



# Congressional Record

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### OPENING OF THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION

#### CALL TO ORDER

*At 10:04 a.m., Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez called the session to order.*

THE SPEAKER. Honorable Members of the House of Representatives, today is the fourth Monday of July 2018.

The Constitution mandates that Congress convene once every year on the fourth Monday of July to commence its regular session. I hereby call the Third Regular Session of the Seventeenth Congress to order.

#### NATIONAL ANTHEM AND INVOCATION

THE SPEAKER. Please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and The Lord's Prayer to be led by the Tagum City Chamber Chorale.

*The Tagum City Chamber Chorale led the Philippine National Anthem and thereafter sang The Lord's Prayer.*

#### REMARKS OF THE SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. The Chair would like to address this august Chamber. Please take your seats.

My dearest colleagues, fellow Representatives of the people, distinguished guests, our friends from the media, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

There is this old story shared to me some years ago and I would like to share it with you today.

*There was a person who would be born in the Philippines and the Creator told him, "You may shape the society you shall be born into." The person looked at the Philippines, saw the poverty and despair spread throughout the land especially outside the National Capital Region. Given what he saw, the person became cynical. Understandably, no one wants to be poor and destitute. That is why the person chose a family he would be born into and, using the power given to him by the Creator, concentrated the social*

*advantages and opportunities on that family. Thus, the person would have a nice home, plenty of food to eat and a comfortable life ahead.*

*The Creator then checked up on the person and asked him, "Are you ready?" The person replied, "Yes, and I have also chosen the family I shall be part of and made beneficial arrangements." The Creator was taken aback and said, "Wait a minute. You do not get to choose which family you will be born into." The person was shocked and disappointed given the uncertainty he suddenly had to confront. What if he were born into a poor and underprivileged family? He would hardly get a shot at a good and dignified life. The person, therefore, asked the Creator for more time. Out of kindness, the Creator accommodated his request. Rather than concentrate on opportunities in the hands of a few, the person dismantled his previous design. Instead, he broadened and spread opportunities beyond Manila and made them accessible to all Filipinos. By doing so, regardless of where or to which family the person would be born into, he had a fair fighting chance at opportunities and the rewards that came with hard work during his life here on earth.*

This story shared to me many years ago has stayed in my memory. I will never forget the lessons it imparts especially this one: at the end of the day, bilog ang mundo at lahat tayo, no exception, mayaman man o mahirap, makapangyarihan man o dukha, ay kasama sa ikot ng kapalaran.

My colleagues in the House of Representatives, we were elected by the Filipino people, all of whom had no say as to which parents and family we would be born into. Unfortunately, here in the Philippines, this genetic lottery significantly shapes the destiny of our people. That is why, it is our duty as their Representatives to do what the person did when he was confronted and humbled by the uncertainty that comes with being underprivileged. We have to level the playing field and maximize as well as spread opportunities for all. This is the governing spirit behind what we have accomplished in this Chamber for the past two years.

From July 2016 and as of today, we have processed 2,929 legislative measures and enacted 133 bills that are now laws of the land. During the Second Regular Session alone, the President signed 128 bills into law.

Our record is as follows:

In the field of education, as an investment in our youth, we created 13 additional public schools. We also increased the budget of the Department of Education by P10 billion and made access to tertiary education in state universities and colleges universal.

To protect our youth from the dangerous risks of joining societies and organizations, we strengthened the Anti-Hazing Act.

We also enacted the Mental Health Act which provides our people, especially students, with additional assistance in dealing with mental health concerns, sound body and sound mind.

We also worked hard to improve the standards of education and training through the Philippine Qualifications Framework Act which aligns domestic qualifications with international standards. Filipinos now have a better chance at competing with the best and brightest the world has to offer.

Beyond education, let us talk about jobs. Without business, there will be no private sector jobs, and that is why we made it easier to do business in the Philippines through the Ease of Doing Business Act. To supplement this initiative, access to capital through formal financial institutions rather than onerous five-six arrangements is necessary. We have enacted the Financial Inclusion Act, transmitted the same to the President; and should he find it worthy of his signature, it will soon be a law of the land. While businesses are important, we must be mindful that businesses, when left unchecked, may exploit instead of help and uplift their employees. To address this, we strengthened compliance with occupational and health standards in the workplace. We have also passed on Third and final Reading a Bill which strengthens the security of tenure of workers.

We look forward to working hand in hand with our counterparts in the Senate for this Bill to hurdle the legislative process. It would not make sense for Filipinos to educate themselves, work hard and not taste the fruits of their labor; hence, we reformed the Tax Code which led to an increase in the take-home pay of Filipino taxpayers.

There are, of course, inflationary concerns. These, however, are short-term hiccups and are vastly outweighed by the overall long-term benefits that our country will reap with this historic reform.

Looking into the future, to sustain the gains we now enjoy, we have to invest in science and technology. Who better to help us in this other than Filipino scientists scattered across the world? Hopefully, we give them additional reason to come back home through the Balik Scientist Act.

Another top priority necessary for the orderly function of society is peace and order. As we meet

here today, our military and uniformed personnel are manning garrisons to keep the Filipino people safe from harm. We have fulfilled our promise to raise their salaries as reward for their hard work. This also serves as a deterrent against the temptation to engage in corruption due to the desperation that comes along with poverty.

My colleagues, as you see, the Seventeenth Congress and this administration worked hard to spread opportunities to all by hitting key strategic areas for growth and development, education, health, labor and employment, business, finance, tax, science and technology, peace and order, and professionalism, by curbing corruption in the ranks of those who protect us. These legislative accomplishments have no precedent in the history of the Philippine Congress but we are not done yet.

Through an arduous bicameral Conference Committee, we have finally finished the Bangsamoro Organic Law. (*Applause*) It will be presented to the President for his consideration. That piece of legislative document is a giant leap toward the promise of peace and prosperity, both of which have long eluded the island and the people of Mindanao.

All of these could not have been possible had it not been for the hard-working Congressmen, the House leadership, our colleagues in the Senate, and Committee Chairpersons, their members, and the Secretariat staff and of course with the special mention of our very hard-working and intelligent Majority Leader Rep. Rodolfo “Rudy” C. Fariñas. (*Applause*)

I would want to personally thank you right now, one by one for all your efforts. However, time constraints do not allow me to do so. Nonetheless, please know that I am grateful and proud of the work you have done.

Looking back at what we have accomplished, I do hope that the person I told you about, the one who will be born in the Philippines will be less apprehensive and fearful. After all, he has seen that the Congress of the Filipino people, though far from perfect, has tried its best to broaden and spread access to opportunities for all. But, admittedly, there is still much work to be done as we start the Third Regular Session and this involves dismantling one of the most extractive institutions that has robbed the rest of the Philippines with the exception of a few cities of its chance to fully realize its potential for growth and development. I am talking about the 1987 Constitution.

The primary reason why many critics claim there is no need for Charter change is that the problems of the Philippines should be blamed at bad people running the government. They posit that people are the center of the problem and charters are inconsequential. Hence, there is no need to change the Constitution. This position is untenable.

Experts from the field of economics, political science, developmental studies, both here and abroad, have a consensus about what is necessary to cure an

ailing nation and they have pinpointed the fundamental issue that must be addressed. If, for business, it is about location, location, and location; if for banks, it is about capital, capital, capital; when it comes to development of nations, it boils down to institutions, institutions, and institutions. And what is the mother of all institutions here in the Philippines? It is the 1987 Constitution.

We gave it a head start of 30 years. Has it successfully produced a virtuous cycle that led to prosperity and opportunity for all? Or has it proven itself to be an extractive institution that benefits some at the expense of the many? Yes, bad people are also responsible for the mess that we are presently in. But to miss the bigger picture and fail to understand the role that institutions play in the puzzle of prosperity and development, for our nation will seal our fate and preserve mediocrity as status quo, we have to do something about this.

There are many drafts proposing changes to our Charter. The three most prominent ones are as follows: First is the draft of our Committee on Constitutional Amendments; second is the draft of the PDP Laban Federalism Institute; and finally, third, is the draft of the Consultative Committee led by retired Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno.

The topics covered by said proposals are numerous as they try to address the deficiencies and flaws of the 1987 Constitution. These are too many to mention as we speak to you now, but these will be further discussed in the committees and meetings. Nonetheless, a very important issue raised in the drafts must be especially and specifically mentioned in the issue involving political dynasties.

I have manifested and made public that I am amenable to the anti-political dynasty provision as proposed in the Consultative Committee draft. However, I have also made it clear, based on my personal studies and consultation with peers that political dynasties proliferated because of the unintended effects of imposing term limits. Let us push for the self-executory, anti-political dynasty provision para rin wala ng pipilitin sa pamilyang tumakbo kahit ayaw naman talaga. But I propose that term limits be removed.

If we succeed, and I am confident we will succeed, the difficult reforms we intend to accomplish—and I am sure that the person I told you about, the guy who had no say as to where and to which family he will be born into—rather than worry about being born in the Philippines, he will just smile and say, “It is okay, I can be born anywhere in the archipelago. It does not matter which family I shall be as a child because opportunities are vastly spread to the point that hard work will have its rewards and privilege would not matter much anymore.”

This is the Filipino dream. Together, let us realize it.

Thank you, good morning, and may God bless the Philippines. *(Applause)*

## ROLL CALL

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General will now call the roll of Members of the House of Representatives elected from legislative districts apportioned among the provinces, cities and municipalities, metropolitan area, and party-list organizations.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*: Roll call of Members by provinces, cities and municipalities comprising districts and party-list organizations.

Honorable Representatives from:

### NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR)

#### CALOOCAN CITY

First District

Hon. Dale “Along” R. Malapitan

Second District

Hon. Edgar R. Erice

#### MAKATI CITY

First District

Hon. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III

Second District

Hon. Luis N. Campos Jr.

#### MALABON CITY

Lone District

Hon. Federico “Ricky” S. Sandoval II

#### MANDALUYONG CITY

Lone District

Hon. Alexandria P. Gonzales

#### MANILA

First District

Hon. Manuel Luis T. Lopez

Second District

Hon. Carlo V. Lopez

Third District

Hon. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto

Fourth District

Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda

Fifth District

Hon. Cristal L. Bagatsing

Sixth District

Hon. Rosenda Ann Ocampo

#### MARIKINA CITY

First District

Hon. Bayani F. Fernando

Second District

Hon. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo

## MUNTINLUPA CITY

Lone District

Hon. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon

First District

Hon. Rodolfo C. Fariñas

Second District

Hon. Imelda R. Marcos

## NAVOTAS CITY

Lone District

Hon. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco

## ILOCOS SUR (with the cities of Vigan and Candon)

First District

Hon. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano

Second District

Hon. Eric D. Singson

## PARAÑAQUE CITY

First District

Hon. Eric L. Olivarez

Second District

Hon. Gus S. Tambunting

## LA UNION (with the city of San Fernando)

First District

Hon. Pablo C. Ortega

Second District

Hon. Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D.

## PASAY CITY

Lone District

Hon. Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano

## PANGASINAN (with the cities of Dagupan, San Carlos, Alaminos, and Urdaneta)

First District

Hon. Jesus “Boying” F. Celeste

Second District

Hon. Leopoldo N. Bataoil

Third District

Hon. Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas

Fourth District

Hon. Christopher V. P. De Venecia

Fifth District

Hon. Amado T. Espino Jr.

Sixth District

Hon. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas

## PASIG CITY

Lone District

Hon. Richard C. Eusebio

## REGION II (Cagayan Valley)

## QUEZON CITY

First District

Hon. Vincent “Bingbong” P. Crisologo

Second District

Hon. Winston “Winnie” Castelo

Third District

Hon. Jorge “Bolet” Banal

Fourth District

Hon. Feliciano Belmonte Jr.

Fifth District

Hon. Alfred D. Vargas

Sixth District

Hon. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

## CAGAYAN (with the city of Tuguegarao)

First District

Hon. Ramon C. Nolasco

Second District

Hon. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso

Third District

Hon. Randolph S. Ting

## SAN JUAN CITY

Lone District

Hon. Ronaldo B. Zamora

## ISABELA (with the cities of Cauayan, Ilagan, and Santiago)

First District

Hon. Rodolfo T. Albano III

Second District

Hon. Ana Cristina Siquian Go

Third District

Hon. Napoleon S. Dy

Fourth District

Hon. Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao

## TAGUIG CITY/PATEROS

First District

Hon. Arnel M. Cerafica

Second District

Hon. Pia S. Cayetano

## VALENZUELA CITY

First District

Hon. Wes Gatchalian

Second District

Hon. Eric M. Martinez

## REGION I (Ilocos Region)

## NUEVA VIZCAYA

Lone District

Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma

## ILOCOS NORTE (with the cities of Laoag and Batac)

## QUIRINO

Lone District

Hon. Dakila Carlo E. Cua

## REGION III (Central Luzon)

## AURORA

Lone District

Hon. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo

## BATAAN (with the city of Balanga)

First District

Hon. Geraldine B. Roman

Second District

Hon. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III

## BULACAN (with the cities of Malolos and Meycauayan)

First District

Hon. "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado

Second District

Hon. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho

Third District

Hon. Lorna C. Silverio

Fourth District

Hon. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica

## SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY

Lone District

Hon. Florida "Rida" P. Robes

## NUEVA ECIJA (with the cities of Cabanatuan, Palayan, San Jose, Gapan, and Muñoz)

First District

Hon. Estrellita B. Suansing

Second District

Hon. Micaela S. Violago

Third District

Hon. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara

Fourth District

Hon. Magnolia C. Antonino

## PAMPANGA (with the cities of Angeles, Mabalacat, and San Fernando)

First District

Hon. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II

Second District

Hon. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Third District

Hon. Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr.

Fourth District

Hon. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc

## TARLAC (with the city of Tarlac)

First District

Hon. Carlos O. Cojuangco

Second District

Hon. Victor A. Yap

Third District

Hon. Noel L. Villanueva

## ZAMBALES (with the city of Olongapo)

First District

Hon. Jeffrey D. Khonghun

Second District

Hon. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla

## REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)

## BATANGAS (with the cities of Batangas, Lipa, and Tanauan)

First District

Hon. Elenita Milagros "Eileen" Ermita-Buhain

Second District

Hon. Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu

Third District

Hon. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes

Fourth District

Hon. Lianda B. Bolilia

Fifth District (Batangas City)

Hon. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño

Sixth District (Lipa City)

Hon. Vilma Santos-Recto

## CAVITE (with the cities of Tagaytay, Cavite, Trece Martires, Bacoor, Imus, Dasmariñas, and General Trias)

First District

Hon. Francis Gerald A. Abaya

Second District

Hon. Strike B. Revilla

Third District

Hon. Alex "AA" L. Advincula

Fourth District

Hon. Jennifer Austria Barzaga

Fifth District

Hon. Roy M. Loyola

Sixth District

Hon. Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV

Seventh District

Hon. Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino

## LAGUNA (with the cities of San Pablo, Cabuyao, San Pedro, Sta. Rosa, and Calamba)

First District

Hon. Arlene B. Arcillas

Second District

Hon. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.

Third District

Hon. Sol Aragonés

Fourth District

Hon. Benjamin C. Agarao Jr.

BIÑAN CITY

Lone District

Hon. Marlyn B. Alonte

QUEZON (with the cities of Lucena and Tayabas)

First District

Hon. Anna Katrina M. Enverga

Second District

Hon. Vicente “Kulit” J. Alcala

Third District

Hon. Danilo E. Suarez

Fourth District

Hon. Angelina “Helen” D.L. Tan, M.D.

RIZAL

First District

Hon. Michael John R. Duavit

Second District

Hon. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.

ANTIPOLO CITY

First District

Hon. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno

Second District

Hon. Romeo M. Acop

REGION IV-B (MIMAROPA)

MARINDUQUE

Lone District

Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco

OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

Lone District

Hon. Josephine Ramirez-Sato

ORIENTAL MINDORO (with the city of Calapan)

First District

Hon. Doy C. Leachon

Second District

Hon. Reynaldo V. Umali

PALAWAN (with the city of Puerto Princesa)

First District

Hon. Franz E. Alvarez

Second District

Hon. Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg

Third District

Hon. Gil “Kabarangay” P. Acosta

ROMBLON

Lone District

Hon. Emmanuel F. Madrona

REGION V (Bicol Region)

ALBAY (with the cities of Legazpi, Ligao and Tabaco)

First District

Hon. Edcel C. Lagman

Second District

Hon. Joey Sarte Salceda

Third District

Hon. Fernando V. Gonzalez

CAMARINES NORTE

First District

Hon. Renato J. Unico Jr.

Second District

Hon. Marisol C. Panotes

CAMARINES SUR (with the cities of Naga and Iriga)

First District

Hon. Rolando G. Andaya Jr.

Second District

Hon. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr.

Third District

Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

Fourth District

Hon. Arnulfo P. Fuentebella

Fifth District

Hon. Salvio B. Fortuno

CATANDUANES

Lone District

Hon. Cesar V. Sarmiento

MASBATE (with the city of Masbate)

First District

Hon. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo

Second District

Hon. Elisa “Olga” T. Kho

Third District

Hon. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D.

SORSOGON (with the city of Sorsogon)

First District

Hon. Evelina G. Escudero

Second District

Hon. Deogracias B. Ramos Jr.

REGION VI (Western Visayas)

AKLAN

Lone District

Hon. Carlito S. Marquez

ANTIQUÉ

Lone District

Hon. Paolo Everardo S. Javier

## CAPIZ (with the city of Roxas)

First District

Hon. Emmanuel A. Billones

Second District

Hon. Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro

## GUIMARAS

Lone District

Hon. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D.

## ILOILO (with the city of Passi)

First District

Hon. Oscar "Richard" S. Garin Jr.

Second District

Hon. Arcadio H. Gorriceta

Third District

Hon. Arthur R. Defensor Jr.

Fourth District

Hon. Ferjenel G. Biron, M.D.

Fifth District

Hon. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas

## ILOILO CITY

Lone District

Hon. Jerry P. Treñas

## NEGROS OCCIDENTAL (with the cities of San Carlos, Cadiz, Bago, La Carlota, Silay, Kabankalan, Sagay, Victorias, Escalante, Sipalay, Himamaylan, and Talisay)

First District

Hon. Melecio J. Yap Jr.

Second District

Hon. Leo Rafael M. Cueva

Third District

Hon. Alfredo "Albee" B. Benitez

Fourth District

Hon. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer

Fifth District

Hon. Alejandro Y. Mirasol

Sixth District

Hon. Mercedes K. Alvarez

## BACOLOD CITY

Lone District

Hon. Greg G. Gasataya

## REGION VII (Central Visayas)

## BOHOL (with the city of Tagbilaran)

First District

Hon. Rene L. Relampagos

Second District

Hon. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

Third District

Hon. Arthur C. Yap

## CEBU (with the cities of Danao, Mandaue, Toledo, Bogo, Carcar, Naga, and Talisay)

First District

Hon. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr.

Second District

Hon. Wilfredo S. Caminero

Third District

Hon. Gwendolyn F. Garcia

Fourth District

Hon. Benhur L. Salimbangon

Fifth District

Hon. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI

Sixth District

Hon. Jonas C. Cortes

Seventh District

Hon. Peter John D. Calderon

## CEBU CITY

First District

Hon. Raul V. Del Mar

Second District

Hon. Rodrigo A. Abellanosa

## LAPU-LAPU CITY

Lone District

Hon. Aileen C. Radaza

## NEGROS ORIENTAL (with the cities of Bais, Kanlaon, Dumaguete, Bayawan, Tanjay and Guihulngan)

First District

Hon. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong

Second District

Hon. Manuel T. Sagarbarria

Third District

Hon. Arnolfo "Arnle" A. Teves Jr.

## SIQUIJOR

Lone District

Hon. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora

## REGION VIII (Eastern Visayas)

## BILIRAN

Lone District

Hon. Rogelio J. Espina, M.D.

## EASTERN SAMAR (with the city of Borongan)

Lone District

Hon. Ben P. Evardone

## LEYTE (with the cities of Tacloban, Ormoc, and Baybay)

First District

Hon. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez

Second District

Hon. Henry C. Ong

## Third District

Hon. Vicente “Ching” S. E. Veloso

## Fourth District

Hon. Lucy T. Gomez

## Fifth District

Hon. Jose Carlos L. Cari

## NORTHERN SAMAR

## First District

Hon. Raul A. Daza

## Second District

Hon. Edwin C. Ong

## SAMAR (with the cities of Calbayog and Catbalogan)

## First District

Hon. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento

## Second District

Hon. Milagrosa “Mila” T. Tan

## SOUTHERN LEYTE (with the city of Maasin)

## Lone District

Hon. Roger G. Mercado

## REGION IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)

## ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE (with the cities of Dapitan and Dipolog)

## First District

Hon. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos

## Second District

Hon. Glona G. Labadlabad

## Third District

Hon. Isagani S. Amatong

## ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR (with the city of Pagadian)

## First District

Hon. Divina Grace C. Yu

## Second District

Hon. Aurora Enerio Cerilles

## ZAMBOANGA CITY

## First District

Hon. Celso L. Lobregat

## Second District

Hon. Manuel Jose “Mannix” M. Dalipe

## ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY

## First District

Hon. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II

## Second District

Hon. Ann K. Hofer

## REGION X (Northern Mindanao)

## BUKIDNON (with the cities of Malaybalay and Valencia)

## First District

Hon. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba

## Second District

Hon. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D.

## Third District

Hon. Manuel F. Zubiri

## Fourth District

Hon. Rogelio Neil P. Roque

## CAMIGUIN

## Lone District

Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo

## LANAO DEL NORTE

## First District

Hon. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

## Second District

Hon. Abdullah D. Dimaporo

## ILIGAN CITY

## Lone District

Hon. Frederick W. Siao

## MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL (with the cities of Oroquieta, Ozamiz, and Tangub)

## First District

Hon. Jorge T. Almonte

## Second District

Hon. Henry S. Oaminal

## MISAMIS ORIENTAL (with the cities of Gingoog and El Salvador)

## First District

Hon. Peter “Sr. Pedro” M. Unabia

## Second District

Hon. Juliette T. Uy

## CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

## First District

Hon. Rolando “Klarex” A. Uy

## Second District

Hon. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr.

## REGION XI (Davao Region)

## COMPOSTELA VALLEY

## First District

Hon. Maria Carmen S. Zamora

## Second District

Hon. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga

## DAVAO DEL NORTE (with the cities of Tagum, Panabo, and Samal)

## First District

Hon. Pantaleon D. Alvarez



Second District Hon. Antonio R. Floirendo Jr.	First District Hon. Ansaruddin A. M. A. Adiong
DAVAO DEL SUR (with the city of Digos) Lone District Hon. Mercedes “Didi” C. Cagas	Second District Hon. Mauyag “Jun” B. Papandayan Jr.
DAVAO CITY First District Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles Second District Hon. Mylene J. Garcia-Albano Third District Hon. Alberto T. Ungab	MAGUINDANAO (with the city of Cotabato) First District Hon. Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema Second District Hon. Zajid G. Mangudadatu
DAVAO OCCIDENTAL Lone District Hon. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan	SULU First District  Second District Hon. Munir M. Arbison
DAVAO ORIENTAL (with the city of Mati) First District Hon. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon Second District Hon. Joel Mayo Z. Almario	TAWI-TAWI Lone District Hon. Ruby M. Sahali
REGION XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (CAR)
NORTH COTABATO (with the city of Kidapawan) First District Hon. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan Second District Hon. Nancy A. Catamco Third District Hon. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada	ABRA Lone District Hon. Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos
SARANGANI Lone District Hon. Rogelio “Ruel” D. Pacquiao	APAYAO Lone District Hon. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang
SOUTH COTABATO (with the cities of General Santos and Koronadal) First District Hon. Pedro B. Acharon Jr. Second District Hon. Ferdinand L. Hernandez	BENGUET Lone District Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan
SULTAN KUDARAT (with the city of Tacurong) First District Hon. Suharto T. Mangudadatu Second District Hon. Horacio P. Suansing Jr.	BAGUIO CITY Lone District Hon. Mark O. Go
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM)	IFUGAO Lone District Hon. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr.
LANAO DEL SUR (with the city of Marawi)	KALINGA (with the city of Tabuk) Lone District Hon. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang
	CARAGA REGION
	AGUSAN DEL NORTE (with the cities of Butuan and Cabadbaran) First District Hon. Lawrence H. Fortun Second District Hon. Erlpe John “Ping” M. Amante

## AGUSAN DEL SUR (with the city of Bayugan)

First District

Hon. Maria Valentina G. Plaza

Second District

Hon. Evelyn P. Mellana

## DINAGAT ISLANDS

Lone District

Hon. Kaka J. Bag-Ao

## SURIGAO DEL NORTE (with the city of Surigao)

First District

Hon. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II

Second District

Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers

## SURIGAO DEL SUR (with the cities of Tandag and Bislig)

First District

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PBA (Pwersa ng Bayaning Atleta)  
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Hon. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles

SAGIP (Social Amelioration & Genuine Intervention on Poverty)  
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Senior Citizens (Coalition of Associations of Senior Citizens in the Philippines, Inc.)  
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Hon. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay

SBP (Serbisyo sa Bayan Party)  
Hon. Ricardo “RJ” T. Belmonte Jr.

TUCP (Trade Union Congress Party)  
Hon. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza

YACAP (You Against Corruption and Poverty)  
Hon. Benhur B. Lopez Jr

THE SECRETARY GERENRAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 271 Members responded to the call.

THE SPEAKER. There being 271 Members who responded to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2011

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2011.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read the title and text of the Resolution.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the title and text of the Resolution.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2011, RESOLUTION INFORMING THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM BEING PRESENT, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS.

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, that the Senate be informed that a quorum being present, the House of Representatives has entered upon the exercise of its functions.

Adopted,

(Sgd.) RODOLFO C. FARIÑAS  
Majority Leader

(Sgd.) DANILO E. SUAREZ  
Minority Leader

## ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2011

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution No. 2011.

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion to adopt House Resolution No. 2011. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved. House Resolution No. 2011 is adopted.

## CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2012

REP. FARIÑAS. I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2012, and that the Secretary General be directed to read the title and text of the Resolution.

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

The consideration of House Resolution No. 2012 is now in order.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read the title and text of the Resolution.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution 2012, entitled: RESOLUTION INFORMING PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS.

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, be informed that the House of Representatives has entered upon the exercise of its functions.

Adopted,

(Sgd.) RODOLFO C. FARIÑAS  
Majority Leader

(Sgd.) DANILO E. SUAREZ  
Minority Leader

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 2012.

## ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 2012

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion to adopt House Resolution 2012.

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

House Resolution No. 2012 is adopted.

## CONSIDERATION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 18

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Concurrent Resolution No. 18 and that

the Secretary General be directed to read the title and text of the Resolution.

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

The consideration of House Concurrent Resolution No. 18 is now in order.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read the title and text of the Resolution.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Concurrent Resolution No. 18, entitled: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO HOLD A JOINT SESSION TO HEAR THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that both Houses of Congress of the Republic of the Philippines hold a Joint Session on Monday, July Twenty-Three, Year Two Thousand and Eighteen, at four o'clock in the afternoon at the Session Hall of the House of Representatives, to hear the message of the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

Adopted,

(Sgd.) RODOLFO C. FARIÑAS  
Majority Leader

(Sgd.) DANILO E. SUAREZ  
Minority Leader

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Concurrent Resolution No. 18.

## ADOPTION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 18

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion to adopt House Concurrent Resolution No. 18.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 18 is adopted.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, in order to give the House Secretariat ample time to transmit messages to the Senate and to the Office of the President on the Resolutions we have just adopted and until we have received messages from the Senate, I move that we suspend our session.

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

*It was 11:03 a.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 11:04 a.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of the messages from the Senate and I move for the consideration of the same.

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

The consideration of messages from the Senate is now in order.

The Secretary General is instructed to read the Messages from the Senate.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Your Honors, we are in receipt of the following Resolutions from the Senate:

Senate Resolution No. 796, entitled: RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT IN THE SENATE AND THAT THIS BODY HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS FOR THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES; and

Senate Resolution No. 797, entitled: RESOLUTION INFORMING PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT IN THE SENATE AND THAT THIS BODY HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS FOR THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

THE SPEAKER. To the Archives.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, entitled: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT CONGRESS, NOW CONVENED FOR ITS THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, IS READY TO HEAR HIS STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS IN A JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES.

THE SPEAKER. To the Calendar of Business for the Day.

## CONSIDERATION OF S. CT. RES. NO. 11

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for the consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11.

May I ask that the Secretary General be instructed to read the title and text of the Resolution.

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

The consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 is now in order.

The Secretary General is instructed to read the title and text of the Resolution.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, entitled: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT CONGRESS, NOW CONVENED FOR ITS THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, IS READY TO HEAR HIS STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS IN A JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES.

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives of the Philippines concurring, That a Joint Committee of both Houses of Congress be created, composed of twenty-one members, four to be appointed by the President of the Senate and seventeen to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to notify the President of the Philippines that Congress, now convened for its Third Regular Session of the Seventeenth Congress of the Philippines, is ready to hear his State of the Nation Address in a Joint Session of both Houses.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL ZUBIRI  
Senator

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11.

## ADOPTION OF S. CT. RES. NO. 11

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion to adopt Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 is adopted.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, in view of the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, authorizing the creation of a Joint Committee of Both Houses to notify the President of the Philippines that

Congress is convened and ready to hear his message, on the part of the House, I move that all Deputy Speakers be appointed to the Joint Committee.

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

All the Deputy Speakers of the House of Representatives are hereby appointed to the Joint Committee and are requested to immediately discharge their responsibilities.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. FARÍÑAS. Mr. Speaker, 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 that we suspend our session.

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

*It was 11:10 a.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 12:29 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The session is resumed.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn ...

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. ... until tomorrow at four o'clock in the afternoon.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, before we ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garcia, G.). The session is adjourned until four o'clock this afternoon.

*It was 12:29 p.m.*