle cry, there is no health without mental health.

Mental health is not merely the absence of mental disorders or disabilities. Mental health is a state of well-being in which we can realize our own abilities, where we can cope with the normal stresses of life, make correct choices, work productively and relate well to others, and make a contribution to our community. Mental health and well-being are fundamental to our collective and individual abilities as humans to think, to feel, to act.

Mental health crises are brought on by several factors. There are biological elements such as genes or brain chemistry. Family history of mental health problems and exposure to such circumstances may also have an effect. And significantly, life experiences, such as trauma or abuse, play a huge part in altering our state of mental wellness. This cannot be more evident in our country where every day, Filipinos face the challenges brought about by war and terrorism, crimes and killings, typhoons, earthquakes, cultural clashes and abject poverty.

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

Mental health troubles spare no one. They affect us or the people we love, or those loved by our loved ones. Many times, we come face-to-face with it and we still do not know what is in front of us. And when we do recognize the problems, we often do not know what to do with them. Sadly, many times, the realization comes too late.

Recent events, both local and international, have once again brought to the fore the urgent need to promote mental wellness and recognize the importance of mental health intervention. The sudden death of Linkin Park's Chester Bennington; the work-related suicide of ERC's Jun Villa; the undetected depression that pushed young actress Sharmainne Buencamino to the brink; and, of course, the many lives lost in the recent Resorts World tragedy brought about by addicted gambler Jessie Carlos' psychosocial crisis—these show us what can happen when mental illness is not properly addressed.

There are also many lesser-known individuals who have suffered through extraordinary stresses that bring about profound mental anguish. In places like war-torn Marawi, nine-year-old Amaliah, who for nine straight days heard nothing but gunshots and bomb explosions, today finds herself in tears at any sound that even faintly resembles gunfire. Stories abound of traumatized soldiers who display altered behavior brought about by post-stress trauma. Army Corporal Rodilo Bartolome who, while on his way home was mistakenly shot to death by Zamboanga police, was reportedly already suffering from PTSD. In Yolanda-hit Tacloban, Nanay Concepcion, whose 19-year-old daughter Charmaine was washed away by the storm surge, had to leave her home and never return, because, in her own words, "Amid the ruins and sadness, sorrow just eats you up." In places like the earthquake-struck Ormoc, or the shell-shocked Davao City, so many Filipinos are struggling to cope after surviving extremely traumatic events.

Indeed, many more are suffering silently and will continue to do so for as long as we turn blind eyes and deaf ears to the seriousness of our country's mental health situation. The numbers speak for themselves. A World Health Organization report in 2012 shows that the Philippines has the highest incidence of depression in ASEAN-member countries, with an estimated figure of 4.5 million.

In 2011, the WHO found that 16 percent of Filipino students, aged 13 to 15, had seriously contemplated suicide in the previous year. Thirteen percent had actually attempted suicide. Of the 1.4 million Filipinos with disabilities identified in the 2010 National Census, 14 percent or almost 200,000 people had mental disability. The WHO reports a high rate of comorbidity between mental disorders and other diseases such as HIV, cardiovascular disease and diabetes, again underscoring the need to place equal importance on mental health in primary healthcare.

So, with the Comprehensive Mental Health Act, we seek to integrate mental healthcare in the delivery of general health services to enable a nation of mentally healthy Filipinos who are able to contribute to nation-building and attain a better quality of life. To achieve this, mental health services shall be delivered in all regional, provincial and tertiary hospitals, as well as in the communities. The measure mandates local government units or LGUs to establish or upgrade hospitals and facilities with adequate and qualified personnel, equipment and supplies to be able to provide mental health services and address psychiatric emergencies. On the community level, this requires capacity building of barangay health workers, so that they are able to administer mental health first aid for anyone developing a mental health problem or experiencing a worsening of an existing mental illness, or is in a mental health-related crisis. The first aid is offered until appropriate professional treatment is received or the crisis is resolved.

Significantly, this Bill recognizes drug dependency as a mental illness and, therefore, any person covered by the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, voluntarily or otherwise, if after examination is diagnosed with a clinical condition, shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges available to those with mental illness as provided in this Act. The measure aims to increase general awareness of mental health through an aggressive information campaign. It also promotes study in both elementary and secondary education of, among other things, addressing and preventing depression, obesity and teenage pregnancy. In higher educational institutions, the study of Psychiatry and Psychology will be emphasized, and research and development will be supported, in hopes of arresting the shortage of psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, psychologists and social workers in the country. It is worth noting that in 2014, there were fewer than 500 certified psychiatrists in the Philippines, 91 of them already employed by the National Center for Mental Health. This means that there is less than one psychiatrist for every 150,000 Filipinos.

This Bill ensures the protection of the rights and freedoms of persons with mental health needs, as well as those of their families, carers and legal representatives, and rights of health professionals. Persons, mental health facilities and mental health providers who violate any of the provisions of this measure will face penalties of six months to two years imprisonment or fines of up to P200,000. The necessary funding for the implementation of the Act will be provided initially through the budget of the Department of Health, and subsequently in the General Appropriations Act.

Once again, "No health without mental health"—this is our battle cry. For more than 30 years, mental health-related bills have tried but failed to pass legislation

in this country. Today, with the President, through the LEDAC, identifying the Comprehensive Mental Health Act as among his priority legislative measures, I believe its time has finally come. I urge all of you, my colleagues, to join us in this crusade and support the passage of the Comprehensive Mental Health Act.

Thank you. (*Applause*)

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

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Jose "Lito" L. Atienza of Party-List BUHAY for his interpellation.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Hon. Lito Atienza is hereby recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Dep. Majority Leader.

At the outset, I would like to congratulate the Lady, the Congresswoman, for her very, very timely piece of legislation. Indeed, she has enumerated a number of problems which are now magnified due to lack of accurate and comprehensive mental health law which is very much needed. Kaya, binabati po natin ang ating kagalang-galang na Congresswoman sa kanyang pagsasaliksik at sa kanyang pagtitiyaga upang ito ay matuloy bilang isang batas na makatutulong nang malaki para sa ating bansa. Hindi pupuwedeng hindi asikasuhin ang mga kapatid nating Pilipino na mayroong kaunting problema na dalahin sa kanilang isipan.

For the information of everyone, I am one of those also doing something on my level to help alleviate the situation. I have adopted two mentally handicapped children in my own home. Dalawa po iyong inaalagaan kong mayroong kaunting problema sa kaisipan. So, I do understand the problem. If we do not act on it and we do not even participate, the problem will get out of hand and we will be a nation of mentally, possibly mentally retarded citizens.

Isa lang po ang nais kong tanungin upang lalong makatulong tayo sa pagbuo ng isang batas na talagang makatutulong. Ito po bang inyong batas na ito ay naglalayon hindi lamang ng payo kundi aktwal na tulong na maibibigay sa mga Pilipinong mayroong kaunting problema sa isipan?

REP. ROA-PUNO. Maraming salamat sa inyong tanong, Mr. Speaker.

Lahat po ng may iniindang kahit anong problema sa pag-iisip, kahit hindi po ito na-diagnose formally as a disease or a formal mental illness, lahat po sila ay nasa isipan ng mga Author at mga Sponsor ng panukalang batas na ito.

Sa community level o sa barangay level pa lamang, ang aming adhikain po ay mabigyan ng karampatang training ang mga barangay health worker para agad-agad ay malaman nila kapag ang isang tao ay mayroong iniinda, maaaring magkakaroon pa lang ng problema, nagsisimula na ang problema o mayroon silang hinaharap na mga problema na kung minsan ay pangkaraniwan o kung minsan ay malubha. Sa pamamagitan nito, ang aming layunin ay mabawasan ang mga kaso ng mas malubhang sakit sa pag-iisip.

In our desire to capacitate the barangay health workers, we want them to be able to administer a mental health first aid so that people who just need to be listened to will have an ear that will listen to them. People who do not know what they are facing may have somebody that they can discuss their problems with. A mental health first-aid provider will be able to empower somebody who has such problems or such worries and let them know that there is help available.

Existing today, Mr. Speaker, are hotlines for those who are contemplating suicide. They are provided by many non-government organizations, but with this measure, we also intend to intensify the information campaign so that those who have previously kept silent about their conditions will be emboldened and empowered to come out and claim their conditions, and consequentially, seek help for their problems, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Maganda po ang layuning iyon. Tatanungin ko rin po kung ito po bang batas na ito, since we are calling it a comprehensive health policy for the purpose of enhancing the delivery of integrated mental health services, kasama po ba roon sa integrated mental health services ang pagbibigay ng actual and real help rather than just merely informing the person or educating the person, but rather taking care of the mentally deranged or mentally handicapped citizen? Wala na po tayo ngayong mental hospital. Alam natin iyon. At ibinebenta na po iyong Mandaluyong mental health facilities. Kaya ang mga may diperensiya ngayong mga Pilipino ay nagkalat na sa mga kalye. Tinatanggihan na po sila ng mga ospital. Sa pamamagitan nitong batas na ito, maaari sigurong hindi na sila tanggihan. Kaya kung maaaring palakasin lamang natin iyong probisyon na iyon. No public hospital should refuse any Filipino requesting help or any relative requesting help for one of their members who is mentally handicapped.

Sa ngayon po, ang katotohanan ay hindi tinatanggap ng mga ospital kapag ang problema ay kaisipan na kung tawagin natin ay kulang-kulang, sira-ulo, kaya nakikita po natin sila sa lansangan na palakad-lakad, nanggigitata o natutulog sa sidewalk. Sila po ay hindi tinutulungan ng social welfare. Itinatanong ko ito paulit-ulit sa Department of Social Welfare and Development kung kasama sila roon sa ating giveaway para sa mga

poorest of the poor. Ang sagot nila ay hindi raw nila rin trabaho iyon. Iyon daw ay sa mga mental hospital. Kapag sinagot mo na wala na po tayong mental hospital ngayon, then they refuse to take the responsibility of taking care of the problem. So, let us give that particular aspect a mention in this piece of legislation so that no hospital, public hospital, should be allowed to refuse a mentally handicapped citizen who is being brought by their family for help with their mental problems.

Without that provision, and if we will limit ourselves to information and education, hindi po magkakaroon ng improvement ang kalagayan ng maraming Pilipino. Ang estimate po ninyo ay mga 200,000. Tama po iyon. Imagine, 200,000 Filipinos handicapped with some mental problems. Wala na pong matakbuhan iyang mga iyan. Wala na pong tatakbuhan iyan talaga. Gaya ng sinabi ko sa inyo, dalawang bata ang aking inampon sa aking tahanan para mayroon po akong magawang positive dito sa ating pinag-uusapang ito. Kaya hindi ko maiwasang tumulong sa inyo para maging matagumpay itong hangarin ninyo.

We have to really act on this problem and you are the God-given guardian angel of the mentally handicapped children and Filipino citizens. So, we might as well make it a very, very strongly worded law that will not allow the continuous disregard of government institutions that refuse the problem of accepting mentally handicapped patients. Kapagka ulo ang diperensiya o pag-iisip, puwera na sila. So, therefore, we have to make the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Department of Health, and all local government units concerned part of this piece of legislation. Then and only then will we be able to say that the Lady Congresswoman has changed the course of the future of our country.

Kung hindi po natin talaga bibigyan ng pansin itong problemang ito, baka ang iba sa kanila ay mahalal pang Congressman, Senator, o members of the Cabinet, o maging Pangulo ng bansa dahil hindi natin pinag-ingatan ang kanilang kalagayan. So, we have to be very careful. I also urge our colleagues, let us unite behind this piece of legislation. Ilagay lang natin iyong mga naturan ko na, nasabi ko na, na bigyan natin ng diin ang positive action that is required by this law and not limiting ourselves to informing them that they have a problem. We have to do something about solving their problem. At karamihan din sa mga ito ay nabibilang sa talagang tunay na mahihirap na Pilipino, mga batang pinabayaan na sa lansangan o mga taong wala nang kumakalinga.

So, it is a problem that has to be addressed and your piece of legislation is the first piece of legislation I have encountered that addresses the problem very, very squarely. With that, I would like to co-sponsor it also because, as I have said, I am equally imbued with your passion.

Congratulations and let us do our best for our advocacy of helping people with problems like these. Thank you.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Maraming salamat, maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Kung puwede ko lang pong sagutin ang ilang mga punto ng ating kagalang-galang na Congressman Atienza.

Sa barangay level po, doon po ina-assess kung mayroon ngang problema ang isa sa ating mga nasasakupan, at kapag malaman po na sila nga ay nangangailangan ng mas propesyonal na pagtingin ay doon na po sila hahanapan ng propesyonal na pangangalaga. Hindi po tumitigil sa pagpapaalam lang sa kanila na sila po ay may iniinda. Iyan po ang layunin ng ating mental health first-aid paradigm. At mabanggit ko na rin po, diagnosis and treatment are being done. We have trained doctors in the communities already to diagnose and to treat them, although as I have mentioned, there is a desperate need for more practitioners to fill the void because one for every 150,000 Filipinos needing professional care when it comes to mental health is just not a number that we should live with.

Be that as it may, provincial and regional hospitals are going to be mandated to provide services for their patients and drugs will be provided now for free. I think this will also be part of the universal healthcare program. And, with this expansion, we hope that we will also be able to create jobs and opportunities to those who are interested in pursuing or entering the field of psychology, psychiatry and other such related fields that address mental wellness, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6452

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 6452.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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



*It was 4:40 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:40 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of the Journal of the previous session, Journal No. 29, dated September 26, 2017.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none

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REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The Honorable Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. May I move for a correction of the Journal with respect to my explanation of vote found on page 11, Mr. Speaker. It says here, "Voting in the affirmative, Rep. Edcel C. Lagman acceded that the government needs a national budget for 2018 but expressed strong reservation on the reduced budget of the CHR, which was yet to be restored."

May I move, Mr. Speaker, that the phrase "yet to be" should be deleted and, in lieu thereof, the words "not fully" should be inserted, so much so that the phrase would read: "strong reservation on the reduced budget of the CHR, which was not fully restored."

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

REP. CRISOLOGO. We have no objection, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). Necessary correction will have to be done.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL, AS CORRECTED

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed with the approval of the Journal, as corrected.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Secretary will please read the Reference of Business.

#### ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6453, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE VITAL ROLE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 957, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SUBDIVISION AND CONDOMINIUM BUYERS' PROTECTIVE DECREE', AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1216"

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 6454, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING SOCIAL PENSION FUND FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6455, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SPEEDY PROCESSING BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF THE REGISTRATION OF IMPORTED MOTOR VEHICLES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6456, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.

10084 ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS AND THE OMBUDSMAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Villarín  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 6457, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF EACH MUNICIPALITY TO ORDER THE GRANTING OF SUPPORT TO AN ACKNOWLEDGED CHILD OF A PARENT”

By Representative Gatchalian  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 6458, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, PROMOTE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOP WATER CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES BY PROVIDING FOR A TEN-YEAR SMALL-SCALE IRRIGATION SYSTEM PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 6459, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON FOOD AND OTHER BASIC COMMODITIES TO GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO AFFORDABLE FOOD AND ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLY PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 6460, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM BY ENHANCING REGULATORY CAPACITY, ESTABLISHING COORDINATING OFFICES, AUGMENTING HUMAN RESOURCE

COMPLEMENT AND REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10068, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 6461, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS FROM THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT IN THE RENEWAL OF THEIR LICENSE UNDER THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 10912 OR THE ‘CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016’ ”

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

House Bill No. 6462, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND OF OBJECTS IN THE FORM OF CIGARETTES, CIGARS, TOBACCO AND SIMILAR TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Silverio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 6463, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED WITHIN THE PAST SIX (6) MONTHS”

By Representative Silverio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6464, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING MERCHANDISING STORES AND SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS FROM CHARGING MORE THAN THE CASH RETAIL PRICE OF GOODS AND SERVICES PURCHASED USING CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS OR SIMILAR METHODS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Silverio  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 6466, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING BANK DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS TO UNDERGO TRAINING ON BANKING AND GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR SAFE AND SOUND ADMINISTRATION OF BANKS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8791, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE GENERAL BANKING LAW OF 2000’ ”

By Representative Acosta-Alba  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6467, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING TRANSPORT NETWORK COMPANIES AND TRANSPORT NETWORK VEHICLE SERVICES PRESCRIBING REQUIREMENTS, AND GUIDELINES FOR THEIR OPERATION, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6468, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PRICES OF DRUGS AND PROCEDURES BY HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6469, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY OF ITS RETAINED HOSPITALS”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6470, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS

AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6471, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF EXTENDING NO-COLLATERAL, LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO GRADUATES OF ANY COURSE OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS AUTHORITY OR DULY ACCREDITED LEARNING INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 6472, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING BARANGAY DUMABEL, BARANGAY SAN LEONARDO, BARANGAY PINARIPAD NORTE, AND BARANGAY PINARIPAD SUR, ALL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGLIPAY, PROVINCE OF QUIRINO INTO THE FREEPORT AREA OF QUIRINO (FAQ) INTO A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE AUTHORITY OF THE FREEPORT AREA OF QUIRINO (AFAQ), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 6473, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING HAZING AND REGULATING OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6474, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LABOR EMPOWERMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER II OF TITLE VIII, BOOK V 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. 6475, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AND ABOLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO’, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Suarez, Sema, Sahali, Papandayan, Turabin-Hataman, Mending, Bondoc, Defensor, Zamora (M.C.), Bataoil, Acop, Espino, Flores, Panganiban, Violago, Sandoval, Siao, Nograles (J.J.), Pimentel, Tolentino, Nuñez-Malanyaon, Vargas, Bernos, Lazatin, Unico, Gullas, Gonzales (A.D.), Ong (H.), Savellano, Aggabao, Matugas, Singson, Robes, Chipeco, Salo, Pineda, Oaminal, Campos, Belaro, Belmonte (J.C.), Nieto, Bolilia, Garcia-Albano, Mercado, Olivarez, Almario, Relampagos, Silverio, Nava, Acosta-Alba, Montoro, Tambunting, Radaza, Sagarbarria, Gonzales (A.P.), Marcoleta, Catamco, Khonghun, Palma, Fortuno, Pancho, Lacson, Leachon, Mendoza, Salceda, Calderon, Uy (J.), Noel, Tupas, Biron, Fortun, Paduano, Ramirez-Sato, Limkaichong, Herrera-Dy, Vargas-Alfonso, Bertiz, Castelo, Ermita-Buhain, Labadlabad, Eriguel, Aumentado, Banal, Salimbangon, Ferrer (L.), Advincula, Revilla, Barzaga, Alonte, Loyola, Cuaresma, Madrona, Bordado, Zubiri and Ortega (P.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated September 21, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on September 20, 2017, designated Senators Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Win Gatchalian, Cynthia A. Villar, Sonny Angara and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1466, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF EXPIRY DATES ON GIFT CHECKS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 6016, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE ISSUANCE, USE AND REDEMPTION OF GIFT CHECKS, GIFT CERTIFICATES AND GIFT CARDS”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated September 25, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1461, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCY FUND AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now adjourn the session until Monday, October 2, 2017, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Hernandez). The session is adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon, Monday, October 2, 2017.

*It was 4:48 p.m.*