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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 will please rise to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

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

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

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

REP. GULLAS. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

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

ROLL CALL

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll of Members.

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 reflected in Journal No. 86, dated May 30, 2018.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 234 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 234 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, ...

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker here.

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

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. GULLAS. What is the pleasure of the ...

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

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker, may I know how my attendance was recorded.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Gentleman from Samar—present, Your Honor.

REP. DAZA. Thank you.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

objection (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7762, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING STA. CATALINA ROAD TRAVERSING TO BARANGAY CABITTAOGAN AND SITIO CALAWAAN, TAMURONG ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7763, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE OLD SAN VICENTE CHURCH, GABALDON BUILDING, PALACIO DE GOBERNADOR, SPANISH BALDI, DIEGO SILANG MARKER, AND ANCESTRAL HOUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN VICENTE, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AS CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL PATRIMONY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN VICENTE AND BESTOWING IT WITH RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ACCORDED MUSEUM CURATORS”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7764, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AQUATIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL BREEDING STATION FOR LAKES,

RIVERS, BAYS, PONDS, AND OTHER INLAND FISHES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN PHILIPPINES IN THE CITY OF VIGAN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7765, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STO. DOMINGO, STA. CATALINA, BANTAY, SAN ILDEFONSO, SAN VICENTE, SINAIT, CABUGAO, SAN JUAN, MAGSINGALAND CAOAYAN AS TOURIST DESTINATIONS PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7766, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOLIDNORTH BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8089 ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE SOLIDNORTH BROADCASTING SYSTEM A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7770, entitled:

“AN ACT RE-INSTITUTING RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) AS A MANDATORY COURSE FOR TERTIARY LEVEL STUDENTS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND SIMILAR LEARNING INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 7771, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7719, AN ACT PROMOTING VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION, PROVIDING FOR AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SAFE BLOOD,

REGULATING BLOOD BANKS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICES ACT OF 1994, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7772, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING BAMBOO INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING THE BAMBOO INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (BIRDC), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7782, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A SPECIALLY-DESIGNATED LANE OR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF EVERY GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE EDIFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) AND SENIOR CITIZENS TO TRANSACT THEIR OFFICIAL BUSINESSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 7783, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MONTANEZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CERDEÑA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY CERDEÑA, MUNICIPALITY OF MALABUYOC, PROVINCE OF CEBU FROM THE MONTANEZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND CONVERT IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CERDEÑA (MALABUYOC) NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7787, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR WORKERS AND IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7788, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE LINGAYEN GULF INTERNATIONAL TRANSSHIPMENT PORT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7789, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING DISASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS PAID LEAVE DURING PERIOD OF DISASTERS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 7790, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTH POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN FERNANDO MATH AND SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gullas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7791, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SALVACION OPPUS YNIGUEZ MEMORIAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL (SOYMPH) INTO SOUTHERN LEYTE MEDICAL CENTER”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7792, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF NAPANTAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS)”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7793, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
PROGRAM FOR THE CACAO INDUSTRY
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7794, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL STATE
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES TO
DEVELOP COURSES RELATING TO
AGRICULTURE PROVIDING GUIDELINES
FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Geron
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7795, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IMMEDIATE
DESTRUCTION OF THE CONFISCATED,
SEIZED AND/OR SURRENDERED
DANGEROUS DRUGS, PLANT
SOURCES OF DANGEROUS DRUGS,
AND CONTROLLED PRECURSORS AND
ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9165, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Mariño
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

House Bill No. 7796, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BAUAN IN THE
SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
OF THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS
INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE
KNOWN AS ‘THE CITY OF BAUAN’ ”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7797, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE MANDATE
OF COTABATO SANITARIUM IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN KUDARAT,
PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, IN THE
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM

MINDANAO INTO THE COTABATO
SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Panganiban
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7798, entitled:

“AN ACT ASSIGNING ONE REGISTERED
NURSE FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN
THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Sandoval
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7799, entitled:

“AN ACT DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE
SPORTS COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A
PROGRAM TO SUPPORT RESEARCH AND
TRAINING IN METHODS OF DETECTING
THE USE OF PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING
DRUGS BY ATHLETES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7800, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL
EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE
COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7802, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PROVISION OF
WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS IN ALL
COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS”

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

House Bill No. 7803, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS AND
PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN, PROMOTE,
AND DEVELOP THE PHILIPPINE START-
UP ECOSYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 7804, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OCCUPANCY, AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS, ENACTING A NEW BUILDING ACT, THEREBY REPEALING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1096, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7805, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A P320 ACROSS-THE-BOARD AND NATIONWIDE INCREASE IN THE DAILY MINIMUM WAGES OF WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1928, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THRU THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE GROSS FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL MISMANAGEMENT, CORRUPTION, AS WELL AS THE PROLIFERATION OF FRAUD THROUGH THE CREATION OF GHOST MEMBERS IN PHILHEALTH”

By Representative Teves
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1929, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DECLARING THE JOURNAL OF THE SESSION DATED MAY 30, 2018, AS HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED”

By Representatives Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1930, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING SPEAKER PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ FOR HIS COMPETENT AND EFFECTIVE STEWARDSHIP OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS”

By Representatives Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Concurrent Resolution No. 17, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES NOT LATER THAN TWELVE O’CLOCK MIDNIGHT, TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018”

By Representatives Fariñas and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

May 29, 2018

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 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”

in order to advance the creation of a new autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao. The passage of this measure is a manifestation of the government’s commitment to address the diverse needs of the people in Bangsamoro, and all communities and constituents of Mindanao, towards a just and lasting peace in Mindanao and in the Philippines as a whole.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

Copy Furnished:
Sen. Vicente C. Sotto III
Senate President
The Philippine Senate
Pasay City

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

Sec. Adelino B. Sitoy
Head
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office
2/F New Executive Bldg.
Malacañang, Manila

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Sec. Adelino B. Sitoy
Head

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Presidential Legislative Liaison Office
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Malacañang, Manila

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

May 29, 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SPEAKER PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ
House Speaker
House of Representatives
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

29 May 2018

Mr. Speaker:

SPEAKER PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ
House Speaker
House of Representatives
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

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 Senate Bill No. 1717, entitled:

Mr. Speaker:

“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”

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 Bill No. 7449, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE BILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P1,161,710,000) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2018 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in order to support and provide the necessary health and medical assistance to Dengvaxia vaccinees.

in order to advance the creation of a new autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao. The passage of this measure is a manifestation of the government’s commitment to address the diverse needs of the people in Bangsamoro, and all communities and constituents of Mindanao, towards a just and lasting peace in Mindanao and in the Philippines as a whole.

Best regards.

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 23, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 22, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Sonny Angara, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of House Bill No. 5160, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF STO. TOMAS”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 23, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 22, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Sonny Angara, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of House Bill No. 5367, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OF THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill No. 1459, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURED TRANSACTIONS LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN THE PHILIPPINES, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION, PERFECTION, DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY, ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALIZED NOTICE REGISTRY,

AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”; and

Senate Bill No. 1762, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM IN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AUGMENTING ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5349, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO NOTRE DAME BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8109, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE NOTRE DAME BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, AND CULTURAL AS WELLASFORCOMMERCIALPURPOSES’”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5635, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BRIGHT STAR BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7295, ENTITLED ‘ANACT GRANTING THE BRIGHT STAR BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION AFRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINESANDFOROTHERPURPOSES’”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6314, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING STREAMTECH SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on March 5, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Cynthia A. Villar, Loren Legarda, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the conflicting provisions of Senate Bill No. 1444, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING PROTECTED AREAS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS) ACT OF 1992’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 6772, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 1992’ ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6030, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING THE CEBU CITY MOUNTAIN EXTENSION CAMPUS AS A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9744, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF CEBU AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6031, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE MAASIN CITY COLLEGE INTO THE

SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY
(SLSU)”
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 4136, entitled:

“ANACTRENEWINGFORANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7816, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5716, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7529, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8069”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 28, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5780, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVTSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVSU), AND EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9832, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON

HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL
STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVTSU) AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 28, 2018, the Senate passed without amendment the following House Bills:

House Bill 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”;

House Bill No. 1875, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN MUNTINLUPACITY INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 3169, entitled:

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

House Bill No. 3188, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CALOOCAN CITY EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 3986, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAYAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO DISTRICT OFFICE OF BALAYAN, BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 4166, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)

LICENSING CENTER IN THE CITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN PABLO CITY LICENSING CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6602, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE HERACLEO CASCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARIA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE HERACLEO CASCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PEDRO MARISCAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6603, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALBAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SUGAL, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE KALBAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS EMELIANO S. FONTANARES SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6971, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY 184, ZONE 19, MARICABAN, PASAY CITY TO BE KNOWN AS PRESIDENT CORAZON ‘CORY’ C. AQUINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6917, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MAMAGUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAMAGUM, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MAMAGUM INTEGRATED SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6918, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PAN-AY DAKO, MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS FELINASE VILLAO AMINAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6919, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MABUHAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MABUHAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MABUHAY INTEGRATED SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6920, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BIGNAY VALENZUELA CITY TO BE KNOWN AS DISIPLINA VILLAGE-BIGNAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and

House Bill No. 6921, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIBLAC, MUNICIPALITY OF AMBAGUIO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS TIBLAC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated March 25, 2018 of Leonor Magtolis Briones, Secretary, Department of Education, informing the House of Representatives that the Department’s report on the Acquisition of School Sites has been uploaded on the DepEd website on March 25, 2018 at <http://www.deped.gov.ph/2018-gaa-special-provisions>.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Letter dated May 8, 2018 of Austere A. Panadero, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government submitting to the House of Representatives the Department’s Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) 1st Quarter Progress Report on PCF for CY 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 18 May 2018 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 a certified and authenticated copy of BSP Circular Letter No. CL2018-034 dated 10 May 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated 25 May 2018 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-2018-035 dated 21 May 2018;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-036 dated 21 May 2018;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-037 dated 18 May 2018;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-038 dated 16 May 2018;
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-039 dated 16 May 2018;
6. Circular No. 1004 dated 24 May 2018; and
7. Memorandum No. M-2018-018 dated 23 May 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 768), re H.B. No. 7801, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PANACAN-2 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1016

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development (Committee Report No. 769), re H.R. No. 1772, entitled:

“RESOLUTION REQUESTING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, TO INCREASE THE BUDGET FOR FY 2019 FOR THE PROGRAMS/PROJECTS FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs), SPECIFICALLY THE KAPATID MENTOR ME PROGRAM, THE SHARED SERVICE FACILITIES PROJECT AND THE TRADE FAIRS OF THE BUREAU OF DOMESTIC TRADE PROMOTION”

recommending its adoption without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Unabia and Limkaichong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development (Committee Report No. 770), re H.R. No. 1771, entitled:

“RESOLUTION REQUESTING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, TO ALLOCATE PHP6 BILLION IN THE FY 2019 BUDGET FOR THE PONDO SA PAGBABAGO AT PAG-ASENSO (P3) PROGRAM BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THROUGH THE SMALL BUSINESS CORPORATION”

recommending its adoption without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Unabia and Limkaichong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 771), re H.B. No. 7811, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TERTIARY HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS ST. BERNADETTE CHILDREN AND MATERNITY HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1293

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Robes and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 772), re H.B. No. 7812, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER (MMM&MC) IN BATAAC CITY, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO THREE HUNDRED (300), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2032

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Marcos, Nograles (K.A.) and Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 773), re H.B. No. 6979, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMARAS LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE”

recommending its approval without amendment

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 774), re H.B. No. 7103, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A CLASS D DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA, CAMARINES SUR”

recommending its approval with amendment

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 6475

Continuation

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 6475, and 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.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6475, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN THE BANGSAMORO 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.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of House Bill No. 6475 is that we ended the period of sponsorship and debate last night at around 11 o'clock in the evening after hearing about eight or nine interpellations. Our status now, Mr. Speaker, is that we are now to proceed to the period of amendments.

I now move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, in consultation with the Committee Chairman, there being no Committee amendment, I move that we proceed to consider individual amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, as a result of two previous caucuses that we had, the Majority Leader distributed to the Members a copy of the substitute Bill to House Bill No. 6475. Just before coming here today, we discussed in caucus the substitute Bill. So, pursuant to Section 104 of our Rules, I move to amend by substitution the entire House Bill No. 6475, as contained in Committee Report No. 758, with the contents of the substitute Bill earlier distributed to all Members and discussed in our caucus.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who expressed his intent to introduce individual amendments, I now move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I now move that we approve House Bill No. 6475 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). 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*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6475 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 6475 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, may I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:29 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:30 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6475 ON THIRD READING

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, as the Majority Leader manifested on the floor in yesterday's session, we received a certificate of urgency with respect to House Bill No. 6475.

Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6475 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title

of the measure pursuant to Section 26(2), Article VI of the Constitution.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6475, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN THE BANGSAMORO, 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.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the nominal voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 86, dated May 30, 2018.*

REP. ALEJANO. Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” and I would like to explain my vote later.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. We vote “Yes” with reservations as to the constitutionally questionable provisions which, we have been assured, will be taken up in the Conference Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No” and I would like to explain my vote later.

REP. CASILAO. Mr. Speaker, ang boto ko po ay “No” at maaari ninyo po ba akong payagan na magpaliwanag sa aking boto later.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, ang Kinatawang ito ay bumoboto ng “No” and I will explain my vote later.

REP. DALIPE. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No.”

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker, ang boto ko po ay “No” at ako po ay handang magpaliwanag mamaya.

REP. DEL MAR. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “Yes” and I reserve the right to explain my vote later.

REP. DIMAPORO (A.). Mr. Speaker, may I explain my vote.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You can explain your vote after the result of the voting. May we know your vote.

REP. DIMAPORO (A.). My vote is “Abstention.”

REP. DIMAPORO (M.K.). Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” but I wish to explain my vote.

REP. ELAGO. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No” and I reserve my right to explain my vote later. Thank you.

REP. JALOSJOS. Mr. Speaker, “Yes,” with reservations.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I vote “No” and I would like to be allowed to explain my vote.

REP. LOBREGAT. I abstain and I will explain my vote.

REP. PACQUIAO. My vote is “Yes” but with reservation, and I would like to explain my vote later.

REP. RODRIGUEZ (M.). I vote “No” and let me explain my vote later.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mr. Speaker, para sa kapayapaan po sa Mindanao, I vote “Yes” and I reserve my right to explain my vote later.

REP. TAN (S.). Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” with reservation to consider my proposed amendment that in the plebiscite in the ARMM, the consideration of the majority of votes should be per province, and only provinces voting favorably shall be included in the Bangsamoro.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Excuse me. You can explain your vote after the result of the voting.

REP. TAN (S.). Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). You can explain your vote after the result of voting.

REP. TAN (S.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TEVES. I vote “Yes,” with reservation.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I vote “No” and will explain my vote later.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I vote “Yes” and will submit my explanation later.*

REP. VELARDE. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “Yes,” with reservations, and I will submit my explanation later.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

REP. YU. I vote “Yes,” Mr. Speaker, with reservations.

REP. ZARATE. Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No” and I reserve my right to explain my vote later.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The result shows 226 affirmative votes, 11 negative votes, and 2 abstentions.

Congratulations to the authors headed by the Speaker and to the Joint Committee!

House Bill No. 6475 is approved on Third Reading.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

REP. ALEJANO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With a sense of reassurance, I vote “Yes” on the passage of the Bangsamoro Basic Law on Third and final Reading. I believe that the time we have spent going through the laborious process of charting a Bangsamoro Basic Law since the last Congress that is constitutional, effective and is acceptable to all parties concerned, has finally borne fruit. We are now one step closer in attaining for Mindanao, most especially the Bangsamoro people, an era of lasting peace and prosperity. There is always hope.

My initial apprehensions on a draft BBL, particularly on the unconstitutionality and the problematic security provisions provided for in the proposed measure came from a place of genuine concern. After all, pushing for the passage of a BBL marred with various infirmities would, instead of advancing, further delay the opportunity for the Bangsamoro people, and for the country as well, for a lasting peace.

I thank this august Body for hearing my concerns and incorporating the necessary amendments that will ensure that the realization of the Bangsamoro’s collective destiny is in harmony with that of our aspiration as a nation. With this, we have proven, not only to ourselves but to our people, that beyond our conflicting political persuasions is a common desire to secure for our Mindanaoan brothers and sisters, a brighter future ahead. We are fortunate to have been given this chance to leave a legacy to this country we have all been called to serve. Let us not squander this opportunity. Let us not allow our differences to hinder this nation’s glorious march towards peace, prosperity and security.

The success of the BBL is the success of our people. I deserve it. We deserve it. The Bangsamoro people deserve it.

Thank you, my dear colleagues. Mabuhay ang Pilipinas. Mabuhay ang Pilipino. Thank you.

REP. BROSAS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ang Gabriela Women’s Party ay naniniwala sa pakikibaka ng mga marginalized sector and underrepresented sa proteksiyon at promosyon ng kanilang karapatan at kagalingan, at isa na rito ang pakikibaka ng mga kapatid nating Moro. Ang pakikibaka ng mga kapatid nating Moro sa kanilang sariling pagkakakilanlan at pagpapasya, historical continuity, lupa, at angking-yaman ay mas matanda pa sa kasaysayan ng kolonyal na pananakop. Ang deka-dekadang pakikibaka ng mga Moro laban sa kolonyalismo at lokal na ruling power ay ang dapat na puso at kaluluwa ng Bangsamoro Basic Law.

“No” ang boto ng Kinatawang ito sa House Bill No. 6475 dahil ito ay malinaw na pagtalikod sa pakikibaka ng mga kapatid nating Moro sa self-determination. Isang pagbalewala sa mga una nang napanalunan ng mga kapatid nating Moro ang mga probisyon sa bersiyon ng House ng BBL.

Ang House Bill No. 6475 ay isang papel na imbes na magpapatingkad at magpapatibay sa dekadang pakikibaka ng mga Moro ay magpapalusaw sa mga nauna na nitong kagalingan at napagbunyian. Bukod sa hindi pagkilala sa kakayahan nitong tumindig at magpasya, tinanggal din nito ang karapatang mapagyaman at mahinang ang anumang likas-yaman nito—isang papel na nagsasabing autonomous ka ngunit sa esensiya ay tinanggalan ka naman ng karapatan sa pagpapasya at pagkakakilanlan.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASILAO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. CASILAO. Bumoto ng “No” ang Kinatawang ito, Mr. Speaker, hindi dahil hindi ko kinikilala ang pangangailangan ng batas bilang hakbang tungo sa pagkamit ng kapayapaan sa Mindanao; bagkus, ang inaprubahang batas ay malayung-malayo sa panuntunan ng paniniwala ko sa tunay na pakahulugan ng awtonomiya at tunay na karapatan sa sariling pagpapasya. Batayang paniniwala po ng Kinatawang ito na ang pinakamataas na pagbibigay-katarungan sa nararanasang historikal na kamalian at pang-aapi ng mamamayang Moro ay sa pamamagitan ng pagkilala at pagsakatuparan ng kanilang sariling pagpapasya na kongkreto, Mr. Speaker. Sariling Konstitusyon, sariling identidad, sariling teritoryo, sariling batas, sariling sistema sa hustisya, sariling sistemang pinansiya, sariling sandatahang lakas, sariling kapulisan—mga batayang elemento sa pulitika, ekonomiya at kultura, na kung mayroon man, ang mga makukuhang halaga o pakinabang sa pagpasá ng House Bill No. 6475, Mr. Speaker, ay matatabunan sa napakamaraming pag-atras sa mahahalagang salik na inabot ng mga kasunduan

tulad ng Final Peace Agreement, Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro and Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro.

Makakaasa kayo na tuluy-tuloy na kaisa ninyo ang Kinatawang ito sa patuloy pang paggigiit, pakikibaka at laban tungo sa tunay na kapayapaan na nakabatay sa katarungan. Malawak pa ang larangang pakikibaka ng Bangsamoro, at tiyak, dagdag-aral ito sa ating karanasan at sa kasaysayan na bibitbitin pa ng susunod na henerasyon at salinlahi ng mga nakikibakang mamamayang Moro.

Maraming salamat po.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.) EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). G. Ispiker, ang Kinatawan pong ito ay lubos ang suporta para sa ating mga kapatid na Moro, para sa kanilang sariling pagpapasya at nagpupugay po ang Kinatawang ito sa kanilang mahabang kasaysayan ng paglaban para sa mananakop upang ipagtanggol ang lupain at ang mamamayang Pilipino. Ngunit ako po ay bumoboto ng “No” sa House Bill No. 6475 dahil naniniwala po ako na hindi ito magbibigay ng tunay na pagbabago para sa mga Moro nating kapatid dahil nasa ilalim pa rin sila ng oppressive, anti-people laws at sistemang hawak ng makapangyarihan laban sa walang kapangyarihan, sistemang pabor lamang sa mayayaman at puro pasakit para sa mga mahihirap, at mga sosyo-ekonomikong ugat ng kahirapan. Hindi mabuwag, halimbawa, ang mga dinastiya. Hindi pa rin mahahawakan at makontrol ng Bangsamoro ang kanilang mga lupaing ninuno at mga rekurso nito na dapat ay kanilang magagamit para sa kanilang sariling kapakanan.

Sa sektor ng edukasyon, G. Ispiker, halimbawa, ito ang epekto ng pagpapanatili ng Bangsamoro sa ilalim ng mga mapanupil na batas at bulok na sistema—walang makabuluhang pagbabago sa sistema at prinsipyo ng budgeting. So, ano ang kasiguruhan na mabibigyan ng sapat na pondo ang sektor kung never na tumaas ang pondo para sa edukasyon ng bansa sa 6 percent na GDP sa international standard?

Samakatuwid ay hindi rin mabibigyan ng sapat na MOOE ang mga public schools natin sa ARMM. In the first place, hindi pa rin mako-construct ang sapat na bilang ng mga eskuwelahan para magbigay ng libreng edukasyon. Anong kasiguruhan na ang suweldo ng mga guro at kawani ay tataas kung sa ngayon ay tumatangi ang pambansang pamahalaan na bigyan sila ng substansyal na salary increases? Anong kasiguruhan na bibigyan sila ng sapat na benepisyo kung sa kasalukuyang sistema ay hindi sumasabay ang mga benepisyo ng mga teacher sa ARMM sa benepisyo ng mga guro na nasa ilalim ng DepEd, halimbawa po ay ang chalk allowance, ang clothing allowance, at ang PBB? Anong kasiguruhan na mawawala ang

kontraktuwalisasyon na bumibiktima sa libu-libong mga guro at non-teaching employees ng ARMM?

Sa ganito pong kalagayan, G. Ispiker, bumoboto po ang Kinatawang ito ng “No.”

REP. DE JESUS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. DE JESUS. Salamat, G. Ispiker.

Mr. Speaker, this Representation supports the genuine efforts to achieve just and lasting peace, and to address the historical injustice against the Bangsamoro people. But I cannot support a measure that does not lucidly reflect the Bangsamoro’s aspiration for self-determination and that which espouses a shortcut to peace. We, in Gabriela Women’s Party, are afraid that the commendable efforts of our Moro brothers and sisters for a Bangsamoro political entity may end up in a detour to what is already existing under the framework of autonomy.

Daang taon nang dumaranas ang mga kapatid nating Moro ng diskriminasyon, karahasan at inhustisya. Since colonial times, a succession of regimes has violently forced the Moro people into integration with the main body polity, robbed them of their ancestral lands and exploited their natural resources, with little beneficial return to their communities. This has produced people whose cultural and political identity were violated, shoved to the lowest tier of Philippine society, counting the Bangsamoro communities among the most depressed in the country and their people among the poorest in terms of income, welfare education, health and other social services. Apart from this, our ruling elite and officialdom have exploited the Bangsamoro social structure in forming political warlords that serve as local conduits of political and economic patronage, exacerbating the grossly unequal distribution of wealth among the Bangsamoro.

Ang tanong, nasagot ba ng panukalang batas na ito ang malalim na historical na inhustisyang dinaranas ng mga kapatid na Moro? Klaro na hindi substansyal ang iniaalok ng panukalang ito dahil kalakhan sa mga reserved powers at iba pang mga ibinigay na probisyon ay nananatiling hawak pa rin ng sentral na pamahalaan. Kapos na kapos ang iniaalok na solusyon ng panukalang ito sa panlipunang ligalig na nakaugat sa kahirapan at malawak na kawalan ng lupa. Sa halip, nagmumukha itong shortcut sa kapayapaan sa pamamagitan ng nakalilito at mga mapanlinlang na pangako tungo sa paggogobyerno. Hindi ito ang naririnig nating sigaw ng mga mamamayang Moro at hindi rin ito ang formula na magtitiyak ng just and lasting peace para sa mga kapatid natin sa Kamindanaoan.

For these reasons, I vote “No” on House Bill No. 6475.

Maraming salamat.

REP. DEL MAR EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. DEL MAR. Mr. Speaker, “Peace be with you, and also with you” is the exchange of blessing we extend to each other when we hear Mass. This exchange of blessing is not limited to those who are inside the church but extends to everyone in the entire country, especially the Christians and Muslims alike, and extends as well to everywhere in the entire country and not only in the Bangsamoro territory.

I therefore vote “Yes” on House Bill No. 6475, the Bangsamoro Basic Law, but subject to the exclusion of its provisions which are inconsistent with or violative of the Constitution and existing laws.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. ELAGO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

Lubos ang pagkilala ng Representasyon na ito sa matagal nang laban ng mga Moro para sa sariling pagpapasya, at ng laban ng mga pambansang minority para sa kanilang mga karapatan at hustisya. Gaya ng maraming mga paglaban para sa pagsulong ng ating mga karapatan at tunay na demokrasya sa ating bansa, masalimuot ang karanasan ng ating mga kababayang Moro. Hindi natin maikukubli na sila ang isa kung hindi ang pinakapinagmalupitan ng dahas ng Estado.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr.

Sa ating pakikiisa para sa pagpapanday ng daan tungo sa kapayapaan at hustisya, hindi natin maaatim ang pagbibigay ng suporta sa kasalukuyang bersiyon ng Bangsamoro Basic Law.

Ang boto ng KABATAAN ay “No,” Mr. Speaker. Hindi kami papayag na maging bahagi ng isang Kongreso na papabayaang mas lalong gipitin ng pasistang administrasyon at Estado ang ating mga kababayang Moro na nakaranas na ng makasaysayang paglaban sa mga dayuhang mananakop, pribado at dayuhang investors na walang ibang interes kung hindi ang pandarambong sa ating mga likas na yaman, at sa paggigiit ng kanilang karapatan sa sariling pagpapasya.

At this juncture, Rep. Gonzales (A.D.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu.

Ngayon pa lamang, G. Ispiker, itinatala na ng Barug Katungod, isang alyansa ng human rights defenders, ang isa sa mga pinakamatataas na datos ng paglabag sa karapatang pantao sa ARMM pa lamang. Five hundred twenty-three thousand seven

hundred thirty-four na indibidwal ang napilitang lumikas sa kanilang mga tahanan mula May 2017 hanggang December 2017; madalas na aerial bombardments sa Marawi at ang kalakhan ay naganap dahil sa indiscriminatory aerial strikes noong Marawi siege; 462 na Moro ang nakakaranas ng tagging bilang mga terorista o rebelde; nakaranas din ang mga Moro communities ng hamletting.

Noong nakaraang taon lamang, habang nagpapatuloy ang giyera sa Marawi, naging rekomendasyon pa ng mga pulis sa Tarlac na magkaroon ng ID system na espesyal lamang sa mga Moro. Mula Bud Dajo massacre noong 1906, hanggang Jabidah massacre noong 1968, hanggang sa kasalukuyang pagturing sa mga Moro bilang second-class citizens at pagplasta ng mga mukha ng mga lider ng mga progresibong grupo sa iba’t ibang mga checkpoints sa Mindanao, hindi natin maipagkakaila na ang mga Moro ay lubhang napagkaitan ng hustisya at pagkilala sa kanilang mga karapatan at lubos na ang historikal na kamalian laban sa kanila.

Sa ilalim ng panukalang BBL, mayroon lang tayong tatlong mahahalagang punto na gustong idiin. Una, imbes na ito ay magbigay ng daan para lalong maatim ng ating mga kababayang Moro ang kanilang karapatan sa sariling pagpapasya, ito lamang ay magbibigay ng lisensya para sa administrasyong Duterte at pambansang gobyerno na lalo pa silang mapagmalupitan at hawakan sa leeg. Ang lahat ng miyembro ng Bangsamoro Transition Authority ay magiging appointee ng pangulo—isang pangulo na kilala na sa kanyang pagtatalaga ng mga matatalik na kaibigan at mga kasosyo sa maraming puwesto sa gobyerno.

Imbes na magkaroon ng sariling pagdepensa ang mga Bangsamoro, lahat ng miyembro ng Moro Islamic Liberation Front ay tatawagin na para ma-decommission...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Your time is up, Representative Elago.

REP. ELAGO. Sa madaling salita...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Please wind up.

REP. ELAGO. Sa madaling salita ay mag-surrender sa gobyerno kaya nga naman, Mr. Speaker, ang nais ng Kinatawang ito ay mailagay sa loob ng records ng Kongresong ito ang kanyang kompletong eksplanasyon kung bakit tayo tumututol sa kasalukuyang bersiyon ng Bangsamoro Basic Law at ang ating hangad...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Please wind up, your time is up.

REP. ELAGO. ... ay ang pagpapanday ng kapayapaan na nakabatay sa hustisya at magtatama sa mga historikal na kamalian at paglabag sa karapatang pantao ng ating mga kababayang Moro at sa kabuuan ng ating mga kababayan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Secretary General is directed to call the next Member.

REP. ELAGO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DIMAPORO (A.) EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. DIMAPORO (A.). Mr. Speaker, I vote with very much great reservation on whether or not this law will be good for the country. In the previous Congress in the past, I voted “No” on the ARMM Law and I would have voted “No” on this law because of my apprehension that it may not be good for the country. However, I have great trust and confidence in the Duterte administration and that is why I am voting in abstention. This is also because, Mr. Speaker, we are happy that the House leadership and the Members of this House of Representatives have agreed to require that only if the entire province of Lanao del Norte in a plebiscite can the six municipalities be transferred to the Bangsamoro. We are voting in abstention, Mr. Speaker, in spite of the fact that we know that this is unconstitutional for them to get the six municipalities. With the six municipalities under the Bangsamoro, it will have no province to report to which is against the Constitution as municipalities have to be overseen by a province.

So, Mr. Speaker, again, I vote in abstention with great gratitude to the House leadership and the Members of this House of Representatives for allowing the province to have a plebiscite and to decide on whether or not to give the six municipalities to the Bangsamoro.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, reading:

REP. DIMAPORO (M.K.) EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. DIMAPORO (M.K.). Mr. Speaker, *Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu. Ramadan Mubarak* to everybody here today.

I would like to explain my vote, Mr. Speaker.

From the very beginning, I have always believed that the BBL or the Bangsamoro Basic Law was riddled with imperfections. As a matter of fact, passing the Bangsamoro Basic Law, it is still questionable. It still has to pass the test of constitutionality before it can be delivered to the people that it is supposed to cater to.

From the very basic principle of the Bangsamoro Basic Law, I personally object against it—and that

is the Moro-not-Filipino doctrine—that in the past, Mindanao was never conquered by the Spaniards, so the Spanish never had the right to sell Mindanao to the Americans and Mindanao should have never been part of the Republic of the Philippines. I, as a person, have never believed that doctrine. What I believe is the word “Muslim-Filipino.” The word “Muslim Filipino,” at one point in our country’s history, was actually an oxymoron. The Philippine Republic, being the only Catholic country in Southeast Asia—it is hard to think that there could be Muslim-Filipinos. What I believe in is our country, our Constitution, everything that the flag symbolizes and says that even the minority Muslims in our country, the Philippines, have equal rights, have equal service to their constituents.

Personally, for me, Mr. Speaker, the true way to achieve sustainable peace in Muslim Mindanao is to give them their needed attention, uplift their standard of living. What the Bangsamoro Basic Law promised to do—that is still yet to be seen. We have already experienced a peace agreement for the ARMM, with the MNLF, and after 20 years, we are here talking about peace again.

What I fear is if the BBL is not properly taken care of, after 20 years, we will be back here in this House of Representatives talking about approving another peace agreement. But I will not get away from any movement forward towards peace, which is why, Mr. Speaker, I voted “Yes” on the Bangsamoro Basic Law.

In addition to that, I would like to also thank our good Speaker and the House leadership for accommodating the Sangguniang Panlalawigan resolution of the province of Lanao del Norte, signed by our governor, Governor “Angging” Quibranza-Dimaporo, that there should be a province-wide plebiscite in the province of Lanao del Norte, for the Bangsamoro Basic Law, and that was delivered today by our Speaker, Speaker Bebot Alvarez. On behalf of the people of Lanao del Norte, I would like to thank our leadership.

Second, Mr. Speaker, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Your time is up.

REP. DIMAPORO (M.K.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker, may I ask for 50 seconds.

Well, in any case, Mr. Speaker, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Okay, you may have your 50 seconds.

REP. DIMAPORO (M.K.). In closing, I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, we will leave this now to the people of Lanao del Norte. They will decide what will be our fate: to divide our province or to stay united. Sana lang, we will stay united.

Daghang salamat, Mr. Speaker, and thank you again to the leadership of the House today.

REP. LAGMAN EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I vote “No” because abolishing the ARMM and installing the Bangsamoro autonomous homeland by ordinary legislation is a flawed and unconstitutional process.

The pertinent provisions of the 1987 Constitution, under Article X, elevate the ARMM to a constitutional entity similar to the COMELEC, the COA, the Civil Service Commission, the Office of the Ombudsman, and the Commission on Human Rights. Verily, the ARMM cannot be dismantled to give way to the BBL without first amending the Constitution by abolishing the ARMM and authorizing the Congress to enact the BBL in its place. We cannot place the cart before the horse.

Moreover, it was the Eighth Congress, not this Congress, not the Seventeenth Congress which was mandated by the 1987 Constitution under Section 19 of Article X to enact the Organic Act for an Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, which it did by enacting Republic Act No. 6734 on August 1, 1989. This was my firm position and conviction even when the Aquino administration attempted to pass the BBL by mere legislation.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Bangsamoro autonomous homeland, under House Bill No. 6475, is vested with powers ascendant to the ARMM and some of which are nebulous and unexplained like those on power and energy, natural resources and budgeting, among others.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LOBREGAT EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. LOBREGAT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my vote was that I abstained. I have always said, I am for peace, I am not anti-peace, but we need a Bangsamoro Basic Law that is just; that is fair; that is acceptable, feasible and, more important, consistent with the Constitution and existing law.

What we passed today was not House Bill No. 6475 without any amendment. What we passed today was a substitute bill to House Bill No. 6475, which corrected many, many unconstitutional and disadvantageous provisions to the Republic.

First of all, the issue of creeping expansion was addressed because there will be only one plebiscite upon ratification. Contiguity was defined, contiguity will be by land, and even the definition of the territory was very clear. It will no longer be maritime including terrestrial, fluvial, alluvial and so forth, and aerial domain, but what was approved was land mass including waters over which the Bangsamoro has jurisdiction.

The powers that really belong to the national government were specified. Added to the reserved powers were the Armed Forces of the Philippines; the Philippine National Police; jail management; fire protection; the Philippine Coast Guard; national, regional elections; powers of the Supreme Court; powers of the Ombudsman; administration of justice, quarantine, and transportation. These were not under the reserved powers of the national government, now they are rightfully placed under the reserved powers. In terms of concurrent powers, exclusive powers like education were transferred to the concurrent powers, and we made it sure that the Bangsamoro government shall adopt an integrated system of government which shall be a subsystem of the national education system.

So, it is very clear that what we passed today corrected all of the disadvantageous or most unconstitutional problems. On national defense, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Your time is up, Representative Lobregat.

REP. LOBREGAT. Can I ask for ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Okay, I will give you the time not consumed by Representative Elago.

REP. LOBREGAT. Okay. So, on national defense, security, public order and safety, it is very clear that the defense and security of the autonomous region shall be the responsibility of the national government.

On public order and safety, the Bangsamoro Regional Police shall be under direct operational and administrative control and supervision of the Philippine National Police. They will no longer have a NAPOLCOM office but it will be a regional office.

So, Mr. Speaker, that is why I changed—I would have voted “No”; however, there are still some issues that have to be resolved and I hope this will be resolved in the Conference Committee. One very important issue that needs to be resolved in the Conference Committee is the “Repealing Clause,” because in the “Repealing Clause,” it says that House Bills No. 6734 and 9054 are repealed. But then it says, “All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances and parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Basic Law, are hereby repealed or modified.”

The Bangsamoro Basic Law cannot sweepingly amend other laws like the IPRA, the Local Government Code, and so many other laws. That is why, instead of voting “Yes” with reservation, I voted in abstention, because we really have to see the final outcome of this Bill when it comes out in the Conference Committee.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Thank you, Honorable Lobregat.

REP. PACQUIAO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. PACQUIAO. Mr. Speaker, my dear colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen, magandang hapon po sa ating lahat.

In this short manifestation, I would like to express my support for the passage of a Bangsamoro Basic Law which would truly realize the aspirations of the Bangsamoro people. Their unique history, culture and struggles must be acknowledged. Moro brothers and sisters should have the autonomy they deserve and have long fought for. I also believe that such law would finally pave the way for a just and lasting peace in Mindanao. However, I would like to manifest my reservation on the Bill's provision of holding any subsequent plebiscite after the first one and in other areas of Mindanao. It would subject many areas in our island to dangerous uncertainty, and I am very concerned about the potential animosity it might create among various religious and cultural groups in places where there is no clear Muslim majority, like in my beloved province of Sarangani. In my view, it would be better to leave the question of whether to expand the Bangsamoro region or not to future legislators. That way, it would also be more consistent to the Constitution and the existing laws. Still, I sincerely hope that my reservation would be considered during the Conference Committee, not only to improve the law on its merits, but also to increase its chances of surviving a likely constitutional challenge before the Supreme Court.

Thank you very much, and let us all pray for a lasting peace in Mindanao.

REP. RODRIGUEZ (M.). EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. RODRIGUEZ (M.). Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain my "No" vote.

For reasons contained in my interpellation last night and for other vital concerns, I voted "No."

It is my prayer that we, the Mindanaoans, the Christians, the Muslims, the Lumads, the mestizos, seize the light of day for peace, harmony and unity under a federal government which our President has already pledged and which we have dreamed of. We pray for federalism for all the people in Mindanao. So help us, God.

Thank you.

REP. SY-ALVARADO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mr. Speaker, masidhi pong sinusuportahan ng Unang Distrito ng Bulacan, sa pangunguna po ng kanilang Kinatawan, ang Bangsamoro

Basic Law sapagkat ito po ay pinaniniwalaan natin na kailangan ng lahat, hindi lang ng mga Mindanaoans, kung hindi ng mga mamamayan ng Bangsamoro upang mapanatili ang pagkakaisa sa kanilang lugar. Pinapaniwalaan po natin na mula po sa pagkakaisa ay dadaloy ang kaunlaran sa buong Pilipinas.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TEVES EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. TEVES. I voted "Yes", if this is what is needed to have peace in Mindanao. But, I said I voted with reservation dahil ang nakita ko, kung may ibibigay tayong pera o salapi sa isang lugar, kailangang maibigay natin sa lahat ng hihingi in the future.

What am I trying to drive at? If we are giving 6 percent, and 18 others will ask for 6—I mean, 17 others will ask for 6 percent later, that is 18 times 6, so that is already 108 percent. That will be over and above our budget.

Kaya sabi ko, wala naman akong reklamo sa kung magkano, ang sa akin lang, kung may ibibigay tayo, kailangang consistent and feasible. In the future, if we will have more states or we will have other autonomous regions, kaya natin bigyan ng parehas. Sana lang isama nila ito kung may amendments man sa Conference Committee para hindi tayo magkagulo later.

Thank you very much.

REP. TINIO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, bumoto po ako ng "No" at nais ko pong magpaliwanag.

Una, ito po ang bersyon ng batas na ipinasá sa Komite, inisponsor at pinagdebatehan sa Kapulungang ito nitong mga nakaraang araw. Ito po ang substitute Bill na ipinasá ngayong araw lamang at inaprubahan sa pamamagitan ng botohan kanina. Sa pagitan ng dalawang bersyon na ito ay lalong malalayo na po at hindi maisasakatuparan ang makabuluhang pamamahala sa sarili na minimithi ng Bangsamoro at tanging magdadala ng pangmatagalang kapayapaan sa Mindanao.

Ano po ba ang ipinaglalaman ng Bangsamoro at ano ang inaasahan nila sa Kapulungang ito na magpasá ng isang batas na kikilala at magwawasto sa daantaong karanasan ng pang-aapi, pangsasamantala at diskriminasyon ng bansang Pilipinas lalo na ng mga nasa kapangyarihan at mga dayuhan laban sa ating mga kababayang Bangsamoro?

Ngunit, ano ang ipinasá ngayong hapon? Sa bersyon po na inaprubahan ngayon ay tinanggalan na po ng bituka ang napagkasunduan ng MILF at ng administrasyong Duterte, at isinakatawan sa bersyon na inisponsor sa Kapulungang ito.

Bakit po natin sinabing tinanggalan na ng bituka, ano? Dahil po ito sa napakaraming mga amendment,

katulad ng pagbawi sa napakaraming mga kapangyarihan na dapat ay taglay ng Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. Kabilang dito ang mga sumusunod: sa bersyon na ipinasá, tinanggal na po ang exclusive na kapangyarihan sa education, health, power and energy, natural resources, pati sa ancestral domain, Shari'ah courts, auditing, public works and highways, Bangsamoro police, foreign investment, possession of lands and resources by indigenous peoples, urban land reform, energy and power generation, preferential rights of the Bangsamoro in Zones of Joint Cooperation, natural resources, natural reserves, protected areas, at marami pang iba. Pero sa madaling sabi po, sa bersyon na ipinasá ngayon ay kinatay na po ang napagkasunduan sa pagitan ng Malacañang at ng MILF.

Kaya ang pangamba po natin ay hindi makakamit ang pangmatagalang kapayapaan na nakabatay sa hustisya ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Your time is up.

REP. TINIO. ... sa pagpasá ng batas na ito, kaya po tayo bumoto ng "No," Mr. Speaker.

REP. TAN (S.) EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. TAN (S.). Mr. Speaker, KUSUG TAUSUG Party-List voted "Yes" with reservation to consider our proposed amendment that in the conduct of the plebiscite in the ARMM, the consideration of the majority of votes shall be per province and only provinces voting favorably shall be included in the Bangsamoro. The current provision in the BBL with regard to the ARMM plebiscite runs contrary to Section 18, Article X of the Constitution.

So, Mr. Speaker, if this is declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, the entire BBL will crash because this involves territory. All we are asking for, Mr. Speaker, is that we give our people the freedom of choice. Let us not force them. Let us allow them to vote if they want to be included in the Bangsamoro.

There is no compulsion in Islam, Mr. Speaker. And so, all we are asking for is that we give our people the freedom of choice.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. ZARATE. G. Speaker, kinikilala at nakikiisa ang BAYAN MUNA sa daantaong pakikibaka ng mamamayang Moro para sa karapatan sa sariling pagpapasya. Ang pakikibaka ng Bangsamoro laban sa pang-aapi at pansasamantala ng lokal at dayuhang kapangyarihan ay bahagi ng kabuuang laban ng sambayanang Pilipino para sa tunay na kalayaan.

Ang panukalang batas ng BBL na isinumite ng Bangsamoro Transition Commission ay bunga ng mahabang negosasyon sa pagitan ng gobyerno at ng Moro Islamic Liberation Front at kahit na ng Moro National Liberation Front. Batay sa ibinahagi sa atin, ang pinal na dokumentong isinumite sa Kapulungang ito ay naglalaman ng mga compromises para magkaroon lamang ng pagkakaisa at sa malao't madali ay maipasá ang isang Bangsamoro Basic Law. Ngunit, G. Speaker, hindi katanggap-tanggap ang pinakahuli at pinalabnaw na panukalang BBL. Binalewala ng substituted House Bill No. 6475 ang lahat ng mga pagsisikap na itulak ang karapatan sa sariling pagpapasya sa harap ng nakaraming limitasyong itinatakda ng pamahalaan.

Marami ang nawala at nabagong mga probisyon sa orihinal na bersyon ng BTC. Kabilang dito ang pag-downgrade sa Autonomous Region in the Bangsamoro sa halip na "Bangsamoro," pagbago sa geographical area sa halip na sa usaping teritoryo, at ang usapin ng plebisito sa pagdagdag ng teritoryo sa Bangsamoro at maging sa usapin ng Bangsamoro police. Isang mahalagang usapin din ang pagtanggap sa exclusive control ng Bangsamoro sa poder ng enerhiya, natural resources, public utilities, at iba pa. Wala at hindi naging bahagi rin ng panukalang substitute Bill ang repormang agraryo na tutugon sana sa malawakang kawalan ng lupa.

Hindi magiging ganap ang awtonomiya habang patuloy na umiiral ang malulubhang paglabag sa karapatan at kabuhayan ng mamamayang Moro lalo na sa ilalim ng martial law sa Mindanao at post-Marawi siege. Hindi magkakaroon ng ganap na awtonomiya at tunay na kapayapaan sa Bangsamoro hanggang mananatili ang pag-aapi at pagsasamantala ng mga dayuhan at lokal na naghahari sa Mindanao at sa pambansang saklaw lalu't higit ang pagsasamantala sa ating mga magsasaka, mahihirap na magsasaka at mga manggagawa. Magpapatuloy ang pang-aapi at pagsasamantala sa Bangsamoro hanggang hindi hinaharap at tinutugunan ang ugat ng kahirapan at inhustisyang panlipunan at pang-ekonomiya.

Ang substitute Bill, G. Speaker, ay hindi lamang pagtalikod sa pinagkasunduan na sa mga usapang pangkapayapaan ng mga Moro Revolutionary Front at ng gobyerno, kundi ito ay isang tahasang pagtatakwil din sa aspirasyon at mithiin ng mga mamamayang Moro para sa isang tunay na awtonomiya at sa kanilang sariling pagpapasya.

Nasa kamay, G. Speaker, ng nagkakaisa ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Lampas na po ang oras.

REP. ZARATE. May I ask for an extension, one-minute extension, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Sige po.

REP. ZARATE. Nasa kamay at pagkakaisa ng lumalabang mamamayang Moro ang katuparan ng kanilang aspirasyon para sa sariling pagpapasya, hindi sa panukalang BBL na ito ng administrasyong Duterte.

Hindi tutugon ang substituted House Bill No. 6475 sa aspirasyon ng Bangsamoro para sa karapatan sa sariling pagpapasya at tunay na awtonomiya. Dapat lamang na tutulan ang panukalang ito.

G. Speaker, bilang panghuli, naging bigo man ang Kongresong ito na magbalangkas at magpasá ng isang tunay at makabuluhang batas, patuloy pa rin ang Kinatawang ito na suportahan ang mga panukala, kahingian at kahilingan, at pakikibaka na magsusulong sa karapatan para sa sariling pagpapasya at tunay na awtonomiya sa mamamayang Moro, mamamayang Lumad, at lahat ng mga pambansang minoritya.

Salamat, G. Spiker.

APPROVAL OF H.B.NO. 6475 ON THIRD READING

DEPUTY SPEAKER. With 227 affirmative votes, 11 negative votes and 2 abstentions, House Bill No.6475 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we hold a Privilege Hour.

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

The Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to move for the recognition of the honorable Gentleman from the Second District of Caloocan City, the Hon. Edgar R. Erice, who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Gentleman, Edgar Erice, Representative of the Second District of Caloocan City, is recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ERICE

REP. ERICE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my dear colleagues.

Today I rise on a matter of national importance, a matter attached to the integrity of each Member of

this august Chamber and all other elected officials whose mandate was derived from the results of the 2016 national and local elections through the use of Automated Election System or AES.

Today, I want to be clear and straightforward. In an effort to condition the minds of our people that he was cheated in the vice presidential elections, the camp of defeated vice presidential candidate, Senator Bongbong Marcos, had been throwing malicious accusations, spreading lies, and fake news that aim to discredit his rival, Vice President Leni Robredo, but in effect has cast doubt on the integrity of our electoral system. The camp of Senator Bongbong is trying to burn the whole House in order to condition the minds of the people that they were cheated and that there had been massive cheating in the 2016 national and local elections.

Mr. Speaker, it is our duty to defend the truth. The AES is a product of Congress and I daresay that in the history of Philippine elections, it is the most successful and the cleanest, compared to previous manual elections.

I had been a Vice Chairman of the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms in the previous Congress. I also had been a member of the Joint Congressional Senate Committee on the Automated Elections, and during my stint, there were many allegations that we had heard from different sectors, mostly from sour graping politicians who lost in the elections. But with numerous hearings, opening of ballot boxes, voting machines, and election documents—all these allegations were proven to be baseless and just a product of their wild imaginations.

Hanggang ngayon, wala hong napapatunayan na nagkaroon ng mga dayaan sa lahat ng mga halalan na ginamitan ng AES. We even went into actual demonstration of the high-breed system as a possible alternative. But in the end, the present AES turned out to be far superior, cost effective and faster than the others.

Magmula nang Automated Electoral System ang ating ginamit, marami pong buhay ang naisalba. Naiwasan ang dating matinding kaguluhan at karahasan sa mga presinto. Nawala ang dagdag-bawas sa mga munisipyo at mga probinsiya, at naging mas epektibo ang pagsubaybay ng PPCRV at NAMFREL. Naging mabilis din ang proklamasyon ng mga nagwaging mga kandidato.

Mr. Speaker, it is our patriotic duty to protect the gains of our electoral system. I subscribe that there will always be a room for improvement especially with the technological advances. Yet, it will be a great disservice to our people if some parties, out of selfish ends, machinate to discredit the AES.

Mr. Speaker, tunay na nagugulumihanan ako kung paano paniniwalaan ang akusasyon ni Senator Bongbong Marcos ng pandaraya laban kay VP Leni. Paano kaya nabibigkas ni G. Marcos nang tuwid

ang mukha at walang kurap ang mga mata ang mga kasinungalingang ito. Si VP Leni ay salat sa salapi at walang karanasan sa mga makinasyon ng mga halalan. Walang pambansang makinarya upang magkaroon ng kakayahan para sa malawakang pandaraya. Si G. Marcos ay maraming salapi—170 bilyon pa lamang ang nare-recover ng PCGG sa tinatayang \$10 bilyong na nadambong ng rehimeng Marcos. Pagdating sa dayaan sa halalan, walang tatalo sa kakayahan sa pandaraya ng rehimeng Marcos.

Tandang-tanda ko pa, 18 taong gulang ako, 1978, Batasang Pambansa election, si Senator Ninoy Aquino; si Senator Neptali Gonzales, ama ng ating dating Majority Leader, Boyet Gonzales; si Senator Ernie Maceda, ama ni Cong. Edward Maceda, ay lampasuhin sa halalan ng isang Barangay Captain sa Cubao. Tandang-tanda ko pa kung paano ginamit ang buong makinarya at salapi ng bayan para sa pandaraya. Tandang-tanda ko pa kung paano gipitin, ikulong at patayin ang mga kalabang kandidato tulad ni Evelio Javier.

Malupit ang rehimeng Marcos na sobrang nasarapan sa puwesto kaya't ayaw umalis sa Malacañang kahit kapalit ang paghihirap ng bayan at buhay ng mga mamamayan. Ngayon, miss na miss na nila ang Malacañang. Nakakaamoy sila ng pagkakataon, naglalaway sa kapangyarihan, ginagamit ang kapangyarihang salapi at impluwensiya upang makamit ang pangarap na linisin ang pangalan sa pamamagitan ng kasinungalingan. Subalit hangga't may mga makabayang Pilipino na nakaranas, nakasaksi sa lupit ng rehimeng Marcos, may magbubunyag pa rin ng mga katotohanan at sisigaw ng "Laban"!

Mr. Speaker, to prove my point, I have compiled several allegations of the camp of Senator Bongbong Marcos. Let me respond to them one by one.

First, Senator Bongbong alleged that there was cheating and results were changed to favor one candidate. Such allegation is not true. The truth of the matter is that not a single vote had been changed. If votes had been changed, then cheating must surely have happened, all the hue and cry, and all the huffing and puffing from the accusers have been all worth it for surely there must have been cheating if just a single vote had been changed. But if it can be proven that not one vote had been manipulated, then everyone would have to agree that cheating was not likely to have happened. Sadly, for those who alleged cheating, their cornerstone argument can easily be torn down by the fact that every single count in the system matches with the rest.

Mr. Speaker, it is a demonstrable fact that verified voter paper audit trail, the path count is the same as the election returns and the same as the COCs in the Municipal Board of Canvassers and the same as COCs in the Provincial Board of Canvassers and the same as the COCs in the national server and the same as what

you will find in the central server and in the transparency server.

If there was indeed massive cheating in the 2016 elections and all of these allegations were true, does it mean that all of us here, Members of this House, cheated? There was a total of 2,775,270 election returns, from 92,509 precincts times 30 copies of ERs per precinct printed during the 2016 elections. Out of this huge paper trail, not one instance of this discrepancy between the ER and the transmitted result has been observed. The results down to the precinct level were published in the near real-time in the public website. Anyone could have easily compared the public results with any of the more-than-two-million hard copies of the ERs in existence, if alterations have been suspected.

The Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting or PPCRV manually encoded all the copies of the election returns. It compared the information derived from the PPCRV computerized system with the vote counting machine or VCM transmitted results and found a 99.9 percent match. A Random Manual Audit was conducted on May 9, 2016 national elections, from which it was reported by the RMA that from the actual 6,687 precinct results that were collected, the data showed that the machine and the audit counts matched at 99.9023 percent. Most variants are due to the difference on how the machine and the humans appreciated partly-shaded voting ovals. A variance is any difference between the machines' generated count shown in the ER and the RMA count. At this accuracy level, any variance will be too small that it can only be attributed to a random error or that which can only occur by chance rather than by a systemic or manipulated error.

Second, Senator Marcos also alleged that the results were transmitted before election day. Such allegation is a myth. No votes were transmitted before 5:00 p.m. of the May 9, 2016 elections. It is true that during the final testing and sealing, the transmission diagnostics functionality of the VCMs did, in fact, transmitted some information, but these transmissions were merely headers that contained identification data such as clustered precincts ID.

The COMELEC *en banc* issued Resolution No. 9987 promulgated on September 14, 2015, establishing the guidelines of the source code, and reviewed the AES for the 2016 national and local elections. According to the guidelines, before the start of the transmission and reception of the CCS, the Board of Canvassers shall print a CCS initialization report also known as Seal Vote Reports to prove to the public that no election results are stored in the CCS file system. The CCS cannot receive votes before the CCS initialization report is generated because the election is not yet activated. Therefore, this transmission did not contain any single vote. The accusation of Mr. Marcos is wrong.

Third, the Final Testing and Sealing cannot be done on election day. Such allegation is a fallacy. All those involved in the elections such as the BEIs, watchers, political parties, everyone on the ground know that the FTS can be and was, in fact, being conducted even in the early morning of the election day due to a myriad of reasons, chiefly logistical.

Sections 5.A.5 and 5.B.2 of the COMELEC *en banc* Resolution No. 10101 revised the contingency procedures in connection with the May 9, 2016 elections. Along with the other things, the said Resolution also authorized Board of Election Inspectors to conduct FTS even on election day. In case the test could not be performed within the prescribed schedule, not earlier than seven days before election day, before the start of the voting, the Board of Election Inspectors shall print a VCM in an initiation report also known as “zero votes report” to prove to the public that there are no election results in the VCM and SD cards.

Fourth, Senator Bongbong said that it was also untrue that results were not transmitted directly to the CCS, but first went to the queuing server where results were purportedly manipulated. In no uncertain terms, the JCOC had signified in 2016 that it wanted the COMELEC to dramatically increase the rate of transmission over that of 2013’s elections. It goes without saying that they were expecting the COMELEC to do it without sacrificing accuracy.

In order to comply with the Committee’s demand, the COMELEC implemented an upgrade of the transmission facilities. Transmission rate in the 2016 elections reached 96.3 percent compared to 2013’s 72 percent. More importantly, transmitted results were matched, the VVPATs, Election Returns, the COCs found in the municipalities, cities, provincial and national server, Mr. Speaker, they all matched.

The encrypted transmission package, which contained the election results, was sent with several layers of security. The use of virtual private network made sure that the users—the COMELEC, VCM and CCS—could only send and receive the encrypted data across the network when the device is directly connected to the private network. Each transmission package was digitally signed by the BEI and the VCM, CCS with unique digital certificates generated for each BEI, VCM and CCS. The COMELEC even praised the improvement of the transmission rates as posted in the post-election report. So where is the manipulation there?

The fifth argument of Mr. Marcos was that there was foreign access to the election server that led to the change of results, but the truth is that no foreign entity has ever gained entry into the Philippine Election Server. To secure transparency, the COMELEC required SMMT-TIM 2016 to publish the results in a secure website that is accessible to the general public and which allowed everyone to view the advanced,

unofficial results in real-time. The said public website was www.pilipinaselectionresults2016.com, a site that was hosted on the Amazon Web Services. Amazon Web Services is one of the most secured in the world, and even government agencies in the Philippines like the DICT and the BOC subscribed to it. Being a highly reliable service with an enormous capacity and elastic infrastructure, the AWS provides the ideal solution to provide a secure platform. It is worth noting that Amazon is one of the world’s best.

The sixth allegation was that the zero vote for a candidate is an evidence of cheating. Such allegation has no standing, but the fact is, zero vote is an evidence that a candidate is not popular everywhere. The VCM reads the ballots that are fed into it and then, the results were transmitted based on the marks of those ballots. A zero vote for a candidate in a clustered precinct just means that the candidate did not get any vote in that one precinct, out of the 92,509 existing clustered precincts, it is not entirely a far-fetched thing.

The seventh allegation was that Mr. Marcos claims that regional hubs were hurriedly established a week before the election. Such claim is just a mere allegation. The fact of the matter is that the establishment of the hubs had long been contemplated by the COMELEC as part of its 2013 lessons learned.

Lastly, it was alleged by the Marcos camp that there was massive fraud, tampering of votes through pre-shaded ballots for Leni, and undervotes and votes padding in her favor. They further claimed that the squares enclosing the voter’s shaded marks in the ballot images led to undervotes for him while Robredo got points even from supposedly voided ballots. Such claim is a misappreciation of facts. The COMELEC itself implemented a 25-percent threshold for the 2016 elections.

COMELEC Commissioner Louie Guia wrote a Memorandum to lawyer Felipe Anama, Clerk of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal, informing the High Court that the vote counting machines were configured in May 2016 to count ovals with at least 25 percent shade as valid votes. Such Memorandum is incorporated in the Resolution issued by the COMELEC *en banc*, issued on September 6, 2016, recognizing the 25 percent shading threshold. Moreover, Commissioner Guia added that manufacturer Smartmatic provided the COMELEC’s Random Manual Audit Committee with the visual illustration of how ovals shaded 25 percent would look like. A Random Manual Audit is the process where the COMELEC gets sample ballots to check if the VCMs counted votes accurately. What the VCMs counted in an automated way, auditors would then count in a manual way.

Commissioner Guia further stated that the system adopted is designed to scan every oval on the ballot

and count as a vote those that contain appropriate marks based on predetermined shading threshold. The shading threshold was set at about 25 percent of the oval space. This is to ensure that votes are not wasted due to inadequate shading or that no accidental or unintended small parts are counted as votes. In other words, when a mark covers at least 25 percent of the oval, said mark is supposed to be considered a vote by the system.

Mr. Speaker, that means that all votes, votes for President Duterte, for Vice President Leni Robredo, for all the Senators, for all the Congressmen, for all the Mayors, Vice Mayors, Councilors, Sangguniang Panlalawigan, were appreciated by the VCMs under a 25-percent rate.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that Mr. Marcos would be gentleman enough to accept defeat. Anyway, we trust that the Presidential Electoral Tribunal will do its job and render a just decision in the case of the protest of Senator Bongbong Marcos.

Thank you. Good evening.

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

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, before we proceed, ...

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

REP. ATIENZA. ... if the Gentleman would allow it, I would like to clarify certain points that he raised in defense of Vice President Robredo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Will the Gentleman kindly ask permission first to the Majority Leader for proper recognition.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Yes. Mr. Speaker, may I interpellate the Gentleman who just spoke lengthily.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr. from BUHAY Party-List for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Representative from BUHAY Party-List, the Hon. Lito Atienza, is recognized to interpellate the Hon. Edgar Erice, if the Gentleman from Caloocan so desires.

REP. ATIENZA. Salamat po.

REP. ERICE. Salamat.

REP. ATIENZA. I strongly feel that I would be remiss in my duty as a lawmaker today if I do not try

and clarify certain points raised by the Gentleman from Caloocan, which I believe is not from a direct knowledge, but rather on what their legal defense or the legal defense of Vice President Robredo is stating in the ongoing recount.

REP. ERICE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to contend that the allegation that I have no direct knowledge—I already told you that I am a Member of the Joint Committee, the Senate Congressional Committee on Automated Elections and Vice Chairman of the Suffrage Committee in the previous Congress, so I have direct knowledge. I participated in all the hearings. I even observed the demonstrations of several groups. I have heard their complaints and witnessed the opening of the ballot boxes, the VCM machines, and also the documents, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Kung ganoon po ang paninindigan ng ating kagalang-galang na Congressman ay siya na po ang tatanungin ko.

REP. ERICE. Opo.

REP. ATIENZA. Can you explain, distinguished colleague, how ballots inside the box would be soiled, wet and obviously rendered unreadable after assuring the public that this automated election is the most credible and dependable? Nababasa po ba iyong balota sa loob? Sapagkat ito ay nakita ko at alam ko na nababasa ang balota ng questioned boxes.

REP. ERICE. Tama po.

REP. ATIENZA. Paano po nangyayari iyan?

REP. ERICE. Tama po kayo doon. For example, sa Caloocan, ang mga ballot box ay inilagay po sa isang lugar na nauulanan. So nabasa talaga ang mga balota. Subalit hindi naman po ito magiging problema sapagkat gaya ng sinabi ko, ang lahat ng mga ito ay mayroon pong kuha or tinatawag nating SD cards na nakadeposito sa Central Bank, sa COMELEC at sa iba pang mga ahensya. The actual photo noong mga balotang iyan ay makikita natin kaya kahit po mawala ang balota, mayroon pa rin magiging batayan.

REP. ATIENZA. Kung iyong batayan natin solely is the Smartmatic procedure, then can you explain the early transmission of results coming from the contested areas? Ang eleksyon po ay May 9, May 8 nagta-transmit na po sila. Panalo na po ang Vice President Robredo. Talo na po...

REP. ERICE. Mali. Mali po iyon.

REP. ATIENZA. ... iyong complainant.

REP. ERICE. Iyan po ay malaking kasinungalingan sapagkat hindi pa activated ang halalan ng May 8 kaya hindi po tatanggap ng anumang resulta iyong machines. Ang tina-transmit po roon ay iyong tinatawag nating zero votes upang maipakita sa mga mamamayan, sa mga watcher, sa members ng board of inspectors na wala pong anumang boto na nakarehistro.

REP. ATIENZA. Sana po naman, Mr. Speaker, ...

REP. ERICE. Alam po ninyo, marami tayong mga kandidato—mayor, congressman, mga senador. Ako po, well-trained ang mga watcher ko. Sinisiguro naming bago magsimula ang botohan, zero transmission. Sa aking lugar, maliwanag po zero ang transmission before the election starts.

REP. ATIENZA. Ako po ay umaasa na ang kagalang-galang na Congressman ng Caloocan ay hindi mabibiktima balang araw sapagkat kapag siya na ang nabiktima, siguro pareho rin ang isisigaw niya. Bakit basa ang balota sa loob ng kahon? Hindi dapat nababasa iyan. Umulan, bumagyo, bumaha—tungkulin ng COMELEC i-secure ang mga kahon at balota.

Ito po ay nangyari sa Camarines; ito po ay nangyari sa Maynila kaya hindi ako lalayo roon sa nalalaman ko. Maipapaliwanag ba ninyo iyong mga balota kung nakabalunbon ang goma...

REP. ERICE. Under automated...

REP. ATIENZA. ... sa loob ng...

REP. ERICE. ... election system, bumababa po iyong halaga noong printed copy ng balota sapagkat gaya ng nasabi ko, bawat balota na iyan ay nakukunan ng photograph na nakalagay po sa SD cards at ini-istore natin sa Central Bank pa, kaya secured na secured po. Actually, sa mga mas modernong sistema ng automated election, hindi na kailangan ang printed ballots. Iyong iba nga, pipindutin lang iyong makina, makukuwenta na po ang resulta ng halalan.

REP. ATIENZA. Nabanggit ninyo kanina, tsine-check ninyo bago maghalalan. Tama po iyon. Anong gagawin ninyo pagdating po noong panahong lumabas na iyong resulta, iba ang petsa ng eleksyon at iyong resulta ay “murder” kanyo? Ano kayang sasabihin ng mga watcher ninyo? Anong gagawin ninyo?

REP. ERICE. Marami pong ...

REP. ATIENZA. Can you now protest on the spot? You cannot.

REP. ERICE. Marami pong ...

REP. ATIENZA. You will have to protest in the COMELEC.

REP. ERICE. Marami pong ganyang alegasyon during the JCOC hearings, pero noong binuksan namin, lumalabas po, walang batayan, hindi totoo at pangarap lang po noong mga natatalong kandidato.

REP. ATIENZA. Alam ninyo, ang matalo ay isang karangalan basta kayo ay lumaban, naghain ng sarili ninyo, matalo kayo sa patas na labanan. Pero kapag kayo ay na-hocus pocus ng hocus PCOS, palagay ko ay hindi kayo tatanggap ng pagkatalo.

Ang susunod na tanong ko ay bakit, katulad po noong nakikita po ngayon dito sa present protest on the Vice Presidency, iyong boto ng balota ay iba sa bilang ng bumoto? How can you explain that, now that we are talking about the discrepancies in the automated system?

REP. ERICE. Sa aking pagkakaunawa po at pagkakaalam, wala pong discrepancy, ni isang balota.

REP. ATIENZA. Alam ninyo, ...

REP. ERICE. Ito po ay fake news.

REP. ATIENZA. Ito po ay naranasan ko kaya itong sinasabi ko sa inyo ngayon dito sa ating Kapulungan ay magsilbi sanang leksyon, na kayo ay huwag mabiktima ng kalaban ninyo, na ang Smartmatic ay magamit nila sa kanilang maruming hangarin, dahil kapag nangyari sa inyo iyan—katulad ng nangyari sa Maynila, at nangyari sa Camarines at sa Iloilo, at ngayon, sa protesta ng ating Bise Presidente, it took them one-year-and-a-half before they even opened the first box.

The question is why? Why does it take long to open up protested boxes if there is no effort to manipulate the whole election in that particular place, and possibly, replace ballots inside? And that explains why nababasa ang balota, at iyan ang magpapaliwanag bakit may mga boxes na iyong mga balota ay nakatali ng goma. Kaninong kamay ang pumasok doon sa box na iyon? Kung ganyan ang ating sistemang susundin, mawawalan po ng saysay ang ating halalan sa bansa.

Kapag ang ating kagalang-galang na Kongresista ay bigla na lang naging unpopular sa lugar niya at namurder ng kanyang kalaban, maiintindihan niya itong aking inilalahad sa inyo.

Iyong nakikita ngayon sa Presidential Electoral Tribunal, nakita na namin lahat iyan sa Maynila, at iyong sinasabi nilang Certification ng PPCRV, the so-called guardian of our electoral process, do not count

at all because hindi po sila kasama sa katotohanan ng halalan.

Sa Maynila, they submitted the report that there were unexplainable instances of abnormalities and irregularities. May ginawa po ba sila? Sila po ba ay sumama sa protesta? Sila po ba ay umakasyon, tumupad sa kanilang tungkulin na sila ang tagapagbantay ng ating halalan? Ang sagot po ay wala, sapagkat kapagka nagkadayaan na, ang COMELEC mismo ang magdedepensa ng resulta.

Kaya umaalingawngaw po sa aking tenga ngayon ang mga binigkas ni misis—iyong asawa ng ating COMELEC Chairman na ngayon ay nasa Amerika at ayaw nang umuwi. Siya po ang Chairman noong nagkaroon tayo ng halalan noong 2016. Ano ang sabi niya noong tinanong ng kanyang maybahay, “Bakit ang dami mong dalang pera, cash?” Anong sagot niya? “Suweldo ko ito sa Smartmatic.” That is on record. It came out in all the major papers in the country, and it is an admission that the Smartmatic can be part of a conspiracy to cheat anyone of us.

Kaya gigisingin ko ang iyong mga isipan, mga kasama, and I am taking advantage of this opportunity to clarify certain points that the Gentleman from Caloocan is trying to put on record.

I am also putting on record that the Smartmatic cannot be relied on. The PPCRV definitely is not a guardian; it is a trademark for good housekeeping. When cheating is done, they come out, “Walang dayaan na nangyari.” Kapag tinanong ninyo sila, ...

REP. ERICE. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. ... “Ano ang gagawin ninyo kung nagkadayaan?” Sagot nila, “Tapos na ang trabaho namin sapagkat tapos na ang eleksyon.” So, the sooner we accept the fact that what is going on at the Presidential Electoral Tribunal is something that is done in areas where the cheating has been planned and executed, the better.

I believe in the cause of Vice President Bongbong Marcos. I believe in his allegation that he was cheated of his victory. But I am also telling him straight, walang mangyayari sa protesta niya sapagkat walang sasang-ayon sa kanya sa COMELEC. Everybody will be covering up the crime and the protest of the real winner, and I believe Vice President Bongbong Marcos will not be given justice; maghintay na lang tayo ng katarungang nanggagaling sa Panginoong Diyos.

Maraming salamat po.

REP. ERICE. With due respect to the Gentleman from Manila, I believe that all that he said were rhetoric. But, legally, technically, we can prove that there was

no cheating and President Duterte, Vice President Leni Robredo, all the Senators and all of us here won in the last elections.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Erice and its interpellations to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, ...

REP. BORDADO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. GULLAS. ... before we recognize the next to avail of the Privilege Hour, we would like to acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery. In the gallery is the guest of the Hon. Sherwin N. Tugna, Councilor Alvin Cotaco from the municipality of Bulacan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Guest of Rep. Sherwin Tugna, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. GULLAS. Likewise, Mr. Speaker, we have the guests of the honorable Representative from the Lone District of Iligan City, the Hon. Frederick W. Siao. These are the ladies of the Finance Division – National Power Corporation, Mindanao Generation, Maria Cristina, Iligan City, headed by Ms. Rosanna Abiog, Evelyn Adeva, Carmen Pendang, Aurorita Jumawid, Charity Ballesta, Marlyn Agda, Rachelle Bangalos, Gloria Mamauag, Nila Tiago, Helen Panzales, Dionila Jamil, Vema Calipusan, Shea Penados, Aracelli Yap, and Relleniette Dano.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Guests of Rep. Frederick Siao, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the next to avail of the Privilege Hour, the Hon. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarín of the AKBAYAN Party-List.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Hon. Tom Villarín from the AKBAYAN Party-List is recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VILLARIN

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

Mr. Speaker, strange things do happen in the House. Last March 20, 2018, during a Committee hearing I was attending as a member, my iPhone was snatched away from me and after one agonizing hour of searching, a House staff finally found and returned it to me. The question asked is, what happened?

A review of the House CCTV that I requested showed that DOLE Undersecretary Jacinto Paras approached me while on his way out of our Committee hearing. He was a resource person in such hearing. His initial statement to me, which I vividly recall, when he approached me was this: "Kayo pala ni Senator Hontiveros, magkasama."

While engaging me in small talk, the CCTV footage showed his left hand holding what seems to be a cellphone and a power bank with an extended cord being put on top of my iPhone that was placed on my table. A few seconds later, he took with his left hand the things he put on top of my iPhone, including my iPhone, while leaving our room.

A few minutes later, the CCTV showed me looking for my phone and asking my staff and some members of the Committee Secretariat to look for my phone. My instinct then was to ask my colleagues in the Committee sitting beside me if they accidentally took my phone on the table. Nakakahiya po but I had to ask my colleagues. One of my colleagues who was in the hearing even helped me by ringing my lost phone. My staff also rang my phone several times. After almost an hour, a House staff member answered and told my staff that they had my phone but they did not know who owned it until we rang it.

It is very clear from the video footage that I reviewed in the House security office that it was Usec. Jacinto Paras who got my phone and abandoned it.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I do not know his intentions, but the fact remains that my personal property, an extension of myself and where my privacy matters, was taken away without my consent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe I did the right thing by filing a criminal case of theft with the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office a day before I brought this incident out in the public. But Mr. Paras, who has aggrieved me, is now accusing me of putting political color in my coming out to the public. Well, he speaks where he comes from. While he did not deny taking away my phone and telling us that he might have accidentally taken it with him, a decent person's instinct would be to personally talk to me and say how sorry he was. I am a forgiving person, Mr. Speaker. He should have just approached me in contrition from the day he got my phone until yesterday, two months before it came out in the media, or it should have been at the moment when he realized that a phone in his possession is not his. A decent man would have

called his aide to look for whoever owns that phone or retraced his steps and memory to find the owner who, at that very moment, must have been frantically searching for it. A decent man will ask the proper authorities at that very moment to help him restore what was lost to someone. A decent man would have felt bad with himself for, even accidentally, causing a wrong to another person. But sad to say, Mr. Paras is not a decent man.

What is clear from the House CCTV is that Mr. Paras just abandoned my phone in another room in the House where he attended another Committee hearing. What is clear is that when the phone was left by him on the table, some House staff noticed it while ringing, while constantly ringing, but would not take hold of it as it was not theirs. The CCTV showed our House staff frantically looking for Mr. Paras and his aide to tell them that they left a phone, but could no longer find them. It was only then that a senior staff, a House staff, answered the constantly ringing phone that I finally got back what was lost.

What gain is it to him? Is there intent or malice involved? People and the media have asked, and I answered straight, that it might be because I am with the Opposition and any information gathered on me can be used against me or my party-mate, Sen. Risa Hontiveros.

Before he became Undersecretary, Mr. Paras was with the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption. He filed kidnapping and anti-wiretapping charges against Senator Hontiveros over the Kian Delos Santos murder, when Senator Hontiveros and Bishop Pablo David took into their protective custody children who witnessed the murder of Kian Delos Santos.

Mr. Speaker, now, with Mr. Paras' admission that indeed this incident is political, it closes the loop on why indeed an indecent man had the nerve to steal my cellphone. It confirms my fears about the reason why my privacy was violated; this indecent person can gain from the powers-that-be. Never mind if the person being violated: is a sitting Member of the House of Representatives. Never mind if it was done right inside our august Chamber, the House of Representatives. Never mind if it assaults basic decency and decorum.

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, I stand here seeking your support to express our disdain over a very indecent act of a public official, which can be a grave misconduct that our Ombudsman can investigate so that he may be served with preventive suspension.

I stand here seeking to redress a wrong through our courts, and with the permission and leave of the House, that I be given a complete video recording of the whole incident that I can use as evidence in court.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues, I seek your support to have Undersecretary Jacinto Paras censured by the House and banned from entering our premises until full redress of my grievances has been settled.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my dear colleagues. Good afternoon.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Villarín to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, with no other Member who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7437 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7437, contained in Committee Report No. 680, as reported out by the Committee on Health.

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 Bill No. 7437, entitled: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRIVATIZATION AND CORPORATIZATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Lito Atienza of the BUHAY Party-List, the honorable Sr. Dep. Minority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). To sponsor the Bill?

REP. GULLAS. Yes, to sponsor the Bill, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Lito Atienza of the BUHAY Party-List is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7437.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. ATIENZA

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With the kind consent of the Lady Chairperson of our Committee, this Representation is going to deliver a short, short explanation behind this measure. Wala pong ninanais at nilalayan itong ating panukalang batas na ito kung hindi bigyan po ng paraan na ang mga pagamutan ng ating gobyerno, both national and local, ay hindi na po dapat maisapribado. It is a fact that nationwide, investors, developers, and builders of condominium units and commercial centers are eyeing hospital sites, knowing very well the value of real estate in those areas where they stand. Alam po nila na ang pagamutan ay isang sentro ng human activity na pinupuntahan ng lahat ng tao. Samantala, kung ito naman ay mangyayari na isapribado ang paggamot at pagbibigay ng gamot sa mga mahihirap ay unti-unti pong mawawala talaga ang laban ng mahirap sa sakit at sa kanilang mga pinoproblemang pangkalusugan, sapagkat wala pong inaasahan ang isang mahirap kung hindi ang ospital ng gobyerno.

Kapagka ito ay isinapribado, unang-una ay mababawasan ang serbisyo. Pangalawa, hindi maaaring magkaroon ng libreng serbisyo ang isang pribadong ospital kaya mawawalan po sila ng kanilang katangitanging pag-asa na magkaroon sila ng solusyon sa kanilang mga sakit.

So, therefore, this Bill presupposes that we all feel the problems of the poor who are dependent totally on the services of our hospitals, both national and local.

Kapagka pinabayaan natin ang mga developer na mag-isip na lamang kung papaano makukumbinsi ang pamunuan ng ospital na iyon at ang mga opisyal ng

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ating pamahalaan na mabili nila ang lupa at ospital na nakatayo roon ay mawawalan na po ng serbisyo ang ating mga kapatid na mahihirap. Iyan po ay nakita natin sa Philippine Orthopedic Center. Kamuntik na pong nabenta iyan. Iyan po ay nakikita natin sa maraming ospital sa Kamaynilaan na ngayon ay mayroong negosasyong nangyayari upang mabili ng mga malalaking namumuhunan sa mga commercial and condominium project.

This Bill will definitely protect the rights of our people in accordance with our Constitution na ang kalusugan ng isang Pilipino ay dapat garantisado ng Estado. Hindi maaaring isinasapribado ang ospital na inaasahang tangi ng ating mga mahihirap na Pilipino.

So, we hope that everybody will support this measure and it will become a law so that all the negotiations going on now will be prevented from happening and hospitals are placed beyond the reach of the poor.

With that appeal, we hope that everybody supports this measure.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat, Mr. Majority Leader.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to ...

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from the First District of Albay?

REP. LAGMAN. I am in support of this measure, but I would like to ask some clarificatory questions.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman from the First District of Albay for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Edcel Lagman from the First District of Albay is recognized to interpellate the distinguished Sponsor.

REP. LAGMAN. Will the distinguished Sponsor yield to a few clarificatory questions?

REP. ATIENZA. Gladly, Mr. Speaker, to enrich everybody's information and impression of this growing problem in our nation.

REP. LAGMAN. We have in the country specialty hospitals with separate legislative charters like the Heart Center of the Philippines, the Lung Center of the Philippines, the Philippine Kidney and Transplant Institute, and the Philippine Children's Medical Center, most probably among others or they are the only three. May we know whether these specialty hospitals with separate legislative charters are included in the prohibition mandated in this Bill?

REP. ATIENZA. Wala po tayong exception kundi a general provision that government hospitals should be beyond the reach of commercial negotiations coming from government and the private sector because as we learned it from a specialized hospital or orthopedic hospital in Banawe ay kamuntik na pong nabili iyan ng SM. I understand, at gagawin nilang semi-private iyong ospital samantalang gagamitin nila iyong real estate sa kanilang negosyo na magtayo ng mga gusali ng mamahaling condominium at commercial area in that particular portion of Quezon City, knowing very well that buong-buo ang merkado doon sa lugar na iyon kung magtatayo sila ng commercial establishment. Ganoon din po ang nangyari sa V. Luna General Hospital na kamuntik na rin pong maisapribado sapagkat mayroon din pong mga interesadong private investor at gustong gumamit noong lupa ng V. Luna Hospital. Ganoon din po ang kamuntik nang mangyari sa Ospital ng Maynila na kamuntik nang mawala sa pakinabang ng mga tagalungsod kung hindi po nag-ingay ang marami ng kanilang reklamo. Ganoon din po ang mangyayari sa Kidney Center, Heart Center, at lahat ng specialized services ng ating gobyerno kung hindi natin ipagbabawal ang privatization ng mga public hospital institution.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I raise this point because several years ago, there were talks about privatizing these specialty hospitals and there was serious concern and indignation from indigent patients who will have to pay more if they are privatized. But under the definition on page 2, lines 12 to 14, can it be assumed that specialty hospitals like the Philippine Heart Center and three more others are included in this definition?

REP. ATIENZA. Is there an exclusion provision, Mr. Speaker? Wala po akong alam na exclusion diyan.

REP. LAGMAN. There is no exclusion but I think

it has to be clarified that this definition of public hospitals should include specialty hospitals. Just to make sure.

REP. ATIENZA. I would invite the Gentleman to suggest that in the individual amendments and we will readily accept it.

REP. LAGMAN. So, we will have to amend the definition of public hospitals to include these specialty hospitals and we will also—just to be consistent, Section 4 should also be amended to expressly include these specialty hospitals which have their separate legislative charter.

REP. ATIENZA. More so, Mr. Speaker. Tama po ang ating kagalang-galang na Kongresista ng Albay na itong mga specialization hospital na ito ang katangitanging ospital na napupuntahan ng mga mahihirap lalo't lalo na natutulungan ng mga Miyembro ng Kongreso. Kung hindi po natutulungan itong mga mahihirap na ito, wala na pong solusyon sa sakit sa puso, wala na pong solusyon sa sakit sa kidney. Napakamahal po ng dialysis services in any private hospital, but with these specialized hospitals, the poor are getting better if not adequate, if not total better services from the government. At iyon po naman ang ating pakay, bigyan ng proteksiyon. So, we welcome the Gentleman's observation.

REP. LAGMAN. At the proper time, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Sponsor, I will introduce the requisite amendments.

REP. ATIENZA. Gladly, Mr. Speaker. As I said, we appreciate the Gentleman's keen observation.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no other Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

It was 6:49 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:49 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill before we suspended the session was that we just terminated the period of sponsorship and debate. I now move that we open the period of amendments, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee amendments, I move that we proceed to consider individual amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Edcel Lagman for his individual amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Edcel Lagman from the First District of Albay is recognized for his amendment.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, on page 2, line 14, after the word "government," change the "period" (.) to a "comma" (,) and include the following phrase: INCLUDING SPECIALTY HOSPITALS WITH SEPARATE LEGISLATIVE CHARTERS LIKE THE PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER, THE PHILIPPINE KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE, THE LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER PERIOD (.)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. TAN (A.). Accepted, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment is accepted.

Representative Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. On page 2 after line 27 and before line 28, include another paragraph, which shall read: THIS PROHIBITION AGAINST PRIVATIZATION SHALL COVER SPECIALTY HOSPITALS WITH SEPARATE LEGISLATIVE CHARTERS LIKE THE PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER, THE PHILIPPINE KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE, THE LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER PERIOD (.)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. TAN (A.). Accepted, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment is accepted.

REP. LAGMAN. That will be all for my amendments, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, distinguished Sponsor.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no other individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7437, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 7437, as amended, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7437, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 7437, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we transmit all bills approved on Third Reading to the Senate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7752 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7752, contained in Committee Report No. 744, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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 Bill No. 7752, AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS (25) THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO INSULAR BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7964, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE INSULAR BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES."

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Sponsor, the honorable Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, the Hon. Franz E. Alvarez.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Franz Alvarez, the Chairman of the Legislative Franchises Committee, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7752.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7752 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 7752 on Second Reading, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7752 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 7752 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7753 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7753, contained in Committee Report No. 745, as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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 Bill No. 7753, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH

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OF CHRIST), UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4339, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7225.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Franz Alvarez for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Franz Alvarez, the Chairperson of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7753

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7753 on Second Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 7753 on Second Reading, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7753 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 7753 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7373 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7373, contained in Committee Report No. 656, as reported out by the Special Committee on Reforestation.

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.*

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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. 7373, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano for his sponsorship speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Joseph Stephen Paduano is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7373.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7373 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 7373 on Second Reading, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7373 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 7373 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7749 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7749, contained in Committee Report No. 742, as reported out by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development.

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 Bill No. 7749, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 12 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL YOUTH DAY.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Sponsor, the honorable Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Sports, the Hon. Conrado M. Estrella III.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Sports, Representative Estrella, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7749.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker I move that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech thereon.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member

who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7749 on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are in favor of the approval of House Bill No. 7749 on Second Reading, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are against, please say *nay*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7749 ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 7749 is approved on Second Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago for a short manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Sarah Jane Elago is recognized for a short manifestation.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

REP. ELAGO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Nais po nating pasalamatan ang Chair ng Committee on Youth and Sports Development, Congressman Conrado M. Estrella III sa pag-e-ensure, sa pagtitiyak na ito ay dagliang maipapasá.

Let the National Youth Day be a celebration of the role of the youth. Let the National Youth Day be a celebration of the achievements of the youth.

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that youth leaders are, once again, heeding the call of the times and have risen once again to respond to the issues confronting the youth.

We bring our petition to the House of Representatives just as we continue to strengthen and broaden our unities among all members, all the education sector in a “Manifesto of Unity for Free Education,” a matter that is very close to the heart of the youth.

We, Filipino youth students, parents, faculties, academic and non-academic personnel and all advocates of the right for education alliance from various schools, colleges, universities and communities strongly demand that the administration, along with all the relevant branches of government, act swiftly and decisively on the following demands:

First is to implement free education now; second is to allocate higher State subsidy to public tertiary education; and third, is to uphold democratic rights and welfare.

We unite not only to make tertiary education free and accessible to all, but also to address the systematically ingrained ills that worsen the state of education in the country.

Together, G. Ispiker, at sa ating pinuno ng Committee on Youth and Sports Development, we continue the struggle for an education that fosters patriotism and nationalism among the youth, and education that equips the students, ang ating mga kabataan, ang ating pag-asa ng bayan, with the knowledge and skills needed to dedicatedly pursue a truly independent and prosperous Philippines.

Nawa ay ang ating pagkakaroon ng isang Pambansang Araw ng Kabataan ay isang araw para matularan ng mga kabataan ngayon ang mga nagtagumpay na noon para sa mga karapatan at sa kagalingan hindi lamang ng kanilang sektor kundi ng sambayanang Pilipino.

Maraming salamat at mabuhay ang lahat ng kabataan na lumalaban!

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

REP. ESTRELLA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of the distinguished Sponsor?

REP. ESTRELLA. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

There are some Members of the House, who expressed their desire to be coauthors of this historic Bill. May I know if they can still be admitted as coauthors, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, to all Members who want to be coauthors, I request that they give their intention to the Secretary General.

REP. ESTRELLA. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Distinguished Sponsor, are you satisfied?

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1818

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1818, contained in Committee Report No. 716, as reported out by the Committee on Health.

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. 1818, entitled: A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION TO INCLUDE PSORIASIS IN THE LIST OF DISEASES AND AILMENTS COVERED BY ITS HEALTH CARE PROGRAM, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MAKING PSORIASIS TREATMENT AVAILABLE, ESPECIALLY TO THE MARGINALIZED SECTOR, AND LESSENING CASES OF PSORIASIS IN THE COUNTRY.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1818.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1818

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

House Resolution No. 1818 is adopted.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1885

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1885, contained in Committee Report No. 735, as reported out by the Committees on Health, and Trade and Industry.

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. 1885, entitled: A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROMOTE HARM REDUCTION MEASURES, AS PART OF ITS NATIONAL TOBACCO CONTROL STRATEGY, PARTICULARLY THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR SMOKERS.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1885.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1885

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

House Resolution No. 1885 is adopted.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1922

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1922.

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. 1922, entitled: RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE MURDER OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE EUFRANIO C. ERIGUEL OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF LA UNION.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1922.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1922

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

House Resolution No. 1922 is adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1925

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1925.

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. 1925, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT EDGARDO JAVIER ANGARA, FATHER OF SENATOR SONNY M. ANGARA AND BROTHER OF REPRESENTATIVE BELLAFLOR J. ANGARA-CASTILLO OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF AURORA.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1925, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 1865, 1872, 1874, 1877 and 1883.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1925

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

House Resolution No. 1925, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 1865, 1872, 1874, 1877 and 1883, is adopted.

The Chair would like to manifest that House Resolution No. 1922 is in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 1876 and 1898.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1924

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1924.

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. 1924, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ROQUE R. ABLAN, JR., FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF ILOCOS NORTE DURING THE SIXTH TO TENTH AND TWELFTH TO FOURTEENTH CONGRESSES.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1924, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 1804 and 1835.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1924

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

House Resolution No. 1924, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 1804 and 1835, is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1926

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1926.

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. 1926, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE FELIX RIGOROSO ALFELOR, JR., FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF CAMARINES SUR DURING THE TWELFTH, THIRTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH CONGRESSES.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1926, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 1811.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1926

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

House Resolution No. 1926, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 1811, is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1927

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1927.

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. 1927, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE TEODULO “DOLOY” M. COQUILLA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF EASTERN SAMAR DURING THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1927.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1927

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

House Resolution No. 1927 is adopted.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1923

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1923.

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. 1923, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE EUFRANIO C. ERIGUEL, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF LA UNION DURING THE FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH CONGRESSES.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1923, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 1866, 1873, 1880 and 1882.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1923

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

House Resolution No. 1923, in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 1866, 1873, 1880 and 1882, is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following measures:

1. House Bill No. 7472, contained in Committee Report No. 687;

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

2. House Bill No. 7498, contained in Committee Report No. 709;

3. House Bill No. 7504, contained in Committee Report No. 715;

4. House Bill No. 7508, contained in Committee Report No. 719;

5. House Bill No. 7509, contained in Committee Report No. 720;

6. House Bill No. 7545, contained in Committee Report No. 728;

7. House Bill No. 7548, contained in Committee Report No. 729;

8. House Bill No. 7713, contained in Committee Report No. 733;

9. House Bill No. 7714, contained in Committee Report No. 734;

10. House Bill No. 7733, contained in Committee Report No. 737;

11. House Bill No. 7750, contained in Committee Report No. 743;

12. House Bill No. 7754, contained in Committee Report No. 746;

13. House Bill No. 7767, contained in Committee Report No. 749;

14. House Bill No. 7768, contained in Committee Report No. 750;

15. House Bill No. 7769, contained in Committee Report No. 751;

16. House Bill No. 7775, contained in Committee Report No. 755;

17. House Bill No. 7776, contained in Committee Report No. 756; and

18. House Bill No. 7777, contained in Committee Report No. 757.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the respective Explanatory Note of the bills be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measures.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the said local bills, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we terminate the period of amendments.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Second Reading on the following House Bills No. 7472, 7498, 7504, 7508, 7509, 7545, 7548, 7713, 7714, 7733, 7750, 7754, 7767, 7768, 7769, 7775, 7776 and 7777.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are in favor of the approval of House Bills No. 7472, 7498, 7504, 7508, 7509, 7545, 7548, 7713, 7714, 7733, 7750, 7754, 7767, 7768, 7769, 7775, 7776 and 7777, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are against, please say *nay*. (*Silence*)

OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF LOCAL BILLS ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

The bills enumerated in the omnibus motion are hereby approved on Second Reading.*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7483 ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7483, contained in Committee Report No. 694, as reported out by the Committees on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, and Appropriations .

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 Bill No. 7483, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES IN THE CITY OF ZAMBOANGA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Sponsor, the Hon. Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Jon-Jon Ferrer from Cavite is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 7483.

REP. FERRER (L.). Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, I move that we close the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no Committee amendments, I move that we proceed to consider individual amendments.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe for his individual amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Honorable Dalipe is recognized to introduce his individual amendment to House Bill No. 7483.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENT

REP. DALIPE. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I move to amend Section 2, line 8, by deleting the acronym “NIPSC,” and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. FERRER (L.). Mr. Speaker, we have no objection. We accept the amendment of the Honorable Dalipe.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The amendment is accepted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no other individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7483, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are in favor of House Bill No. 7483, as amended, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are against, please say *nay*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7483, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 7483, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees:

- 1) House Resolution No. 1829, to the Committees on Overseas Workers Affairs, and Foreign Affairs;
- 2) House Resolution No. 1830, to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
- 3) House Resolution No. 1831, to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
- 4) House Resolution No. 1832, to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
- 5) House Resolution No. 1834, to the Committee on Transportation;
- 6) House Resolution No. 1838, to the Committee on Ways and Means;
- 7) House Resolution No. 1842, to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
- 8) House Resolution No. 1843, to the Committee on Labor and Employment;
- 9) House Resolution No. 1844, to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;

10) House Resolution No. 1846, to the Committee on Tourism;

11) House Resolution No. 1850, to the Committee on National Defense and Security;

12) House Resolution No. 1851, to the Committee on Agrarian Reform;

13) House Resolution No. 1854, to the Committee on Justice;

14) House Resolution No. 1856, to the Committee on National Defense and Security;

15) House Resolution No. 1859, to the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

16) House Resolution No. 1863, to the Committee on Labor and Employment;

17) House Resolution No. 1864, to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

18) House Resolution No. 1868, to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;

19) House Resolution No. 1871, to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;

20) House Resolution No. 1879, to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;

21) House Resolution No. 1881, to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs;

22) House Resolution No. 1884, to the Committee on Transportation;

23) House Resolution No. 1886, to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability; and

24) House Resolution No. 1887, to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Resolutions on First Reading, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1931, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED MASSIVE SMUGGLING OF GOLD PRODUCED BY SMALL-SCALE MINES, RESULTING TO REVENUE LOSS OF PHP20 BILLION”

By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1932, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SAN MIGUEL ALAB PILIPINAS FOR BEING THE CHAMPIONS OF THE 2017-2018 ASEAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE”

By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1933, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING NEIL LEONARD DULA ETHERIDGE FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN TO PLAY IN THE ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE”

By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1934, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JORDAN CLARKSON FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO QUALIFY FOR THE FINALS OF THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION”

By Representative Pacquiao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1935, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MISS JANELLE MICAELAS PANGANIBAN, DAUGHTER OF REPRESENTATIVE JOSE T. PANGANIBAN, JR. OF ANAC-IP PARTY-LIST AND MAYOR LOURDES S. PANGANIBAN OF ANGADANAN, ISABELA, FOR GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

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

House Resolution No. 1936, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT

RODRIGO ROADUTERTE TO ESTABLISH THE PHILIPPINES STRATEGIC FUEL RESERVES AND EXPAND THE PANTAWID PASADA CASH GRANTS PROGRAM, USING THE MALAMPAYA FUND”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE CONF. CTTEE.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following Members to the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6475 and Senate Bill No. 1717, on the Basic Law for the Bangsamoro:

1. The honorable Majority Leader, Rodolfo C. Fariñas;
2. Rep. Pedro B. Acharon Jr.;
3. Rep. Mauyag “Jun” B. Papandayan Jr.;
4. Rep. Ruby M. Sahali;
5. Rep. Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema;
6. Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc;
7. Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr.;
8. Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel;
9. Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera;
10. Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III;
11. Rep. Amihilda J. Sangcopan;
12. Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II;
13. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat;
14. Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo;
15. Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo;
16. Rep. Romeo M. Acop;
17. Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos; and
18. Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, the Senate has passed with amendments several House Bills seeking to grant/renew franchises to certain companies, namely: House Bills No. 5349, 5635 and 6314.

We have been informed that the Committee on Legislative Franchises, sponsor of the said House bills, is not in agreement with the amendments introduced by the Senate to the said measures.

REP. GULLAS. In accordance with our rules, I

move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on the said Bills:

1. Rep. Franz E. Alvarez;
2. Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo;
3. Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna;
4. Rep. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada;
5. Rep. Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV; and
6. Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6465, converting the Northwestern Mindanao State College of Science and Technology into a State University:

1. Hon. Ann K. Hofer;
2. Hon. Henry S. Oaminal; and
3. Hon. Julieta R. Cortuna.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6031, mandating the Integration of the Maasin City College in Southern Leyte into the Southern Leyte State University:

1. Rep. Ann K. Hofer;
2. Rep. Roger G. Mercado; and
3. Rep. Julieta R. Cortuna.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6907 AND S.B. NO. 1459

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt

of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6907 and Senate Bill No. 1459.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the titles of the measures.

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 titles of the measures.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6907, entitled: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CREATION, PERFECTION, DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY RIGHTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL PROPERTY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NOTICE REGISTRY; AND SENATE BILL NO. 1459, ENTITLED: AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURED TRANSACTIONS LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN THE PHILIPPINES, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION, PERFECTION, DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY, ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALIZED NOTICE REGISTRY, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6221 AND S.B. NO. 1738

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6221 and Senate Bill No. 1738.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the titles of the measures.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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 titles of the measures.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6221, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM; AND SENATE BILL NO. 1738, ENTITLED: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

RATIFICATION OF CONF. CTTEE. RPT.
ON H.B. NO. 6578 AND S.B. NO. 1762

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report reconciling the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6578 and Senate Bill No. 1762.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the titles of the measures.

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 titles of the measures.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the titles of the measures without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6578, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM IN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AUGMENTING ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; AND SENATE BILL NO.

1762, ENTITLED: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM IN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AUGMENTING ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is approved.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1935

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1935 in consolidation with House Resolution No. 1920.

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. 1935, entitled: A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MISS JANELLE MICAELA S. PANGANIBAN, DAUGHTER OF REPRESENTATIVE JOSE T. PANGANIBAN JR. OF ANAC-IP PARTY-LIST AND MAYOR LOURDES S. PANGANIBAN OF ANGADANAN, ISABELA, FOR GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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

REP. GULLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1935, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 1920.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1935

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

House Resolution No. 1935, in consolidation with House Resolution No. 1920, is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I move that we include as additional coauthors of bills and resolutions that are pending in various Committees, the Members appearing in the lists to be submitted by the Committee on Rules, after due verification of their request or inclusion as coauthors of such bills and resolutions.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the change of referral for the following measures:

1. House Bill No. 6228, strengthening and reorganizing the Council for the Welfare of Children, from the Committee on Welfare of Children to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Welfare of Children;

2. House Bill No. 6709, ordaining the promotion of social enterprises to alleviate poverty, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development to the Committees on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development and Poverty Alleviation;

3. House Bill No. 7018, abolishing the National Coordinating and Monitoring Board and creating the National Commission for Senior Citizens, from the Committee on Population and Family Relations to the Committees on Government Reorganization and Population and Family Relations;

4. House Bill No. 7695, providing for a comprehensive Civil Registration System, from the Committee on Justice to the Committee on Population and Family Relations.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker.

REFERRAL OF H. RES. NO. 1928 ON AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, I move that we refer House Resolution No. 1928 to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the parliamentary inquiry of the Gentleman from ACT TEACHERS?

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, how was my vote registered for the ratification of the National ID Bill?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). I asked if there is no objection, nobody stood up ...

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... for an objection, so ...

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I ask that a “Nay” vote be registered in the vote.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). It is noted, Representative Tinio.

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Mr. Speaker, before suspension ...

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ELAGO. Mr. Speaker.

PRIVILEGE HOUR *Continuation*

REP. DE VENECIA. By leave of the House, I move that we open again the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Lady from ACT TEACHERS, the Hon. France L. Castro, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. France Castro is recognized to avail her privilege.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASTRO (F.L.)

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker.

G. Ispiker at sa mga kapwa ko Kongresista, sa susunod na Lunes ay magbubukas na naman ang mga paaralan para sa School Year 2018-2019, ngunit makikita pa rin natin ang matagal nang mga problema sa sektor ng edukasyon tulad ng kakulangan ng MOOE; mga siksikan, hinati-hati, at maiinit na classroom; mga bulok, sira, at kulang-kulang na mga upuan at pasilidad, textbooks at learning materials; at mahaba pang perennial problems ng public school system na hindi masolu-solusyonan.

Hindi siguro lingid sa kaalaman natin na, on the ground, sa mga guro, magulang, at mga komunidad na nauuwi ang pangunahing responsibilidad upang punan ang mga kulang at ayusin ang mga sira at anumang mga problema sa loob ng ating mga eskwelahan. Isa pa, humaharap din ang mga guro at magulang na ngayon sa krisis ng tumataas na presyo ng disenteng araw-araw na buhay—ang krisis sa pagsirit ng mga presyo.

Samakatuwid, ang sektor ng edukasyon, ang karapatan sa edukasyon ng batang Pilipino ay biktima ng pananagasa ng TRAIN. Dahil sa TRAIN, apektado ang mga estudyante at ang kanilang mga magulang sa sunud-sunod na pagtaas sa pang-araw-araw na gastusin para sa pagkain, tirahan, mga bilingin, kuryente, at iba pa. Apektado sila sa pagtaas ng kanilang tuition and other fees para sa pribadong paaralan, maging ang mga gamit sa paaralan, pati ang pagtaas ng educational expenses, kahit silang mga nasa sa public schools, gaya ng pamasaha at araw-araw na pambaon ng mga estudyante.

Una, hindi ligtas ang mga guro, kawani, at mamamayan sa sagasa ng TRAIN ngayong pasukan. Sa kanila ang bagsak ng mga pasanin buhat ng kawalan ng sapat na budget para sa classroom repair, MOOE para sa pasilidad at supplies, hindi lang sa pagbubukas ng mga klase ngunit pati sa araw-araw na operasyon, kabilang ang mga teaching supplies gaya ng chalk at papel. Ang mga ito ay pangunahing kargo ng mga guro sa buong taon. Unang bugso ng pasanin pa lamang nila sa Brigada Eskwela na sinimulan ngayong linggo na itinuring na “byword for school improvement” at “school improvement and beautification project”. Ang

Brigada Eskwela ay notorious sa mga guro na isang mekanismong nagbigay lamang ng dagdag na pahirap at gastos sa kanila para masabing “handa” na ang mga eskwelahan sa pasukan.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr.

Ang Brigada Eskwela, sa pagkukubli sa espiritu ng bolunterismo, ay isang malaking pag-amin ng pamahalaan sa isang malaking kakulangan: ang kakulangan ng taunang budget na ibinibigay nito para sa edukasyon. Pero inaamin nga ang kasalanan, dinadagdagan pa naman ng isa pang kasalanan at ipinapaubaya sa mga guro at magulang ang pagpupuno sa anumang pagkukulang ng gobyerno sa mga public schools. Si titser ang bibili ng cleaning materials hanggang sa instructional materials, cabinet, at supplies. Si nanay naman at si tatay ang sasagot sa karpintero, pintor, at anumang sira o kailangang pagandahin mula gate hanggang upuan at mesa. Silang lahat ay kailangang mag-solicit sa kung saan-saan para sa electric fan at mga pasilidad.

Ang Brigada Eskwela ay pagsasalaula sa kultura ng “bayanihan.” Ito ay isang programang may kasaysayan ng pag-generate ng billions worth of resources mula sa bulsa ng mga guro at magulang, at komunidad para pagtakpan ang malaki at chronic na kasalanan ng pamahalaan. Sa mga nakaraang taon, P3.62 million ang nakuhang donasyon at repair and construction efforts ng Brigada noong 2015, P4.76 billion noong 2016, at P5.7 billion noong nakaraang taon. Ngayon taon naman, Mr. Speaker, makikita sa pokus ng Brigada na ipinapaubaya sa mga guro at magulang ang matagal nang kabilang sa mga kinakaligtaang pondohan ng sapat ng gobyerno: ang Water and Sanitation at Hygiene in Schools (WASH), na sa matagal na ring puna mula sa Alliance of Concerned Teachers at ACT TEACHERS Party-List, kahit sa Commission on Audit.

Matatapos ang Brigada pero hindi matatapos ang pasanin ng mga gurong napipilitang bumili ng chalk, papel, at iba pang mga teaching materials; magpa-photocopy ng mga libro, learning materials at instructional materials; magpakabit ng Internet at magrenta ng computer; at gumastos mula sa sariling bulsa para sa pang-araw-araw na kailangan sa pagtuturo. Dahil ito sa taun-taong pagtanggap na pondohan ng sapat na MOOE ang ating mga eskuwelahan.

Ikalawa, Mr. Speaker, sa mga pribadong paaralan naman, nananagasa rin ang TRAIN sa porma ng tuition and other fee increases at pati na ang mga libro at iba pang mga required sa mga eskuwelahan na dapat bilhin sa kanila. Ayon po sa datos ng DepEd, 478 out of 11,368 private schools nationwide ang pinayagan nila na magtaas ng tuition ngayong papasok na school year. Mas madadagdagan pa ito dahil anim pa lang ang

rehiyon na nagpasa: ang NCR, ang CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, Caraga, ang Regions X, at ang Region XII. Bagaman ginagawang dahilan ang pagtaas sa sahod at benepisyo ng mga guro at non-teaching personnel ang pagtaas ng tuition, walang pruwembang ibinibigay ang private schools at DepEd na ito nga ay talagang nangyayari, gaya ng financial records at monitoring reports sa DepEd. Tinatayang mayroong 26.6 million na kabataan, na karamihan ay high school students, at kanilang mga magulang ang haharap lalo na sa buhay ng naghihirap buhay lalung-lalo na sa pagtaas ng tuition ngayong taon, dahil 18 percent ng mga Junior High Schools at halos kalahati ng Senior High School students sa buong bansa ay nasa private schools.

Ikatlo, Mr. Speaker, ay ang problemang sumalpok sa lahat ng Pilipino ngayon, lalo na ng mga mahihirap nating kababayan. Patuloy ang pagtaas ng mga pangunahing bilihan tulad ng presyo ng de lata na halos dalawang piso ang itinaas, bawat kilo ng prutas na P10 hanggang P60 ang itinaas, ang presyo ng karne ay tumaas ng P20 hanggang sa P30 kada kilo, at iba pang mga basic commodities. Ayon po sa Center for Women's Resources, ang dating budget ng isang ina sa isang araw na P100 ay lumobo ng P156 dahil sa pagtaas ng mga bilihan.

Gaya ng sinasabi ng iba pang mga tagapagpabango ng TRAIN sa presyo ng langis at mga bilihan, makikitang walang katotohanan din ang sinasabi ng DTI na walang paggalaw sa presyo ng mga school supplies. Kung pagbabatayan ang presyo sa palengke na mas mura sa malls, makikitang tumaas ang presyo ng mga ito.

Sa de-tahi na notebook na 80 na pahina na dati ay P10 lang, ngayon ay P12 na ang isa. Ang sampung notebook na mabibili dati sa P100 pesos ay P120 na, P10 ang spiral notebook, ang 80 leaves na intermediate pad ay P25, at ang Grade 3 writing pad ay P10. Ang lapis ay P10 kada isa, ang pambura na dating P12.75 kada piraso ay P14.65 na. Ang ballpen, mula sa dating P4.75 hanggang P9.75 ay P6.75 hanggang P14.75 na. Ang walong piraso ng krayola na dating P25, ngayon ay P35. Ang 24 pieces na krayola naman na dating P50, ngayon ay P60 na; habang ang ruler na dating P14.75, o P14.75 kada isa hanggang P29.75, ngayon ay P16.75 hanggang P32.75 na.

Mr. Speaker, kapwa ko Kinatawan, inaalala namin ang malaking impact nito sa ating mga estudyante. Mas darami ang out-of-school children and youth. Ayon sa 2016 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey ng PSA, 1 in every 10 children na nagkakaedad ng 6 years old hanggang 24 years old ay out-of-school youth na. Sa kabuuan ay 3.8 million na mula noon, 53 percent ay nagmula sa pamilyang lowest income at ang bottom 30 percent based on their per capita income.

Wala nang panggastos sa paaralan, mas lalo pang walang panggastos sa pang-araw-araw. Marami ang napipilitang magtrabaho sa murang edad o pipiliin

na lamang na tumulong sa kanilang mga magulang. Idagdag pa ang pahirap na programa at polisiya, nagdagdag ng dalawang taong sa pag-aaral sa K to 12 ngunit hindi nagdagdag ng trabaho, hindi nagpalakas ng kasiguruhan ng trabaho dahil nariyan na rin ang endo, at hindi nagdagdag ng sweldo.

Hindi pa nga tapos na maka-cope up ang mamamayan sa bagsik ng TRAIN 1 ay tinatamaan ang mga basic commodities and other consumption goods na nagdulot din ng chain reaction sa presyo ng mga utilities at services gaya ng transportasyon at kuryente.

Paparating pa ang TRAIN 2 na naglalayong pababain ang corporate income tax. Sa ibang salita ay bibigyan ng bilyun-bilyong tax savings ang mga higanteng korporasyon samantalang hinuhuthutan ng VAT at excise tax ang lalong pinakamahal ang araw-araw na buhay kung sino pa ang maliliit ang kita. Gagawin ito sa halip na singilin ang bilyun-bilyong evaded and avoided taxes ng mga mayayamang indibidwal. Magresulta ito sa mababang pondo para sa edukasyon at iba pang mga social services.

Panghuli, Mr. Speaker, hina-highlight ng school opening ang kahalagahan ng ating mga panawagan laban sa TRAIN. Kung kaya kasama ng mga guro, kawani at mamamayan ay idinidiin namin ngayon ang panawagan para ibasura ang TRAIN, partikular ang anti-mamamayang regressive taxes na patuloy namang tinututulan at nakaambang TRAIN 2 dahil taumbayan na naman ang malulugi kapag binabaan ang tax ng mga malalaking korporasyon.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Gonzales, A.D.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. France Castro to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Gonzales, A.D.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Antonio L. Tinio from ACT TEACHERS. I move that he be recognized.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Gonzales, A.D.). Congressman Tinio is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TINIO

REP. TINIO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, sa napipintong pagbukas ng School

Year 2018-2019 sa susunod na Lunes ay haharapin muli ng mga guro, mag-aaral at administrador ng mga paaralan ang mga hindi masolusyunang problema sa sistema ng ating pampublikong edukasyon na pinalala ng K to 12 program.

Tampok pa rin ang mga kakulangan ng guro at klasrum. Kung pagbabatayan ang hiniling ng DepEd dito sa Kongreso noong nakaraang budget hearing na 81,100 teaching items, mayroong tayong 5,858 na shortage sa teachers para sa darating na pasukan dahil 75,242 lamang na teaching positions ang ibinigay sa inaprubahang 2018 Budget. Kabilang sa mga hindi ibinigay ang buong proposal na 1,944 teacher items para sa Special Education, at mahigit 3,000 para sa elementary at mahigit 900 para sa junior high school.

Sa totoo lang, kahit mapunan ang lahat ng teaching items na ito at idagdag sa kasalukuyang 827,251 teachers ng bansa, malayo pa rin ang Pilipinas sa ideyal. Makikita sa 2016 United Nations Human Development Report na ang Pilipinas ay mayroong primary school teacher-pupil ratio na 1:31. Napakalayo nito sa 1:11 ng Malaysia, 1:15 ng Thailand, 1:17 ng Indonesia, 1:19 ng Vietnam, at kahit sa 1:28 ng Myanmar. Kung tutuusin, kailangang doblehin ang bilang ng mga guro upang maabot ang teacher-pupil ratio ng ating mga kalapit na bansa.

Kakabit na problema ng kakulangan sa guro ang kakulangan sa education support personnel.

Ayon sa DepEd, mayroon lamang 38,284 non-teaching personnel and support staff para sa 687,229 na guro nitong 2017. Lumalabas na isang non-teaching staff lamang ang sumosuporta sa 18 teachers sa bawat araw ng operasyon ng ating mga pampublikong paaralan sa buong bansa.

Kulang na nga ang personnel, nilalabag pa ng DepEd ang kasiguruhan sa trabaho ng 8,492 na job order employees, at bagamat ipinagbabawal na, mayroon pa ring mga kontraktuwal na guro na ineempleyo na gamit ang pondo ng Local School Board upang punuan ang pagkukulang ng nationally paid teachers.

Bukod sa kakulangan sa personnel, malaking problema pa rin ang kakulangan sa mga classroom. Hindi naaabot ng DepEd ang targets nito sa 2016 at 2017 Budgets kaya mayroon itong classroom shortage na 113,955, na bagaman nabawasan ng procurement and construction ng 97,261 classrooms noong 2017, may natitirang 16,694 classrooms na kulang. Idagdag natin dito ang 46,998 classrooms na tinarget ng ahensya sa kanyang 2018 Budget at ang 18,058 na shortage sa Metro Manila pa lamang nitong nakaraang taon. Samakatuwid, aabot sa 81,750 ang classroom shortage na kakaharapin ng mga guro at estudyante simula sa susunod na linggo.

Ang tumitinding kakulangan sa mga silid-aralan ay sumasalamin sa kapalakan ng kasalukuyan at nakaraang administrasyon sa pagtutulak ng classroom

building program na tutugon sa pangangailangan ng kabataang Pilipino. Sa 36,492 na public elementary schools at 7,677 na public high schools, napipilitang magsiksikan ang apat hanggang limang elementary school sa isang high school. Nangangahulugan ito na nag-uumpaw na mga silid-aralan, lumalalang teaching and learning conditions, hanggang sa pagtigil ng mga bata sa pag-aaral.

Kaya naman nakababaha ang paglaki ng bilang ng mga out-of-school children and youth na umaabot na sa 3.8 milyon ayon sa tala ng Philippine Statistics Authority sa kanyang 2016 Annual Poverty Indicators Survey. Sa ibang salita, isa sa bawat 10 bata na may edad 6 hanggang 24 taon ang wala sa paaralan. Karamihan sa kanila o mahigit 3.3 milyon ay edad 16 hanggang 24, o Senior High School o College na dapat. Lagpas kalahati o 53 percent sa kanila ay nabibilang sa pinakamahihirap na pamilya. Kaya bagamat ipinagmamalaki ng administrasyon na tumataas ang net enrollment sa elementary at high school, milyun-milyon pa rin ang hindi nabibigyan ng kanilang karapatan sa edukasyon.

Bumababa rin ang ating mga completion rate. Halos 8 percent ng Grade 6 students ang hindi nakatapos at nakatuntong ng Grade 7; 18 percent ng mga nasa Junior High School ang hindi nakatapos at nakatuntong ng Senior High School. Sa kanyang pag-upo noong 2016, nangako si Secretary Briones na bibigyang pansin ang Alternative Learning System o ALS ng Departamento, ngunit napakaliit pa rin ang bilang ng naseserbisuhan ng programa, malaking dahilan ay ang kakarampot na budget na nilalaan dito. Eighteen percent ng 3.8 milyon na out of school children and youth lamang o 691,461 ang naaabot ng ALS.

Sa madaling sabi, sa kanyang ikalawang taon ng panunungkulan, bigo pa rin ang administrasyong Duterte sa pagtugon sa problema ng mga shortages at pagtugon sa problema ng out of school youth. Ngunit noon pa man ay ginigipit na ang kabataang Pilipino sa karapatan nito sa libre at de kalidad na edukasyon bago pa man ang ipinatupad nang walang kahandaang K to 12 Program. Anim na taon matapos isabatas ang K to 12 Law, kulang pa rin ang teacher's modules, maraming aklat sa bawat baitang at asignatura ang hindi lapat sa module na gamit ng mga guro. At sa kabila ng mahabang litanya ng mga kulang at kawalan sa ating mga pampublikong paaralan, bumuhos ang bilyones na pondo para sa mga pribadong eskuwela sa ilalim ng GASTPE o voucher system. Papalaki nang papalaki ang pondo ng publiko. Ang pondong publiko ang dinadala sa pribadong sektor dahil nakadiseno ang programa na i-decongest diumano ang mga public schools. Sa ibang salita, itinutulak ang kabataan patungo sa mga private schools. Kaya naman makikita na mula Kindergarten hanggang Grade 12, papaliit ang bilang

ng naseserbisuhan ng pampublikong edukasyon. Twelve percent ng kabuuang populasyon ng Kinder ay nasa private, pati na rin ang 18 percent ng total Junior High School enrollment at 46 percent ng total Senior High School enrollment.

Ngunit bukod sa malayo ang GASTPE sa mga kabataang hindi kayang mag-enroll sa private schools, hindi rin sustainable ang programa para sa kanilang palarin na maging benepisyaryo. Noong School Year 2016-2017, P10.3 bilyon ang ibinigay ng gobyerno upang makapag-aral sa unang semester ang 640,130 na mag-aaral. Isang palaisipan kung kumusta na ang 12 percent ng mga kabataang ito na hindi tumuloy sa second semester, kung saan 561,005 lamang ang binigyan ng voucher. Tingin ng mga guro at principal, ang iba sa mga kabataang ito ay hindi kinaya ang gastos sa private schools at bumalik sa public schools o tumigil na ng tuluyan sa pag-aaral.

Mr. Speaker, malinaw na ang K to 12 ay walang kahandaan, kapos sa kalidad, walang karapatan sa edukasyon na tinutugunan. Ipinaaalala namin sa administrasyong Duterte ang tungkulin nito alinsunod sa Konstitusyon na masiguro sa kabataang Pilipino na matatamasa nila ang libreng edukasyon gayundin ang disentang suweldo sa mga guro at maayos na kondisyon sa pagtuturo. Nananawagan kami sa DepEd at sa DBM na bigyang pansin ang hindi pa rin nasulusyunang kakulangan sa mga silid-aralan at iba pang hindi matapus-tapos na suliranin sa sistema ng edukasyon sa pagdagdag ng angkop na pondo sa panukalang badyet.

Bilang pangwakas, hinihikayat namin ang mga kapwa Mambabatas na suportahan ang karapatan ng mamamayan sa edukasyon lalo na sa darating na 2019 Budget deliberation. Tungkulin at responsibilidad natin ito sa mga guro, at higit sa lahat, sa mga kabataang Pilipino.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

At this juncture, Rep. Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr. relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu

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

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the speech of the Hon. Antonio Tinio be referred to the Committee on Rules.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Hon. Sara Jane I. Elago

from KABATAAN Party-List. I move that she be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Sarah Jane Elago from the KABATAAN Party-List is recognized to avail of her privilege.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ELAGO

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise on a matter of privilege on the prospects of free education, among other issues, concerns and challenges related to the upcoming opening of classes this June 2018.

Just last year, Congress heeded the long-standing demand of the Filipino youth for the State to provide free education up to the tertiary level by passing Republic Act No. 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act. The passage of this law took eons to finally happen, and the youth movement in the Philippines heralded its long-fought passage as a huge milestone, a turning point even, with regard to State policy on education.

Yet, months after the passage of the landmark law, tuition and other fees are still being collected in state schools. The moribund policy of commercialization or the policy wherein rights are priced and barcoded remain entrenched in our education system.

In this august Chamber today are members of the Rise for Education Alliance, a group formed with the National Union of Students of the Philippines or NUSP and College Editors Guild of the Philippines or CEGP at the helm, to fight against the exorbitant and exacerbated tuition and other school fee increases both in private and public higher education institutions.

As a national alliance of student formations, we not only campaigned against fee increases, but also have duly and dutifully complied with all the necessary paper works to prove to the CHED that there are indeed questionable and wrong processes being used to railroad school fee increases.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, in our R4Es first two years as an alliance, we were able to submit verified complaints to fight what we deemed as rubbers—as rubber stamped fee increases. It has been in the forefront of scrapping of development and energy fees which are illegal fees rampantly collected in public and private universities and colleges nationwide.

We resolutely campaign for free public education at all levels. Fast forward to the present, Mr. Speaker, R4E remains at the helm of the fight for free education, free in the sense that it is accessible and at no cost; and free in the sense that the rights and welfare are enshrined at its core.

The student-leaders witnessing this privilege speech are more than willing to spend hours, days,

weeks, to resolve the pernicious problems hounding the education system and help Congress address the remaining elephant in the room—the continued high cost of private college education.

With this, Mr. Speaker, let me read the full text of our right for education manifesto of unity.

First of its demands is to implement free education now. There should be no collection on top of the already burdensome tuition, the rampant collection of redundant, exorbitant and dubious other school fees or OSF represent a heavy woe to the students. The OSFs go in tandem with spiraling tuition rates to squeeze more funds from students and their families. These unnecessary fees are so prevalent that OSFs, exceeding existing tuition rates per unit actually comprise the bulk of the total semestral matriculation of students.

No less than the authors of Republic Act No. 10931, mandating free higher education, made the collection of other school fees illegal, seeing how these morphed into a monstrous twin of tuition hikes.

Free education means not a single peso should be collected from students. A “no collection policy” of tuition and all other school fess must be in place. However, obtaining funds from students in support of campus press and representation through their duly-elected councils or governments must continue.

There should be no preconditions. The Return Service System embedded in R.A. No. 10931, implementing rules and regulations as an additional requirement for free education must be scrapped as it undermines the right to education. Instead of “forced labor” disguised as civic obligation, public tertiary schools should democratically create a blueprint to urge and empower students to serve the people and the nation.

There should be no delays. Budgetary support for the immediate roll out of “free education, no collection” in all public tertiary education institutions should be given without delay.

The second of our demands, Mr. Speaker, is to allocate higher State subsidy to public tertiary education. This is to uphold the public character of all government-funded tertiary education institutions. A substantial increase in State subsidy must be allotted to support capital improvement, and faculty development necessary to expand operations and cater more students. Campus facilities and services must be adequate for quality and effective learning and teaching experience. Teachers, academic personnel and workers, who have long suffered from low wages, contractualization and high prices of goods, should be given a just, decent and rewarding salaries and benefits.

Third of our demands, Mr. Speaker, is to uphold democratic rights and welfare in our campuses. Student councils, campus press, faculty union and campus sectoral organizations serve a significant role in the

pursuit of free education and the advancement of rights and welfare of the Filipino people. Their autonomy must be upheld and they must be free from any form of control, intervention, militarization, so they can independently pursue principled positions, collaborative programs and fruitful alliance work.

Mr. Speaker, we unite not only to make tertiary education free and accessible to all, but also to address the systematically ingrained ills that worsen the state of education in the country.

The policy of deregulation which allows schools to set the rate of tuition and other school fees without any form of regulation, and with the policy of commercialization or the treatment of education as a product or business venture, are the root causes of inaccessibility of education in the country.

There is a need to curb profiteering from education, to stop tuition and other fee increases and junk all other school fees in our private higher education institutions.

Nananawagan din tayo sa Kapulungan na ito na daglian nang magpatawag ng isang probe hinggil sa implementasyon ng libreng edukasyon, at gayundin sa kasalukuyang balangkas ng makadayuhan at makanegosyo na K to 12.

It is high time for the government to back pedal on these policies that have kept millions of Filipinos out of school and fulfill its constitutional obligation to ensure that quality education is accessible at all levels.

Ang lahat din po ay inaanyayahan sa darating na June 19, magkakaroon ng isang pinakamalaking gathering ng mga iskolar ng bayan, mga kabataan, mga estudyante, mga guro, kawani, university officials, ng mga lingkod bayan para sa pagtitiyak na ang karapatan sa edukasyon ay ating naitataguyod, hindi lamang sa loob ng Kongreso, kundi sa lahat ng plataporma na ating maiwawagayway ang ating pagtatanggol sa karapatan sa edukasyon.

Maraming salamat at mabuhay po kayo.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, since no other Member wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the Second District of Maguindanao, the Hon. Zajid G. Mangudadatu, for his manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Zaid Mangudadatu is recognized for his manifestation.

REP. MANGUDADATU. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maayong gabi.

I would like to manifest, Mr. Speaker, that although I arrived late because of the conflict of schedule in Malacañang by attending the turn-over ceremony of the Presidential Security Group, may I manifest, Mr. Speaker, for the record, that my vote would always be for the approval of the Bangsamoro Basic Law, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Thank you, future Senator of the Republic of the Philippines, for your manifestation.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our Rules, I move that we authorize all committees to conduct meetings or public hearings, if deemed necessary, during the *sine die* adjournment of the House from June 2, 2018 to July 22, 2018.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 17

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Concurrent Resolution No. 17.

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 Concurrent Resolution No. 17, entitled: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SECOND REGULAR

SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES NOT LATER THAN TWELVE O'CLOCK MIDNIGHT, TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018.

ADOPTION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 17

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Concurrent Resolution No. 17.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion to adopt House Concurrent Resolution No. 17.

Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; House Concurrent Resolution No. 17 is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, in view of the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution No. 17, which likewise authorizes the appointment of a Joint Committee of Both Houses to inform the President of the Philippines of the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the Seventeenth Congress, I move that we elect all the Deputy Speakers of the House to the said Joint Committee.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; all the Deputy Speakers of the House are hereby elected to the Joint Committee to notify the President of the Philippines of the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the Seventeenth Congress.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1929

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 1929.

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. 1929, entitled: RESOLUTION DECLARING THE

JOURNAL OF THE SESSION DATED MAY 30, 2018, AS HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED.

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the Speaker be authorized, as he is hereby authorized, to review and approve the Journal of the Session dated May 30, 2018, and that the approval by him of such Journal shall be valid and effective for all purposes as if it was approved directly by the House of Representatives.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution No. 1929.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1929

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion to adopt House Resolution No. 1929. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; House Resolution No. 1929 is adopted.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the suspension of session to enable the Secretariat to transmit the messages to the Senate on the resolutions we have adopted.

I so move.

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

It was 8:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 8:01 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The honorable Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate. I move for the consideration of the same.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the consideration of a message from the Senate is now in order.

The Secretary General is instructed to read the message from the Senate.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Message from the Senate dated May 30, 2018, informing the House of

Representatives that they adopted Senate Concurring Resolution No. 11.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). To the Archives.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, earlier, we adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 17, providing for the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the Seventeenth Congress, as well as the creation of a Joint Notification Committee.

In order to give the members of the Joint Committee time to perform their assigned task, and until the House counterpart is ready to report back their accomplishment to this House, I move for the suspension of the session.

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

It was 8:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 8:02 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The honorable Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we have received a report from the Joint Committee that the President has been informed that the Second Regular Session of the Seventeenth Congress will adjourn tonight.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The remarks of the Majority Leader are duly noted.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of Journal No. 85 of May 29, 2018.

I so move.

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 1930

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 1930.

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. 1930, entitled: RESOLUTION COMMENDING SPEAKER PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ FOR HIS COMPETENT AND EFFECTIVE STEWARDSHIP OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that my sponsorship speech on House Resolution No. 1930 be inserted into the records.**

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution No. 1930.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 1930

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion to adopt House Resolution No. 1930. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; House Resolution No. 1930 is adopted.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

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

ADJOURNMENT *SINE DIE*

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor to move that we adjourn *sine die*.

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

It was 8:05 p.m.

* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

** See ANNEX (printed separately)