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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Everybody is requested to rise for the singing of the National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please remain standing for the invocation to be delivered by Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba from the First District of Bukidnon.

Everybody remained standing for the invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. ACOSTA-ALBA. Almighty Father, we thank You for this new day of service to the Filipino people.

As this Congress is gathered to begin its legislative session today, we implore You, O Lord, for Your divine guidance and inspiration.

Help us maintain our focus and purify our intentions. Grant us clarity of vision and consistency of purpose to stay within the course of our Constitution in fulfilling our mandate to make laws that are beneficial to all and harmful to no one.

Bless our voices, O Lord, that we will truly echo and represent the interests of our constituents in all instances that we speak.

Enlighten us so that we may only say what is true and what is right, at the right time and for the right reason.

Most of all, lead us, O Lord, in all our actions to follow the path of integrity, excellence, and honor,

so that we can effectively work toward solutions that improve the lives of all Filipinos.

With your grace, O Lord, we will be strong in our resolve and compassion to constantly heed the call of service to Your people, and in the process, carry the nation forward to real progress and authentic freedom, shared and cherished by all.

All these we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we call the roll of Members.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). 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. 03, dated July 26, 2017:

PRESENT

Abayon	Alvarez (P.)
Abellanos	Amante
Abu	Amatong
Abueg	Angara-Castillo
Acharon	Antonino
Acop	Antonio
Acosta-Alba	Aquino-Magsaysay
Adiong	Aragones
Aggabao	Arbison
Albano	Arenas
Almario	Atienza
Almonte	Aumentado
Alonte	Bag-ao
Alvarez (F.)	Banal

Barzaga	Erice	Marcoleta	Sacdalán
Bataoil	Eriguel	Mariño	Sagarbarria
Batocabe	Ermita-Buhain	Marquez	Sahali
Bautista-Bandigan	Escudero	Martinez	Salimbangon
Belaro	Espina	Matugas	Salo
Belmonte (F.)	Espino	Mellana	Salon
Belmonte (J.C.)	Estrella	Mending	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Benitez	Evardone	Mendoza	Savellano
Bertiz	Fariñas	Mercado	Sema
Billones	Fernando	Mirasol	Siao
Biron	Ferrer (J.)	Montoro	Silverio
Bolilia	Fortun	Nava	Singson
Bondoc	Fortuno	Nieto	Suansing (E.)
Bordado	Fuentebella	Noel	Suansing (H.)
Bravo (A.)	Garbin	Nogralés (J.J.)	Tambunting
Bravo (M.V.)	Garcia (G.)	Nogralés (K.A.)	Tan (A.)
Brosas	Garcia (J.E.)	Oaminal	Tan (M.)
Calderon	Garcia-Albano	Ocampo	Tejada
Calixto-Rubiano	Garin (R.)	Ong (E.)	Teves
Caminero	Garin (S.)	Ong (H.)	Tiangco
Campos	Gasataya	Ortega (P.)	Ting
Canama	Gatchalian	Ortega (V.N.)	Tinio
Cari	Geron	Pacquiao	Tolentino
Casilao	Go (A.C.)	Paduano	Treñas
Castelo	Go (M.)	Palma	Tugna
Castro (F.L.)	Gomez	Panganiban	Tupas
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzaga	Panotes	Ty
Catamco	Gonzalez	Papandayan	Unabia
Cerafica	Gullas	Pichay	Ungab
Cerilles	Hernandez	Pimentel	Unico
Chavez	Herrera-Dy	Pineda	Uy (R.)
Chipeco	Hofer	Plaza	Uybarreta
Co	Jalosjos	Primicias-Agabas	Vargas
Collantes	Javier	Radaza	Velarde
Cortes	Kho	Ramirez-Sato	Velasco
Cortuna	Labadlabad	Ramos	Veloso
Cosalan	Lagman	Relampagos	Vergara
Crisologo	Lanete	Revilla	Villanueva
Cua	Laogan	Roa-Puno	Villaraza-Suarez
Cuaresma	Lazatin	Robes	Villarica
Cueva	Leachon	Rodriguez (I.)	Villarin
Dalipe	Lee	Rodriguez (M.)	Yap (A.)
Datol	Limkaichong	Roman	Yap (M.)
Daza	Lobregat	Romero	Zamora (R.)
De Jesus	Lopez (B.)	Romualdez	Zarate
de Venecia	Lopez (C.)	Romualdo	Zubiri
De Vera	Lopez (M.L.)		
Defensor	Loyola		
Del Mar	Macapagal-Arroyo		
Deloso-Montalla	Maceda		
Dimaporo (A.)	Madrona		
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Malapitan		
Durano	Manalo		
Dy	Mangaoang		
Elago	Mangudadatu (S.)		
Enverga	Mangudadatu (Z.)		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 232 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 232 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, Message from the President, Messages from the Senate, and Committee Reports, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6765, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10175, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CYBERCRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2012”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6766, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING RIDESHARE SUPPORT COMPANIES, PROVIDING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THEIR OPERATIONS, AND CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF COMMONWEALTH ACT 146, ALSO KNOWN AS THE TAX CODE, AND THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE, AND OTHER RELEVANT LAWS”

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

House Bill No. 6767, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INCOME CLASSIFICATION OF PROVINCES, CITIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (J.E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6768, entitled:

“AN ACT TO RECRUIT, HIRE, AND TRAIN ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PERSONNEL”

By Representative Gasataya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6771, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING CASH AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO FILIPINO ARTISTS WHO HAVE BROUGHT HONOR AND RECOGNITION TO THE COUNTRY BY WINNING IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS, INCLUDING THEIR COACHES AND TRAINERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6773, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) PROGRAM FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9163 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP) ACT OF 2001”

By Representative Collantes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6774, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO APO ASSOCIATED RADIO ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8994 TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO TELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH COASTAL STATIONS, AERONAUTICAL AND PUBLIC FIXED AND PUBLIC BASED LAND-MOBILE STATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romualdo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1511, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL

HOUSING AUTHORITY TO GRANT AMNESTY ON ALL PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES IN UNPAID LOAN AMORTIZATIONS AND INSTITUTE A LOAN RESTRUCTURING PROGRAM FOR BENEFICIARIES OF ITS SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9507”

By Representative Benitez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1512, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CONTINUOUS DROP IN THE MILL GATE SUGAR PRICES IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Benitez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1513, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO JAN ARO REGENCIA FOR BRINGING PRIDE AND HONOR TO OUR COUNTRY TOGETHER WITH ICE HOCKEY PHILIPPINE TEAM FOR WINNING GOLD MEDAL IN 29TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES 2017”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1514, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARMEST FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MIRIAM COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR WINNING 90 MEDALS AND 3 TROPHIES IN PRESTIGIOUS WORLD SCHOLAR’S CUP AT YALE UNIVERSITY”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 1515, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. RACHEL LOUISE PETERS FOR LANDING IN THE TOP 16 MISS UNIVERSE 2017”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1516, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DECEMBER 4, 2017 - EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLING OF REVEREND FR. MARCELITO ‘TITO’ PAEZ, NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER AND REGIONAL COORDINATOR OF RURAL MISSIONARIES OF THE PHILIPPINES (RMP) - CENTRAL LUZON BY ALLEGED GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES IN JAEN TOWN, NUEVA ECIJA”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1517, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NOVEMBER 25, 2017 - EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLING OF APOLONIO MARANAN, MEMBER OF ANAKPAWIS PARTY-LIST SOUTHERN MINDANAO REGION CHAPTER, ALLEGEDLY BY ELEMENTS OF 16TH INFANTRY BATTALION OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY (IBPA) IN BUHANGIN DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1518, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING AGENCIES SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE BASES CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PRIORITIZE THE KEY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN NORTHERN BULACAN AREA”

By Representative Silverio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 1519, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE PURCHASE OF P3.5-BILLION WORTH OF DENG VAXIA ANTI-DENGUE VACCINES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) UNDER THE FORMER ADMINISTRATION,

08 December 2017

WHICH HAVE BEEN FOUND TO POSE HEALTH RISKS TO MORE THAN 700,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN INOCULATED, AND TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAID PURCHASE”

By Representatives Atienza, Suarez, Bravo (A.), Garbin, Chavez, Lee, Salon, De Vera, Bertiz and Arcillas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1520, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS SOURCED FROM THE DISBURSEMENT ACCELERATION PROGRAM (DAP) AND THE ILLEGAL AND UNAUTHORIZED USE THEREOF”

By Representative Gonzaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1522, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO HASTEN THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING THE TARGETING OF BENEFICIARIES SO AS TO LESSEN PROGRAM LEAKAGE; TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION/WELFARE SERVICES TO 4Ps BENEFICIARIES; AND TO IMMEDIATELY LIFT THE SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION OF NEW BENEFICIARIES OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps)”

By Representatives Mercado and Mendoza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Resolution No. 1524, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MS. JANNIE LOUDETTE ALIPO-ON FOR HER TRIUMPH IN WINNING THE 2017 MISS TOURISM INTERNATIONAL AND BEING A SOURCE OF DISTINCTION AND PRIDE FOR FILIPINOS”

By Representative Tiangco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

SPEAKER PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

House Speaker

House of Representatives

Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 26(2) of the 1987 Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Joint Resolution No. 18 / Senate Joint Resolution No. 9, entitled: “JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN BASE PAY OF MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” to address the urgent need to adjust the compensation package of Military and Uniformed Personnel (MUP) in order to make it adequately commensurate with their critical role in maintaining national security and peace and order, taking into account prevailing economic realities, and to promote their professionalism and commitment to the service.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

Copy furnished:

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Senate President

The Philippine Senate

Pasay City

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Population and Family Relations (Committee Report No. 533), re H.B. No. 6779, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE CIVIL EFFECTS OF CHURCH ANNULMENT DECREE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1629 and 3705

Sponsors: Representatives Aragonés, Garcia (G.) and Romualdez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 534), re H.B. No. 6780, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 22 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2618

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Mangudadatu (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 535), re H.B. No. 6781, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 31 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANGALAN, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘TANGALAN DAY’ IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CREATION AS A SEPARATE MUNICIPALITY FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAKATO, AND IN HONOR OF THE BRAVERY OF THE HOMETOWN HEROES OF BARANGAY VIVO WHO REVOLTED AGAINST THE SPANIARDS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6252

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Marquez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 536), re H.B. No. 6782, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN HONOR OF THE HEROISM OF LAPU-LAPU IN DEFENDING MACTAN AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSION DEPICTED ESPECIALLY IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN WHEN HE LED FILIPINOS IN FIGHTING FERDINAND MAGELLAN AND HIS FORCES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6437

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Radaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 11, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even

date passed without amendment House Bill No. 5241, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, THE PRINCIPAL PATRONESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 11, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5235, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF LAOAG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS LAOAG CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 12, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on December 11, 2017, adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, entitled:

“RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS CONVENE IN JOINT SESSION TO DELIBERATE ON THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO EXTEND FURTHER THE PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW AND SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE OF THE WRIT OF *HABEASCORPUS* UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2018 OR FOR SUCH OTHER PERIOD OF TIME AS THE CONGRESS MAY DETERMINE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 537), re H.B. No. 6795, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PUNTA DIWATA LOCATED IN BARANGAY VINAPOR, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE A PRIORITY TOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1408

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Amante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 538), re H.B. No. 6796, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MAPASO HOT AND COLD SPRINGS LOCATED IN BARANGAY LA PAZ, MUNICIPALITY OF SANTIAGO, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE A PRIORITY TOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1407

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Amante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 539), re H.B. No. 6797, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE LANTAWAN ECOPARK LOCATED IN BARANGAYS SAN ROQUE AND BARANGAY CROSSING, MUNICIPALITY OF KITCHARAO, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE A PRIORITY TOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1406

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Amante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 540), re H.B. No. 6798, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CANDON CITY ECOTOURISM ZONE LOCATED IN BARANGAY PALACAPAC, BARANGAY SAN ANDRES, BARANGAY CUBCUBBUOT AND BARANGAY AMGUID IN THE CITY OF CANDON, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3175

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 541), re H.B. No. 6799, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SANTIAGO COVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTIAGO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR A TOURIST

DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2735

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 542), re H.B. No. 6800, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING PINSAL FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2734

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 543), re H.B. No. 6801, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TAGNOTE FALLS-MT. HILONG-HILONG PARK LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF REMEDIOS T. ROMUALDEZ, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE A PRIORITY TOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1409

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Amante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move for the suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The session is suspended.

It was 4:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:31 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The session is resumed.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Rodante D. Marcoleta of the Party-List SAGIP, namely: Engr. Jaime Lee and Mrs. Ruth Marie Lee.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. HERRERA-DY. They are from Blacktown, Sydney, Australia. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Welcome.

REP. HERRERA-DY. May we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB from the ANAC-IP Party-List.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please rise.

REP. HERRERA-DY. They are Dr. Amando Grata, Reynolph Patrick Ladon, Brian Kevin Par, Mannix Melanbilin, Aries Dimaculangan, Meiji Laserna, Seng Seng Hkawn, and Barnard Ferrer. They are all from the Asian Social Institute.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*
Thank you.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a Message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 5235, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF LAOAG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS LAOAG CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

We have been advised that the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, sponsor of the said House Bill, as well as the author thereof, has no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate.

Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 5235.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I move that we suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The session is suspended.

It was 4:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 8:48 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with Section 59 of our Rules, I move that we recommit to the Committee on Natural Resources House Bills No. 5789, 5790, 6011, and 6012, which propose to declare certain localities as mining-free zones, to enable the Committee on Natural Resources to amend said Bills in accordance with the standard template prescribed for bills of such nature.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the House Resolution on First Reading and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding reference:

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 1554, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF JOSE V. LORETO, SR., FORMER MAYOR OF BAYBAY CITY, LEYTE, THE FATHER-

IN-LAW OF REPRESENTATIVE OSCAR S. GARIN, JR. OF THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND UNCLE OF REPRESENTATIVE JOSE CARLOS L. CARI OF THE FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S). The Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 46 for the session on December 11, 2017.

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

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Antonio L. Tinio.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Honorable Tinio is recognized.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please proceed.

REP. TINIO. I would just like to manifest that I was present in yesterday’s session and I hope that my negative vote on House Joint Resolution No. 18 will be put on the record and included in the Journal, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, to give way to the manifestation of the Honorable Tinio, I move that we reconsider the approval of said Journal.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Is there any objection?

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I reiterate my previous motion to reconsider the approval of the Journal as mentioned by the Honorable Tinio.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we direct the Secretariat to reflect the changes as manifested by the Honorable Tinio.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL, AS AMENDED

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for the approval of said Journal as mentioned by the Honorable Tinio.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move for the election of certain Members to different committees:

The Majority Leader; Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas, read the names of the House Members elected to the various Committees, per Journal No. 47, dated December 12, 2017.

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 Rep. Victor A. Yap

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 Rep. Dennis C. Laogan

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

as members:
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 Rep. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay

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 Rep. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay

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as member:
 Rep. Frederick W. Siao

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

as member:
 Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

as member:
 Rep. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D.

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

as members:
 Rep. Enrico A. Pineda; and
 Rep. Raul A. Daza

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

as Vice Chairperson:
 Rep. Nancy A. Catamco

as member:
 Rep. Aurora Enerio Cerilles.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 6215

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Bicameral Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6215.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). 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 Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title of the measure without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6215, entitled: AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

REP. FARIÑAS. In accordance with our Rules, I move that we ratify the said Bicameral Conference Committee Report.

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

The Bicameral Conference Committee Report is approved.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I wish to announce that all Members are being invited by the Office of the President to the Presidential Signing Ceremony of the 2018 General Appropriations Act on December 19, 2017, to be held at the Rizal Hall, Malacañang Palace at three o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). What is the attire?

REP. FARIÑAS. Everyone is requested to be at the venue at two o'clock in the afternoon or one hour prior to the ceremony.

Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a Message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, entitled: RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS CONVENE IN JOINT SESSION TO DELIBERATE ON THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO EXTEND FURTHER THE PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW AND SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE OF THE WRIT OF *HABEAS CORPUS* UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2018 OR FOR SUCH OTHER PERIOD OF TIME AS THE CONGRESS MAY DETERMINE, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

CONSIDERATION OF S. CT. RES. NO. 9

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). 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. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9, entitled: RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS CONVENE IN JOINT SESSION TO DELIBERATE ON THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO EXTEND FURTHER THE PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW AND SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE OF THE WRIT OF *HABEAS CORPUS* UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2018 OR FOR SUCH OTHER PERIOD OF TIME AS THE CONGRESS MAY DETERMINE.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adopt Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9.

ADOPTION OF S. CT. RES. NO. 9

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 is adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, before I move to adjourn, may I enjoin all Members to proceed and return to our Christmas party. The Family Birth Control Band is playing and perhaps if we can still take it, Bebot Abellanosa may still return in one piece. (*Laughter*)

Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

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

The session is adjourned.

It was 8:56 p.m.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)